



School Newsletter

With Christ we live, we love, we learn and we grow

02.12.22

Dear parents/ carers,

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Many thanks for your generosity and for all your donations of gifts of bottles, chocolates and toys over the last few weeks; it has been greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your support of the raffle – it has been fantastic. Many thanks to all the parents, staff and volunteers who helped put together the Christmas Fair this year and for giving your time and energy to make sure it is going to be a success.

I hope everybody has an enjoyable evening and I hope the children will enjoy meeting Father Christmas who has taken time out of his busy schedule to be here tonight.

Nativity Performances/ KS2 Christmas Concert

The rehearsals for this year's Christmas performances are well under way. The children sound great. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising the ticketing. I hope everyone managed to get the tickets they need. A reminder of the times are below.

Who?	Where?	When?	
		Date	Time
EYFS – Nursery and Reception	School hall	Weds 14.12.22	0930 - 1030
		Weds 14.12.22	1400 - 1500
KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2	School hall	Tues 13.12.22	0930 - 1030
		Weds 14.12.22	1800 - 1900
KS2 – Y3,4,5 and 6	St Mary's Church, Chorley	Mon 19.12.22	1800

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and to mark the season of Advent - 8th December

Children from Y3-6 will attend Mass at St Mary's Church, next Thursday morning to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and to mark the season of Advent. Ms Malone came into school today and practised some hymns with the children. This is the first proper hymn practice we have

had for nearly three years. We hope to make that a much more regular occurrence in 2023. Please can you drop children off at the Church entrance on Thursday morning and not at the Parish Centre, many thanks. There will be members of staff ready to welcome children at the door from 0845. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend Mass if they would like to.

School Trips 8th December

KS2 to Reels Cinema to watch the new film version of Roald Dahl's Mathilda

Straight after Mass on Thursday morning, the junior classes (Y3- Y6), will be walking over to the Reels Cinema to watch the new film version of *Mathilda*. At the end of the film, they will be walking back to school.

EYFS/ KS1 Trip to the Lowry Theatre in Salford – Julia Donaldson's Room on the Broom

The infant children from Nursery to Year 2 will be travelling to the Lowry Theatre to watch *Room on the Broom* which I am sure they are going to really enjoy. A special thanks to one of our parents, Mr Eames, for his assistance in arranging a special price for school.

Chorley Schools Sports Partnership (CSSP) Christmas Sports Camp – Clayton Green Sports Centre/ St Peter's Primary School

The CSSP are running holiday clubs over the Christmas break see picture opposite for further information and contact details.

School finances

Schools across the country are going to face a challenging year setting budgets, from next April. Like all areas of society, they are being affected by increasing energy costs, increasing costs of products and services and wage increases. St Mary's school is no different.

The Chancellor announced a £2 billion increase to school budgets in the recent mini-budget. We do not what the impact of that will be yet but we do expect to be looking to make savings or thinking of ways to generate income where we can next year and in the years ahead.

I will provide further updates on this as and when I know. I would like to assure you that our first priority, when making any finance decisions, is to provide your child with the best possible education. We will also ensure that our pupils continue to be comfortable, healthy and safe in school.

AGES 5-11 YEARS

CHRISTMAS SPORTS CAMP

CLAYTON GREEN SPORTS CENTRE:
19th - 22nd December 9.30am - 2.30pm
£18 PER DAY OR £65 FOR 4!

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:
20th - 23rd December 9.30am - 3pm
£20 PER DAY OR £70 FOR 4!

INDOOR SPORTS, GAMES & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, PLUS A CHRISTMAS THEMED PARTY ON THE LAST DAY!

A packed lunch with lots of water will be required & we recommend that children wear trainers & dress for the weather as activities may be outside.

For more information call Micaela Brindle on:
07306 403255 / 01257 449278
or email: camp@chorleyssp.co.uk

Chorley SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT:
www.chorleyssp.co.uk/holiday-events

Christmas Joy New Toy Appeal – Collection from Monday 5th December



As part of The Christmas Joy Project, co-ordinated by SVP Chorley Buddies and St Laurence's, the Catholic Community in Chorley, has in the past years been extremely generous in donating new toys for distribution to families in Chorley. Last year we collected over £4,000 of new toys!

If you want to donate new toys, then please just bring them into school on **Monday 5th December, unwrapped**. Many thanks!

From w/c Monday 5th December, SVP Chorley Buddies will collect the toys from school, take them to St Laurence's for storage and distribution by Chorley Council to families who might need some help this Christmas. The last collection will be on Monday 12th December.

And thank you for bringing some Joy into people's lives this Christmas!

