



School Newsletter

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

04.11.22

Dear parents/ carers,

The children returned on Tuesday refreshed and ready to go again for the second half of the autumn term. They have settled in beautifully once more and have had a really good week of learning and activities.

A message from Mrs Nicklin!

Hi Everyone,

Say hello to Elizabeth Nicklin, our little princess! Born Monday 3rd October weighing 6lb7oz.

After a week in hospital we are finally home and are now enjoying our new life as a family of three!

Look forward to seeing everyone again soon,

Mrs Nicklin xxx



Year 5 Come and See Assembly

Here is a date for the diary of Year 5 parents/guardians/family members - all welcome - **Wednesday 16th November** - Year 5 Collective Worship Assembly 9.00am start (it will last no longer than 30 minutes).

All Saints Mass – Tuesday 1 November

Children in Y3- Y6 attended Mass on Tuesday morning to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Fr Marsden told us about both the saints who are famous for what they did and of the ordinary people who are also considered as saints whose good work goes largely unknown.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

We are supporting the Poppy Appeal in the same way we have over the last couple of years, where families can send in envelopes with their request for items with the monies, rather than have the children going to class to class.



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Walk to School Challenge – great news to celebrate!

As you will be aware, St Mary's children take part in the WOW Walk to School Challenge. We received this email from the organisers at the start of the week.

Hello,



Monday marked the end of the autumn WOW Walk of Fame Challenge and what a fantastic month it has been! The results are in. **DRUMROLL.....**

Congratulations! Your school finished in the **top ten** of the local leaderboard! What a fantastic achievement.

Well done to everyone for taking part and achieving such fantastic results! Keep up the good work, maybe next term you can top the leaderboard! Thank you for taking part!

Lancashire SEND partnership - SEND Information Events for Parents and Carers

Does your family include a child or young person with SEND?

- ✓ Find out what's on offer in your local area
- ✓ Understand what services are available
- ✓ Discover local support groups
- ✓ Refreshments will be provided
- ✓

(see LCC SEND leaflet attached for details of events).

St Mary's loves reading! – some information, tips and advice passed on by Miss Hesketh- English leader.

Did you know...? November is National Non-Fiction Month

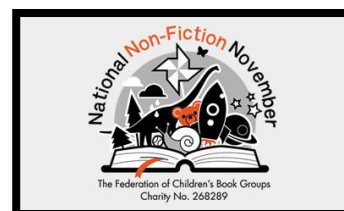
National Non-Fiction November was set up by the Federation of Children's Book Groups as a way to highlight the importance of information books and to promote reading non-fiction for pleasure.

Each year, National Non-Fiction November has a different theme. The theme for 2022 is *Communication*.

Maybe your child will pick up one of our many non-fiction books from the school library on their next visit. And, of course, we will be celebrating non-fiction in class across school too.

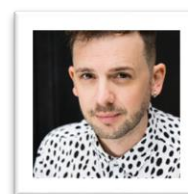
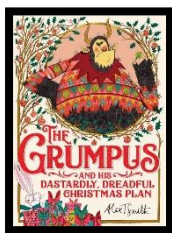


LOCAL AUTHORITY LEADERBOARD	
1.	Burnley Stoneyholme Community Primary School
2.	Haslingden Primary School
3.	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Preston
4.	Coppull Parish Church of England Primary School
5.	Poulton-le-Fylde Carr Head Primary School
6.	Oswaldtwistle St Paul's CofE Primary School
7.	Frenchwood Community Primary School
8.	Accrington Spring Hill Community Primary School
9.	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chorley
10.	Chorley, Parish of St Laurence CofE Primary School
AUTUMN 2022 #WOWWalkOfFame	



Upcoming virtual author visit... with Alex T Smith on Tuesday 8th November 2022.

Our school will be taking part in a very special **virtual event** with author & illustrator Alex T Smith, to celebrate the publication of his new book, *The Grampus*.



Alex is the creator of Winston, a plucky, homeless young mouse, in *How Winston Delivered Christmas*, a heart-warming tale of bravery, kindness and unlikely friendships. The story continues in *How Winston Came Home for Christmas*. Alongside the story, each chapter in the books also features fun festive things to make and do.

This winter Alex's new book is The Grampus. Whilst Winston couldn't love Christmas more, The Grampus hates everything about Christmas!

Books for birthdays.

