



School Newsletter

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

03.10.25

Dear parents and carers,

Democracy in action ... the election of members of the St Mary's Pupil Parliament

St Mary's went to the polls yesterday afternoon to vote for members of the St Mary's Pupil Parliament. In assembly today, we made a special point of thanking all the children who had put themselves forward for election. It takes a great deal of courage for anyone, let alone children, to prepare and deliver a speech to their peers, and then subject themselves to a public vote. We would also like to congratulate those who were elected and we look forward to seeing the parliament getting to work.

Thank you to Mr Cahalin, Mrs Banwell and the Year 6s for organising this year's elections; they were highly authentic. We had ballot papers, polling booths, electoral officers and the process was conducted in a fair and transparent manner. I am not sure that Chorley Borough Council could do it much better.

Class MPs Elected yesterday

Year 1	George B & Amaya
Year 2	Marnie & Olivia
Year 3	Jessie & James
Year 4	Holly & Clara
Year 5	Alexia & Buddy
Year 6	Penny & Lucy K

Harvest Service - Thursday, 9 October



We will be having a thanksgiving service on **Thursday 9 October at 2pm**, as we celebrate the harvest. Whilst we give thanks for the food we have, we know that there are many people in our community who will be struggling to put food on their tables.



Therefore, we would like to ask our families, if they are able, for donations of food, which will be taken to the Living Waters Storehouse Food Bank in Chorley next week when it is open. I know that they would be extremely grateful for donations of tinned food e.g. hot dogs, tinned meat products, tinned vegetables - tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, peas, tins of soup and beans and tinned fruit such as peaches. The bags can be left in the coned-off parking bay of the school car park on the morning of **Thursday 9th October**. Thank you.

Volunteers

We really appreciate the help we receive from parents and grandparents who come in to help with reading, supporting children's learning, clubs etc. We have had a couple of parents in recent years who started by volunteering and then have decided to pursue a career in teaching! A big thank you to all our returning volunteers this year – you make a massive difference!

If you feel you can spare half an hour or more a week please get in touch with the school office. Many thanks.

Open Evening -Tuesday 30 September at 6pm

We had our Open Evening on Tuesday this week. We had a good turnout of parents and carers who came along to find out a bit more about St Mary's. A big thank you to the staff who attended to support and to our Y6 house captains and vice-captains who led the parents/ carers on a tour of the school. If you know anyone who might be interested in a place in our reception class for their child in September 2026, we can still arrange for them to have a tour during the school day.

Health and Safety notices

Earrings and Jewellery - For safety reasons, earrings are not to be worn in school. A number of children had their ears pierced over the summer and have come into school with earrings or plastic spacers still in them. Neither of these are permitted, please can you ensure your child does not come to school with these thank you.

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>

Message from the Children and Family Wellbeing Service about the Talkzone Service

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Get advice and support

Someone to talk to
Problems at home/school
Jobs and training
Apprenticeships
Staying safe online
Sex and health
Relationships

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Text 07786 51 11 11
Talk online lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone
Call 0800 51 11 11

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Age 0-19
(up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)

Lancashire
County Council

Hello

I would like to share with you details of Lancashire County Council's Talkzone virtual information, advice and support service for you to be able to pass this on to young people and/or parents who it might be helpful to.

Talkzone is part of the wider Children and Family Wellbeing Service Offer and operates every day from **2pm till 10pm** including weekends and bank holidays.

We have professional and friendly advisors who can give impartial advice and information on a wide range of issues. We can also signpost young people and families to group work sessions or one-to-one support.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2025/2026 W/E 03/10/2025



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 2	98.95
2 nd	RECEPTION	98.63
3 rd	YEAR 4	98.53
4 th	YEAR 1	98.14
5 th	YEAR 5	97.55
6 th	YEAR 3	96.96
7 th	YEAR 6	96.26

Congratulations to **Year 3 & Year 4** their **100%** attendance this week!