Year 6 Visit to London 23 – 24 November

Last Wednesday, Mr Cahalin took his Year 6 class on an unforgettable trip to London. Over the course of two days: they travelled on the London Underground; went to the Science Museum; dined at the Hard Rock Café on Park Lane; watched a show, *Wicked*, at the Apollo Victoria Theatre; took a tour of the Palaces of Westminster; met Sir Lindsay Hoyle in the Speaker's House and enjoyed a walking tour of the sites of central London – even spotting King Charles III leaving Buckingham Palace.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime visit. The tour of Parliament, in particular, was fantastic. Sir Lindsay Hoyle had arranged for over 500 children from Chorley to come and experience Parliament on Speaker's Day last Thursday – apparently, he had originally wanted to call it Chorley Day. During the visit, our children sat in the public galleries of the House of Commons and the House of Lords and enjoyed an excellent lesson in the Parliament Education Centre. The highlight of the visit, however, was meeting Sir Lindsay Hoyle in the Speaker's House. He took a question and answer session with the children in the splendid state dining room in the Speaker's House. If you ask the children, they would say that they had an amazing time. Thank you to Mr Cahalin for his meticulous planning and organisation; thank you to Mrs Bradley and Mrs Blackwell from school and thank you to our governors, Mrs St John and Mr Jenner for coming along and making the visit so successful.





Cost of Living Support

I have attached a *Cost of Living* fact sheet to the newsletter. And, please see link below for local authority support:



[Cost of living support
lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/)

Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers

Find out what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire. There is lots of useful information from Lancashire County Council on the [website](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/) which you can share with parents and carers.

The site also promotes Libraries as warm spaces which also fits with our Reading priority:

Warm spaces

Our libraries are warm and welcome spaces, where you can find:

- a warm drink
- a space to sit
- free computers and Wi-Fi
- charging points for your phone or laptop
- events and activities
- help from staff to find information

[Find a library](#) to view facilities, what's on and opening times. All our libraries are accessible.

You can also [download a printable list of the libraries which are warm and welcome places](#) (PDF 263KB), but please check the individual library web pages for up to date opening times.

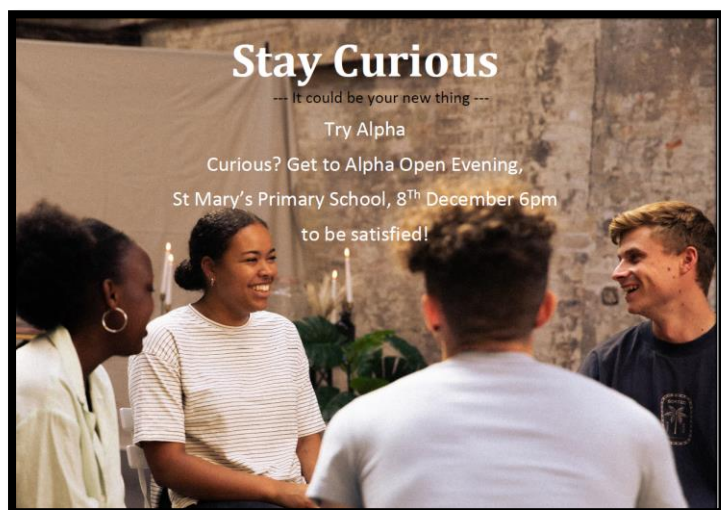
Alpha Series

Paul J McBeth has shared details of the new Alpha Series in the New Year. It will take place at St Joseph's Parish Centre Harpers Lane Chorley PR6 0HR Thursday 19th January 2023 7:00pm - 9:00pm Join Up @ Eventbrite (search Chorley Catholic Community Alpha Series 2).

Visit the link below for more information or see attached leaflet.

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AtbNHwPWZaEvgch0QiYlh7N9H5mcSw?e=yZX65e>

A reminder there is an information evening at St Mary's school hall on Wednesday 8th December at 6pm.



Free School Meals – Are you missing out?

Find out if you are eligible and find out how to apply – follow this link.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2022/ 2023



W/E 25.11.22

CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	Year 6	97.08
2 nd	Year 4	97.05
3 rd	Year 5	96.51
4 th	Year 2	96.07
5 th	Reception	95.64
6 th	Year 3	95.38
7 th	Year 1	94.98


There were no classes with 100% attendance that week.

W/E 02.12.22


CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	Year 4	97.25
2 nd	Year 6	96.87
3 rd	Year 5	96.70
4 th	Year 2	96.38
5 th	Reception	95.72
6 th	Year 3	95.37
7 th	Year 1	95.13

Year 2 achieved **100%** attendance this week. Well done Y2!

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 25.11.22

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Sophie F	super confidence in phonics.
	YR	Jacob	trying hard and super listening.
	Y1	Charlie H	always giving 100% in all that he does!
	Y2	Violet	immense bravery and determination in learning solos for our Christmas performance.
	Y3	Erin	Excellent answering of questions in class (across all subjects).
	Y4	Patch G	a fantastic and creative piece of writing (how a radiator actually works in the style of Roger McGough).
	Y5	Betsy	wonderful participation during our fractions work.
	Y6	Jaden	great work all week.

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	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Archie	a super week trying really hard with everything this week.
	YR	Cleo	for giving 100% effort in everything she does.
	Y1	Zendaya	For all the effort she puts into doing her homework each week.
	Y2	Nathaniel	Super effort to learn all his words for our play
	Y3	Hannah	Much improved work in maths this week looking at multiplication and division.

Y4	Max	A fantastic explanation text using subordinating conjunctions and apostrophes correctly.
Y5	Jacob	wonderful contributions during our Maths work on fractions.
Y6	Niall	great responses in our <i>Come and See</i> work



Best wishes,

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