Celebrating children's birthdays in class with children's books, rather than bags of sweets, is something we are giving a go this year. We thought that rather than buying sweets for the whole class to celebrate a child's birthday, children could donate a book on their birthday to the class library. Over time, this would really expand the book collection in each class with titles and authors we know the children really enjoy. During the course of each year, we have **Ebb & Flo** bookshop deliver gift-wrapped books to each class. You would not believe the excitement that causes even in the older classes! So, it's something we know the children will enjoy.

Ebb & Flo bookshop will be working alongside St Mary's supporting the 'birthday book' initiative and will have a copy of each class list in store. As the year progresses, we will cross off titles from the list and send this out to you again updated. We realise that this may present an unnecessary expense for some, or that some would simply rather not do this, so please be assured there is absolutely no obligation, and it is, of course, completely voluntary.

Each list of books has been created by the class teacher and Diane at Ebb & Flo. This list is age appropriate and will be a really useful resource for you to use to encourage reading for pleasure at home. The class list will have already or will be sent on each Class Dojo story, additionally all lists will be put on the school website too.

Lancashire Libraries Competition

Krystian in Y5 was excited about this competition and his mum forwarded it to me to share

Hello, we went to Chorley Library at the beginning of half term and found out about new reading competition. Krystian seemed to be quite excited about it so I thought maybe you'd like to know so you could share it with other children at school. It's called Lancashire reading trail. Here is the link for more information

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/lancashires-reading-trail/>

Lancashire Reading Trail. Start a reading diary today and become part of the Lancashire Reading Trail. The aim is to be reading regularly and to have fun along the way.

Some useful information, tips and advice from the Book Trust

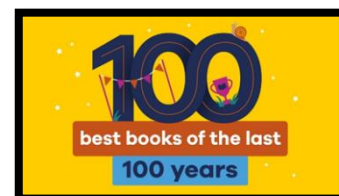
1. Book Trust's best books for 0-5s by age

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-books-for-0-5s/>

Our favourite books for 0-5s by age. On the hunt for a brilliant book for a baby, or the perfect present for a 3-year-old? Look no further. We've created six tailor-made booklists - one for every age up to five years old.

2. 100 best books of the last 100 years

This is our list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years. It is the ultimate booklist to read before you're 14, with books for children 0-5, 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14 years.



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>

3. Tips for reading with your child

Get advice on reading to children, how to read aloud, encouraging older children to read and helping reluctant readers with exciting, page-turning books. We also have useful leaflets full of tips and advice for you to download and tips for carers and foster families. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>



4. Great Books Guide: 100 best new books for children

Great Books Guide 2022: best new children's books. Here are 100 books from the last year that we think are great – and so will children. Our priority is to get children excited about books, stories and rhymes because if reading is fun, children will want to do it.



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/great-books-guide/>

Little Church

What is Little Church?

"Little Church" is the "Liturgy of the Word for Children". Our Parish welcomes families and the full participation of young children in the celebration of the Mass. Since 1987, children at St Mary's have enjoyed their own Liturgy of the Word through 'Little Church' at the 10.00am Sunday Mass. There are two groups: 3-6 and 7-10 year olds.

We try to ensure that Children's Liturgy is an enjoyable experience for the children which helps develop their relationship with God. We discuss the Gospel of the day at a level the children can understand and enjoy. We enrich this with discussion, prayers, songs, and readings. We also try to

raise awareness of God's love, the humanity of Jesus, the Seasons of the Church, the understanding of symbols in the Mass and the context of the Bible.

The children gather in Church for the beginning of the Mass with their families and after a blessing from Father they go out to the activity rooms with the leaders and helpers.

We return to lead the offertory procession and join our families for the rest of Holy Mass

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/v/s!AtbNHwPWZaEvgb9ealGbTkP18nx-Vg>

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 04.11.22



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
=1st	Year 6	97.11
=1st	Year 5	97.11
3rd	Year 4	96.73
4th	Year 2	95.88
5th	Reception	95.42
6th	Year 3	94.69
7th	Year 1	94.52

There were no classes with 100% attendance this week.

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 04.11.22



Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Stanley	showing a caring and gentle attitude towards all his friends in nursery.
YR	Penelope and Ewan	huge improvement in letter formation and trying very hard in phonics.
Y1	Joseph	his excellent listening this week.
Y2	Austin	having such a positive attitude towards his work and for doing so well in the phonics (moving to a different group!)
Y3	William B	A great start to the new half term, working very hard.
Y4	William G	his excellent sentences about the Pied Piper.
Y5	Jack	excellent answers during geography.
Y6	Dylan	an amazing start to his biography on Carl Friedrich Gause.



Best wishes,

P Smyth

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