

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 28th March 2025

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 care for God's creation. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Stars of the Week

Rec- Elijah
Year 1- Theo
Year 2-Kingston
Year 3- Rosalie
Year 4-Absent
Year 5-Borwick Residential
Year 6-Jacob

Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception- 90%
Year 1- 86%
Year 2-91%
Year 3- 96%
Year 4-91%
Year 5-97%
Year 6-99%
Whole school so far- 94%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Scripture of the week: He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out ...John 11:43

Arbor

We are moving over to our new communication and payment system – Arbor, on Monday. Please do not make any payments on Parent Pay from now on. All your credits and debts will be transferred over to your new Arbor account once you are set up. Everything will be on the same system rather than several. Please see your emails for your welcome and set up instructions for accessing Arbor online or on the Arbor app. You just need your email address and then you set up a password. You do not need any activation codes. It would be very helpful to have a look this weekend and set up your account, however with a new system there may be some teething problems. Please contact the office on Monday if you have encountered any problems.

Year 5 at Borwick Hall

Year 5 have enjoyed a whole week away completing lots of activities from caving to climbing. They had a super time and are rather tired after such a fun packed week. I am sure they will sleep well this weekend. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their own time to take them. These visits are not possible without staff going over and above for your children.



Lancaster Schools Music Festival 2025

Year 2 and 4 had a wonderful time at the singing festival. It was great to see such enthusiasm for music. Thank you to all who came to watch the performances.

Mother's day

We had a lovely time celebrating and thank you all of the mums in school. Thank you for all you do for your children. They are lucky to have you all in their lives.

Lent Fundraising for CAFOD - Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has donated money to our Lent CAFOD fundraising. Our final fundraising activity is our Easter Egg raffle on the last day of term. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 31st March at £1 per ticket. Children can buy them from the adults in their classes.



Holy Week Reflection – Thursday 3rd April at 2:00pm in the Cathedral

Parents and carers are invited to join us for our Holy Week Reflection which will be led by children in Years 3 and 4. This is a special time to reflect on the events in the life of Jesus between Palm Sunday and Good Friday and what this means to us as followers of Jesus.

Reflection on the Gospel

Please find reflections and activities on the coming Sunday's Gospel on the link below – you may wish to share it with your child(ren): <https://www.wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

Dates

Some of these may change due to circumstances in school.

31st March - Easter egg hunt after school run by PTA.

3rd April – Easter Reflection in the Cathedral at 2pm.

4th April – Finish for Easter at 1.30pm

Wednesday 23rd April - Back to school at 8.35am

19th June - Cultural food night

May 23rd –Sports day

11th July – Enterprise and summer fair

TikTok



TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips.

Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES

On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon, and sometimes, these challenges can pose risks to young people.

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS

Videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.



13+ The legal age for Tik Tok

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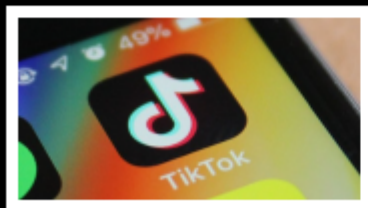
Top Tips for Parents

TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.



SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

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