

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 27th September 2024

Unlocking potential together in faith and love

Mission

Each Monday we share our mission of the week in our whole school assembly. Our mission this week is for children to put others first. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.



Scripture of the week - Anyone who is not against us is for us, Mark 9:40

Stars of the Week

Rec- Ellie

Year 1- Rosa

Year 2- Tobias

Year 3- Trinity

Year 4- Aden

Year 5- Hollie

Year 6- Eva

Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception-98%

Year 1-86%

Year 2- 96%

Year 3 – 93%

Year 4- 96%

Year 5- 93%

Year 6- 90%

Whole school Sept- 95%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Attendance Matters

Reducing Illness Days

When your child is ill it can sometimes be difficult to make the choice of whether or not to send them to school. NHS guidelines tell us that it is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. If your child is saying they do not feel well and you are unsure about whether it warrants a day off, please send them to school. If they are truly ill we will ring you.



Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?
- Would I take a day off work if I had this condition?

Macmillan coffee afternoon

Thank you for the kind donations of cakes and to anyone who came to join our coffee afternoon. The money will be greatfully received.



Little Way Week

Next week, the children are encouraged to do small acts of kindness for others, following in the example of St Therese of Lisieux, whose feast day is on Tuesday. Ask your children about what they are doing for 'Little Way Week' – you could encourage them to do little things to help at home!

Parent's reading meetings

School will be holding an information day on the subject of READING in EYFS/KS1 next week on 2nd October at 3 separate times: 9.00am, 3.30pm ad 5.00pm. The aim is to get all members of the family listening to the children read so please come along and learn about the importance of reading, the impact it has on children's development and tips on how to make it more fun for all involved!

<u>Harvest Celebration and Collection – Tuesday 15th October</u>

On Tuesday 15th October, the children will lead us in a Harvest Celebration for the whole school and their families in the Cathedral at 2:00pm. As part of our celebrations, we will reflect on our mission to help those in need and we invite all families to make donations to our Olive Branch food bank collection – you will receive a separate letter about this on the Parent App next week. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Flu Vaccine

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. There may be a rebound in Flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

Please complete the online consent form.

If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.

www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Enter the unique school code with BP in capital letters

The code for your school is: BP119621

School Admissions 2025

Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2025 is now open. If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery, or in Year 6, please apply for their school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.

The national closing dates for applications are:

- Thursday 31st October 2024 for secondary applicants
- Wednesday 15th January 2025 for primary applicants

First Holy Communion for Pupils in Year 4 and above

During the coming year, a First Holy Communion preparation course will run in the parish for children in Years 4 and above. If you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion next June, please register your interest at:

https://forms.office.com/e/wuVNjbemWY

Alternatively, ask Mrs Dickinson for a form or there is also a QR code:

Sacramental Programmes 2024-25

Diary dates

Monday 30th September – Little way week

Wednesday 2nd October – Parent reading meeting.

ALL parents in Reception, Year 1 and 2 need to attend. 9am, 3.30pm or 5pm

Celebration of the word for Year 4. All Year 4 parents welcome.

Friday 4th **October** – Flu vaccines. Sign up online using QR code.

Wednesday 9th October - Individual photo day

Wheel chair basketball

Friday 11th October – Reception to Williamson Park

Monday 14th October – Year 4 to Leighton Hall.

Start of Black History week

Opening evening for prospective Reception parents 2024-2025

Tuesday 15th October – Harvest celebration in the Cathedral 2pm. All welcome

Choir singing at National Diocese celebartion 5.30pm at Lancaster university

Wednesday 16th October 5-7pm Parents evening

Thursday 17th October 3.30-5pm Parents evening

Friday 18th October – Reception stay and play 2pm. All reception parents welcome.

Finish for half term