STAR OF THE WEEK w/e 03.10.25

Class		Name	Star of the week for... & Value of the week for ...
Nursery	s	Coby	For being a star all week coming into Nursery
	v	Joe	Super turn taking in play
	Dojo	Millie	
R	s	Lucia	For using her super phonics knowledge in her literacy work
	v	Myles	Always being fair and taking turns
	Dojo	Elodie	
Y1	s	George B	His lovely presentation on pupil parliament
	v	Amaya	Listening to everyone's ideas when choosing actions for our penguin poem.
	Dojo	George W	
Y2	s	Tommy D	For working hard when writing a letter in role and editing his work.
	v	Year 2	For the whole of Year 2 who showed respect throughout our MP speech deliveries in class. Additionally, for all the children who stood up to give a speech as to why they should be class MP (there were over 20 children).
	Dojo	Annie C and Hallie G	
Y3	s	Billey	Smashed his learn its score by getting 8 better this week (the expectation is 2!).
	v	Evie Wo	For accepting finishing 3rd in the Pupil Parliament vote gracefully
Y4	s	Holly	For great sentence starters in her Non chronological report
	v	Theo	For his understanding that in a vote not everyone can win but you will get another chance next year.
Y5	s	Austin	Excellent subtraction work in mathematics
	v	Alexia	The wonderful effort she made in the process of democracy in y5 this week.
Y6	s	Charles R	For his perseverance and hard work during Bikeability.
	v	All of the House Captains, vice captains and sports captain	For helping to run our Polling Day at school, making sure it was fair and everyone followed the rules.

Message from Chorley St Mary's Beavers, Cubs and Scouts groups

Chorley St. Mary's currently have spaces in their Beaver and Cub sections, and some availability in the Scout section. We meet at the Scout Hut on Hodder Avenue, PR7 3PB on Friday evenings during term time. Beavers and Cubs meet from 5 30 to 6 45pm, and Scouts from 7 till 8 30pm. We have a wide and varied programme and have a lot of fun in our Scouting activities. Please email jacqueline.malone@chorleyscouts.org.uk for more information.

Online Safety Newsletter – October Edition

The monthly online safety newsletter is sent out separately. This month's edition has features on You Tube, AI and Whatsapp. It is brief, easy to understand and very informative. I highly recommend it.

Best wishes,

Patrick Smyth
Headteacher

See below for message from SVP Chorley Buddies

**Message from
SVP Chorley
Buddies**



SVP Chorley Buddies

We're Helping

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Supported by
Chorley Council

**Activity
Classes**



**Good Food
Clubs**



**Community
Café**



**Craft
Club**



**Children's
Activities**





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**St Vincent
de Paul Society**
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Seated Yoga Adlington Library 9:30-10:30am. FREE to all.	St Joseph's Good Food Club St Joseph's Parish Centre, Harpers Lane, Chorley 10:30-11:15am, followed by refreshments. £5 to shop and donations for refreshments.	Coppull Good Food Club St John the Divine Parish Hall, Coppull 10:30-11:15am, followed by refreshments. £5 to shop and donations for refreshments.	Buttermere Good Food Club Buttermere Community Centre, Chorley 10:30-11:15am, followed by refreshments. £5 to shop and donations for refreshments.	Clayton Brook Good Food Club Clayton Brook Village Hall, Clayton-le-Woods 10:30-11:15am. £5 to shop and refreshments available in the Café.
Knit and Natter Primrose Gardens, Chorley 10am-12pm. Donations welcome.	Seated Yoga Adlington Library 11am-12pm. FREE to all.	Gardening Club Buttermere Community Centre, Chorley 11:00am-12:00pm. FREE to all.	Seated Exercise Ravensthorpe Independent Living Accommodation, Astley Village 10:30am-11:30pm. £3 suggested donation.	Aquarobics All Seasons Leisure Centre, Chorley 3-4pm. Term time only. £5 suggested donation.
Kids Arts and Crafts Coppull Library 3:30-4:30pm. Term time only.	Chair Fit Euxton Community Centre, 11:15am-12:15pm. £3 suggested donation.	Lunch Social 2nd Wednesday of the month St Chad's Parish Centre from 12-2pm BOOKING ESSENTIAL Donations welcome.	 SCAN TO DONATE	
		Lunch Social 4th Tuesday of the month Buttermere Community Centre, Chorley from 12-2pm. BOOKING ESSENTIAL Donations welcome.		
		Buddies Café Buttermere Community Centre, Chorley 9am-3pm Affordable café with crafts running from 12:30-2pm Everyone welcome		
		Seated Exercise All Seasons Leisure Centre, Chorley 3-4pm. £5 suggested donation.	Chair Fit Croston Old School, Church Street, Croston 1:30-2:30pm. £3 suggested donation.	