



School Newsletter

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

6th June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We welcomed the children back this week to the final half-term of the school year. It was great to be able to complete all the sports days this year in that last week before we broke up. We can look forward to a busy and productive end of year over the next 6 or 7 weeks.

Parent & Toddler Group

One of our parents, Mrs Aldridge has volunteered to lead a parent and toddler group on Monday afternoons this half term. The first session will take place in the school hall from 2-3pm this Monday coming – thank you Mrs Aldridge.

Building Bridges: Exploring Faith Through Experience

Today, our school was delighted to welcome Neetal Parekh, an expert in Hinduism, as part of our ongoing partnership with the *Building Bridges* faith organisation. This initiative brings visitors from a variety of faith backgrounds to share their beliefs and traditions with our children, helping to foster understanding, respect, and curiosity.

Neetal gave a fascinating talk about Hinduism, sharing insights into its beliefs, practices, and cultural traditions. Many children were excited to wear a 'bindi' —a traditional decorative mark worn on the forehead—and take part in a range of engaging activities, including a vibrant session of traditional Hindu dance!

It was a joyful and educational experience for all involved. A huge thank you to Neetal for her time and enthusiasm, and well done to all the children for participating so thoughtfully and respectfully. Ask them what they learned—they have lots to share!

National Youth Choir Workshop

Lancashire Music Service are welcoming the National Youth Choir to provide a Lancashire Sings with the National Youth Choir workshop on Sunday 13th July between 10.00am and 3.30pm. See advert at the end of the newsletter for details.

St Mary's Beavers/Cubs

St Mary's Beavers/Cubs is still running at the Hodder Avenue Scout Hut every Friday during term time 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Please contact jacqueline.malone@chorleyscouts.org.uk for more information

Cancelled Ladies Night – Informal Donations



A few of the mums have got together to organise an informal PTFA fundraiser to replace this year's Ladies' Night and asked me to publicise. You may have seen on the various parents' WhatsApp groups.

<https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3361813>

A message from one of the mums – *'This is the collection we have put in place for our informal Mums' Night Out which has been organised for what would have been the original Ladies Night. Please note it's a voluntary contribution for anyone, attending or not attending; there is no obligation to donate for anyone wishing to partake in this social event.'*

Year 4s – Smartphone free childhood



Year 4 parents, keep an eye out for communications regarding Smartphone free childhood. Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement bringing parents together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods. There are a couple of Y4 parents and governors giving a lead on this. For more information check out the website <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

If parents from any other year group are interested, please contact me at school.

Tax-free childcare

One of our governors shared some information with me last year to pass on to parents and carers - here is a reminder, in case your circumstances have changed.:

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. You can use Tax-Free Childcare for: childminders, nurseries and nannies and after school clubs and play schemes. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

150th anniversary of the Parish of Sacred Heart, Chorley

As part of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Sacred Heart Church, the parish of Sacred Heart, Chorley warmly invite all families and community members to a series of special events:

Friday 27 June

9:30 AM – Mass at Sacred Heart Church

2:00 PM – Holy Hour

3:00–4:00 PM – Official Opening of the Church Flower Festival and Historical Displays

Location: Sacred Heart Church, Brooke Street

All are welcome to attend!

Family Bingo Night

Thursday 26 June

Doors open at 6:30 PM

Venue: School Hall

Tickets: £2 each – available from St Mary's Parish Centre

Come along for a fun-filled evening with prizes and laughter!

Also Happening Throughout the Weekend: Garden Party, Flower Festival, Church History Exhibition Musical Recital. For full details and updates, please visit the Sacred Heart Church website:

<https://shparish.chessck.co.uk/News>

Attendance



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

2024/2025 w/e 06.06.25



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 6	98.25
2nd	YEAR 1	97.66
=3rd	YEAR 3	97.42
=3rd	YEAR 4	97.42
5th	YEAR 2	97.39
6th	YEAR 5	96.77
7th	RECEPTION	96.47

No class achieved **100%** attendance this week.

