



# School Newsletter

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

**16.06.23**

**Dear parents and carers,**

We have enjoyed a fantastic health week, with near perfect weather. I hope that those of you, who were able to come along, enjoyed the sports events over the last couple of days. The children seemed to have had a wonderful time. They have enjoyed the huge variety of activities this week: in-line skating, foot darts, visiting the *Life Van*, healthy eating activities and so on and so on. They seemed to particularly love the colour run today!

We thank Mr Hodge for all the time and effort he has put into planning and organising, making sure the children have had an amazing experience - hopefully developing a lifelong love of keeping physically active. We also thank the fantastic Chorley Schools Sports Partnership for their excellent organisation and running of the sports events. And finally, we thank you, parents and carers, for your warm support, as always.

## **Phonics Screening Check**

Well done to the Y1 class and the other children who did the phonics screening check. Mrs Cahalin is delighted with the children's effort and progress this year.

## **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the children in Y4 on receiving their First Holy Communion at St Mary's last Sunday on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Thank you to Fr Marsden for making the occasion so memorable and, of course, to Kinga Grzeczynska, parish lead catechist, for preparing the children so well for their special day and coordinating the whole event. Thank you to our staff also for everything they did in making the day run as smoothly as it did: pinning on badges, putting out names on benches etc.

The children continued their celebrations on Tuesday afternoon in school with a tea party. They enjoyed squash, biscuits and cake with invited family members while Deacon Norman came and blessed the children's Communion gifts. On the thirteenth anniversary of his ordination as Deacon to the exact minute, Deacon Norman presented the children with a beautiful, commemorative certificate and ornately decorated crucifix as gifts from the Church.

## Y3 CSSP Big Sing

Mr Hodge and Mrs McGeown took their Y3 class to Chorley Town Hall for the CSSP Big Sing event. The class were joined by a team of parent volunteers to help us get them to the Town Hall and back safely. Needless to say, our Y3s and helpers sang their hearts out, singing the songs they have had such fun learning over the last few weeks. Mr Hodge and Mrs McGeown were delighted with the children's effort, enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour. Well done Y3 and thank you to our staff and volunteers!

## Attendance



### Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2022/2023



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 <sup>st</sup>	YEAR 4	97.23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	RECEPTION	97.05
3 <sup>rd</sup>	YEAR 6	96.68
4 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 5	96.52
5 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 3	96.39
6 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 2	96.36
7 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 1	95.55

W/E 16/06/2023

After last week's hat-trick of classes, unfortunately we do not have any 100% class attendances to report this week.

## Ladies Night

Thank you to the members of the PTFA for their hard work in organising the Ladies Night this year. And thank you to all the ladies who have bought tickets – we hope you have a great time!

## The Wednesday Word

The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach, which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families, in a unique way. This is a weekly Gospel 'gift' from the school to the child to take home, which then becomes a 'gift' from the child to the whole family.



It is downloadable from the school website here. [Wednesday Word | St. Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk](https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk)

## STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 16.06.23

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN		
YR	Ralphi	trying very hard all week in all his activities
Y1	Ruby C	a really, super week of work. Ruby has worked with determination.
Y2	Rebecca	working so hard on her maths, becoming super speedy in her morning arithmetic
Y3	WHOLE CLASS	amazing singing at the Big Sing (Town Hall).
Y4	Victoria	for her enthusiasm and perseverance in everything she does.
Y5	Evan	a super effort on his handwriting and for his participation in our DT activity where we made a Greek salad.
Y6	Izzy	amazing work on her flashback story

### Tippy Toes – a note from Chorley Borough Council

Chorley Borough Council are working with Tippy Toes, the Good Food Clubs and Living Waters Storehouse to support Chorley families who are soon to be welcoming a new baby, or have a young child already.

There are six pop-up shops from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> August where families can receive free items and advice. These are dotted around the borough to make it easier for families to get to. If a demand is identified through these pop-ups, we'll look to provide more in future.

We would like to invite lots of families who would benefit from the support and also reach local people or businesses who may be able to donate time or items. More details about TTBB can be found here [Home - TippyToes Baby Bank](#).

**THE TEAM WILL BE ON HAND TO PROVIDE FREE:**

- NAPPIES
- BABY WIPES
- FORMULA MILK
- BABY CLOTHES
- LABOUR BAGS
- SAFETY EQUIPMENT
- PRAMS
- ADVICE



## Tippy Toes Chorley Pop Up Events

Come along 11am-noon on any of these dates:

- Wed 28 June - St Johns Parish Hall Coppull
- Mon 3 July - St Pauls Church Adlington
- Tue 25 July - St Joseph's Parish Centre Thornhill
- Fri 28 July - Clayton Brook Village Hall
- Thu 3 August - Buttermere Community Centre
- Tue 8 August - Living Waters Storehouse



**WORKING TOGETHER & SUPPORTED BY  
CHORLEY COUNCIL**



**SVP Chorley Buddies**  
We're Helping  
01257 542367



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



**livingwaters**

## SVP Chorley Buddies

The Chorley Buddies are doing some fantastic work around Chorley, I have been sent some information about the Good Food Clubs they are running around the Chorley area. If you or you know anyone who might benefit please contact them on the number below.






### SVP Chorley Buddies Good Food Clubs


Over 2 million tonnes of good food goes to landfill EACH YEAR...

Join the club that helps divert that food from landfill!

For just £5 per week, you will receive at **least** £25 worth of food of your choice.

£10 lifetime membership.

