



School Newsletter

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

13th June 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Parent & Toddler Group

Thank you to Mrs Aldridge for leading the new parent and toddler group in school this week and for continuing to do so over the rest of the half-term. The first session went very well and it was great to welcome the very little ones into the school to get a feel for the place.

Scholastic Book Fair – Message from Mrs Wilson

We, once again, have the popular *Scholastic* Book Fair in school on the following dates:

Thursday 26th June, Friday 27th June, Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July

The book fair will be held in the Year 5 classroom 3.25pm - 3.45pm. Please access via the classroom external door - there will be a sign up and the children will be able to tell you where this is if you're not sure. On the evenings of the book fairs, the gates will be left open until 4pm.

Payments will be taken via card machine or via online bank payment using the QR code.

For more details of what books are on offer - have a look at their flyer, it's on our website - just click [here](#)

Every purchase you make at the fair helps your child's school as Scholastic give a percentage of sales as commission, which we can use to buy books for the school library. It really does make a difference - thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Wilson, School Business Manager

Quad Kids

Teams of athletes from Y2, Y4 and Y6 went with Mr Hodge to Westway Sports Centre on Wednesday to compete against athletes from schools across Chorley. As the name suggests, Quad Kids involves four events. They are the same four events that the children do in the sports day events: sprint, long run, standing long jump and howler throwing.

We do not know how the St Mary's teams finished compared to the other schools yet, but we do know that Evie in Y2 finished in **second place** out of all the Y2 girls across Chorley. She was awarded

her silver medal in assembly this afternoon. Well done, Evie and to all our athletes. And, thanks once again, to Mr Hodge for taking them along.

Phonics Screening Check Y1 and Multiplication Tables Check Y4

Well done to all our Y1s who did their phonics screening check with Mrs Cahalin this week. They have worked hard on their phonics all year and can be very proud of their achievements. Thank you and well done to our phonics teaching team for their fantastic work too!

A big well done to our Y4s whose times table knowledge was assessed in the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check this week. They too have worked hard all year; they have topped our *Times Table Rock Stars* charts every week of the year since September. Thank you to all the Y4 staff for their hard work in preparing the children so well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers too for supporting the children's learning at home – it makes a huge difference.

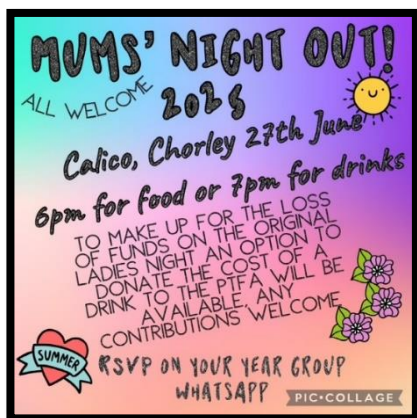
National Youth Choir Workshop

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 are 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 do 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>

Attendance



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

2024/2025 w/e 13.06.25



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 6	98.19
2nd	YEAR 1	97.63
3rd	YEAR 4	97.49
4th	YEAR 3	97.47
5th	YEAR 2	97.37
6th	YEAR 5	96.72
7th	RECEPTION	96.47

Congratulations **YEAR 4** on their **100%** attendance this week; they have climbed above Y3 in the table and are very hot on the heels of Year 1 in second place.

How does our attendance compare with schools across Lancashire? (DfE figures updated 12.06.25)

Attendance measure	Percentage	Ranking ①
Overall attendance	97.5%	You are ranked 4th out of 481 schools
Overall absence	2.5%	You are ranked 4th out of 481 schools
Authorised absence	2.2%	You are ranked 15th out of 481 schools
Unauthorised absence	0.3%	You are ranked 13th out of 481 schools
Persistently absent	1.6%	You are ranked 7th out of 481 schools

Well done everyone on contributing to a fantastic attendance rate this year so far. We are in the top 1% in the county; this is a superb achievement. We have even moved up from 5th to 4th position, can we claim that top spot?

Star of the Week – w/e 13.06.25

Class		Name	Star of the week for... Value of the week for showing value of democracy Dojo Champion
Nursery	s	Theo	Fabulous formation of his e to be able to fully write his name.
	v	Lucia	For always being willing to adapt to changes in play to include everyone.
R	Dojo	Ozias	
	s	Nathan	For trying hard all week and super answering!
	v	Amara	For always including everyone in her play
Y1	Dojo		
	s	Katie	
	v		An enthusiastic approach to her work this week.
Y2	Dojo	Joshua	Including others at playtime.
	s	Ella	
	v	Penelope	Effort with her presentation.
Y3	Dojo	James M	Always including everyone
	s	Alex	
	v	Theo	For being boosted up in his Big Maths challenge.
Y4	s	Lucas	For always listening to other points of view and making sure everyone's voice is heard.
	v	Buddy	For his great piece of writing describing the 'Garden of Wonders'
Y5	s	Sebastian P	For always including everyone
	v	Sam	For a good understanding to the start of our new unit on Greek mythology.
Y6	s	Poppy H	For offering her opinion about things that she cares passionately about.
	v	Cody	For great commitment in improving his writing.

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>

PTFA future dates

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

Patrick Smyth 13.06.25

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 features a large background image of a swimmer in a pool. In the top left corner is the club's logo, which depicts a leaping marlin fish with the text 'CHORLEY MARLINS' curved above it. The main headline reads 'We are recruiting new members'. Below this, the club's name 'CHORLEY MARLINS AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB' is displayed in large, bold, white capital letters. A section titled 'Benefits of joining a swimming club include:' lists ten bullet points. To the right of the text, there are two small inset photographs: the top one shows a group of children and an adult on a pool deck, and the bottom one shows a swimmer in action in a pool lane. At the bottom, contact information is provided, including an email address and a website URL. A final line mentions 'Mini Marlins groups' for children aged 4+.

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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