PTFA future dates

Summer Fair – Friday 18th July 5pm – 7pm

Patrick Smyth 06.06.25

(see below for Star of the Week)

Star of the Week 06.06.25

Class		Name	Star of the week for... Value of the week for showing value of sacrifice Dojo Champion
Nursery	s	Lucia	Fantastic imaginative play with her friends
	v	Charlie	Always including all of his friends
	Dojo	Myles	
R	s	Joey A	Using fantastic vocabulary in Maths
	v	Gloria	Always helping and including others
	Dojo	Maggie	
Y1	s	Rory	Amazing effort and improvement in writing
	v	Chloe	Always including others in her games
	Dojo	Annie & Archie G	
Y2	s	Sophia	Beautiful, high quality writing
	v	Cleo	Making sure everyone is welcomed and included
	Dojo	Jesse	Always including others
Y3	s	Holly Mc	Always trying her best to improve in all subjects
	v	Charlie A	Always includes others in his games
Y4	s	George H	A great non-chronological report about the Congo River.
	v	Luke N	Always including others
Y5	s	Alfie	Working hard on his Oliver Twist script being creative and editing well to add further stage directions in.
	v	Neave	Always being inclusive of her peers
Y6	s	Faith and Heidi	Great work on their playground structure
	v	Marnie	Ensuring we included accessibility in our design criteria for the playground structures

LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE

LANCASHIRE SINGS WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIR

A DAY'S WORKSHOP
AGE 8+

SIGN UP!



**NATIONAL
YOUTH CHOIR**



AKS LYTHAM

SUNDAY 13TH JULY 10-3.30

SIGN UP TODAY

WWW.LANCASHIREMUSICHUB.CO.UK



Lancashire
County Council



Chorley Marlins

We have been contacted by Chorley Marlins swimming club:

Good morning

I am emailing on behalf of Chorley Marlins Amateur Swimming Club. We are currently looking for new members to join the club and I think this may be of interest to some of your pupils. Chorley Marlins has been providing learn to swim lessons, swimming coaching and opportunities to participate in competitive swimming to young people locally for over fifty years. We are a voluntary group with the aim of developing swimming locally and getting more young people active

Could you please share the attached flyers with parents by including it with your newsletter?



The flyer is a vertical rectangular poster with a blue background. At the top left is the club's logo, which features a stylized marlin leaping out of the water, with the words 'CHORLEY MARLINS' in a curved banner above it. To the right of the logo, the text 'We are recruiting new members' is written in white. Below this, the club's name 'CHORLEY MARLINS AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath the name, the text 'Benefits of joining a swimming club include:' is followed by a bulleted list of ten points. To the right of the text, there is a large, semi-transparent image of a swimmer's face wearing goggles. Below the list of benefits, there are two smaller inset photographs: one showing a group of children sitting on a pool deck with a coach, and another showing a swimmer in action during a race. At the bottom left, contact information is provided, including an email address and a website. The website address 'chorleymarlins.org.uk' is also written in large white letters at the very bottom of the flyer.

CHORLEY MARLINS
AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Benefits of joining a swimming club include:

- Learn valuable life skills
- Developing stroke technique
- A fun way to get exercise and improve fitness
- Develop confidence, team work and social skills
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Friendly competition among other members
- Opportunity to enter swimming galas
- The chance to represent the club in team competitions
- Swimming compliments a wide range of sports

Chorley Marlins ASC are looking for new members at all levels including beginners, pre-competition, training squads and Masters (18+).

Please email cmadmin@chorleymarlins.org.uk or visit our website for more information and to arrange a **free trial session**.

Mini Marlins groups are open to children aged 4+.

chorleymarlins.org.uk

Chorley Brownies – a number of our girls attend this Brownies group and I have been asked to publicise the group by a parent who says, *'it is the only Brownies group around this side of Chorley and is a great group.'*



This is what we like about
OUR Brownie pack

Fun - Friends - Make
things - Kind leaders -
Play games - Earn badges -
Make new Friends
Come and join us - everyone
is welcome
8th Chorley Trinity

Brownies

8th Chorley Trinity Brownies
We meet at Chorley Methodist Church on a Wednesday

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure

for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side,
get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after
themselves, others and the world we live in.


girlguiding

To find out more phone, text or Whatsapp Liz on 07906 467089

Compass Bloom Mental Health & Wellbeing for children – parent referral details below



PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

We offer a free and confidential service supporting children and young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs. We work with schools and colleges throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston and West Lancs.

Are you the parent/carer of a young person who is experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or low mood?

This could look like:



FEELING
WORRIED



STRUGGLING
TO
SLEEP



WITHDRAWAL
FROM FAMILY,
FRIENDS
AND/OR USUAL
ACTIVITIES



STRUGGLING TO
CONCENTRATE



TEARFUL

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE YOUR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON WE CAN HELP!

If your young person attends one of our 63 schools we can offer a consultation with one of our friendly practitioners.

They can offer you advice, guidance and signposting to support you to support your child/young person.

To complete our consultation form Scan our QR Code or type in the web address below into your web browser.

<https://forms.office.com/e/x1asaVTeTL>



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