				
<b>Buttermere Community Centre Chorley</b> Runs every <b>Thursday</b> from 10:30am	<b>St John the Divine Parish Hall Coppull</b> Runs every <b>Wednesday</b> from 10:30am <b>Breakfast club 9-10am</b>	<b>St Joseph's Parish Centre Thornhill</b> Runs every <b>Tuesday</b> from 10:30am <b>Breakfast club 9-10am</b>	<b>St Paul's Church Adlington</b> Due to open <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> Will run every <b>Monday</b> from 10:30am <b>Breakfast club 9-10am</b>	<b>Clayton Brook Village Hall Clayton-le-Woods</b> Due to open <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> Will run every <b>Friday</b> from 10:30am



**SVP Chorley Buddies**  
*We're Helping*  
01257 542 367

## It's Mental - Family Wellbeing Festival - 24th June 2023

A letter from Tom Halstead, Community Engagement Officer, Chorley Borough Council

“The Family Wellbeing Festival is a large-scale event, targeting families of all ages. The aim is to get families spending time together outdoors, taking part in activities and workshops to help them understand how they can better manage their wellbeing, to prevent them needing intervention from health services in the future. We hope to bring together a range of businesses, organisations, clubs and charities to provide information to attendees and to host tasks and activities for the families to take part in as taster sessions, whilst promoting their services and sessions and any volunteering opportunities they may have.”

Early bird tickets currently available - <https://www.itsmental.co.uk/familywellbeingfestival>



## Outdoor theatre events

We have been asked to advertise the outdoor theatre below:

I hope my email finds you well, and finally getting back into the swing of things after a lovely half term!

I was wondering if you would be able to add the attached leaflets to your school newsletter advertising an outdoor theatre event coming to Cuerden Valley during the Summer.

Thank you for your support,

Kind regards,

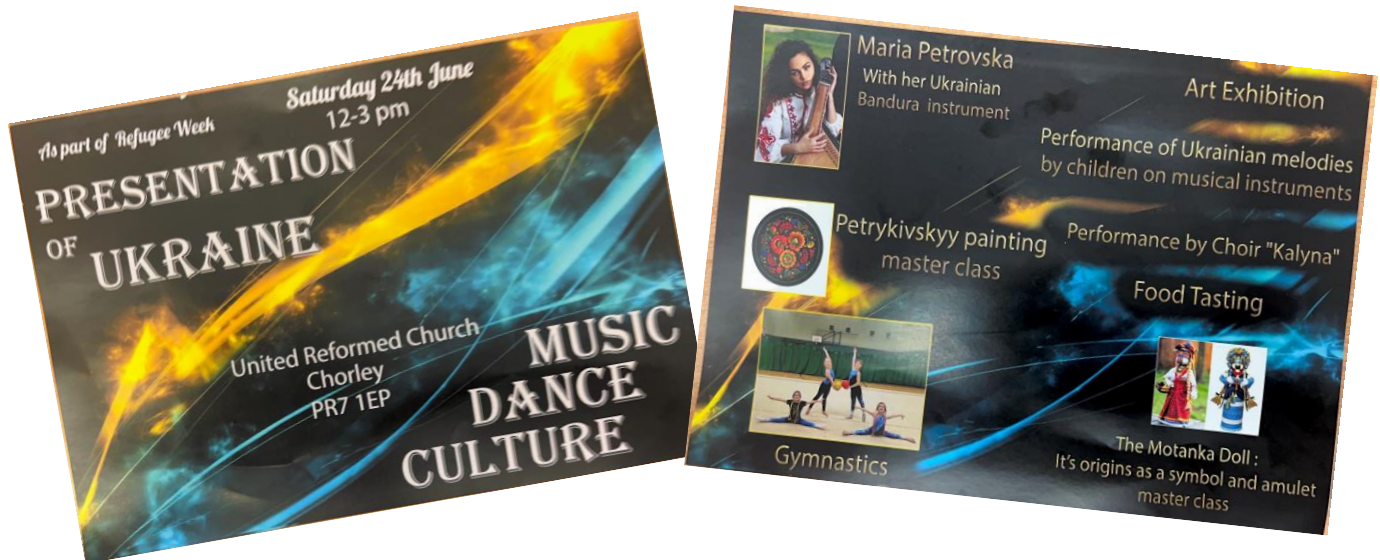
Danielle Edwards  
Company Manager - Artistic Director - Choreographer



## Chorley & District Support for Ukraine

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – afternoon of the music, dance and culture of Ukraine

There is an afternoon of celebration of Ukrainian music, dance and culture at the United Reformed Church in Chorley a week on Saturday.



## Walk and talk: parenting support group

**WALK AND TALK:  
PARENTING  
SUPPORT GROUP**

HOME  
START  
Central  
Lancashire

SUPPORTED BY  
Chorley  
Council

**TAKING PLACE EVERY  
WEDNESDAY 10:00-11:00AM**  
MEETING OUTSIDE HOME START ON FLEET  
STREET CARPARK, CHORLEY, PR7 2SA

- \*OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO OTHER LOCAL PARENTS AND CARERS.
- \*TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LOCAL GREEN AREAS AND INCREASE WELLBEING.
- \*ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AS WE GO ALONG!
- \*SEEK ADVICE FROM A HOME START FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATOR.

\*ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL  
\*CHILDREN WELCOME  
\*FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF ALL AGES

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 01257 241636 OR EMAIL  
VOLMANAGER@HOMESTARTCENTRALLANCS.ORG.UK

## 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>

**Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?** Visit the YSA website [www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk](http://www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk) to find out more about what is on offer.



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Join our swimming lessons at one of our pools based in; Chorley, Preston and Clitheroe!

"Wonderful teachers and lovely venues"  
"my daughter LOVES her lessons"  
"i'd recommend them highly"



Book before 1st March 2023 to receive your first lesson FREE!



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