



School Newsletter

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

17.10.25

Dear parents and carers,

We are coming toward the end of a busy autumn first half-term. The children have settled very well into their new year groups and are all working hard. There are a couple of PTFA events to take note of next week.

PTFA Tropic Pamper Night

Mrs Cassidy has very kindly offered to hold a 'Tropic' Pamper night to raise funds for the PTFA on Thursday, 23rd October at 7pm in school. There will be guided facials, prizes and festive gifts! The cost to attend is just £5 per ticket which includes a little goody bag and a glass of fizz on arrival.

<https://chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/events/2025-10-23-ptfa-tropic-pamper-evening>

PTFA *Spooktacular* Dress up day - Friday 24th October

The children are invited to dress up for a *Spooktacular* Dress Up day for a voluntary contribution towards PTFA funds next Friday. Information has been sent out separately from the office about this.

Foodbank

Following on from the fabulous support shown for our Harvest Service, we are reinstating the drop-off box in the main entrance for donations for the ***Living Waters - Storehouse*** food bank.

You can use this for further donations of tinned/packed goods or other items such as toiletries (shampoos/bubble bath) or even gift sets as the Christmas season approaches. Thank you.

Cafod – Brighten Up the Harvest

The children certainly brightened the place up today with their colourful accessories in all in a good cause. Mr Hodge prepared a short prayer service for the children. Thank you for your donations to the annual CAFOD harvest collection. When we have counted the donations, we will share the total.

ParentPay

ParentPay - please ensure accounts are up to date for the half term break. Thank you.



FACT OF THE WEEK

Smartphone use in children is linked to increased anxiety, depression, and sleep disturbances.

Smartphone Free Childhood

Two of our governors, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Nightingale, both parents of children at school, have been working hard behind the scenes to share information about the **Smartphone Free Childhood** movement and find out what interest there is amongst our school community for it.

There does seem to be significant interest and support from our parents and carers to do something. Most of us acknowledge the huge benefits of mobile devices linked to the internet but we also recognise the potential risk of harm that there is for children who use them.

All parents and carers, who are interested and want to find out more, are welcome to attend a meeting here at school on **Wednesday 26th November at 6pm** where we can discuss and share plans for children and families of St Mary's.

For more information about this parent-led grassroots movement visit:

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

Smartphone Free Childhood – 'We're united for childhood - Join the growing movement of families who believe childhood's too short to scroll away.'

Holiday term dates

Some parents have been asking about holiday term dates for 2026/ 2027 and when they will be released. These will be agreed at the next full governing board meeting in November. Thank you to the parents and staff who contributed to the recent consultations.

Parents' Evenings

The first of this year's parents' evenings will be taking place next week. Your children will have been in their new classes for seven to eight weeks. This is an opportunity, should you wish to take it, to find out how your child has settled down. These meetings are online and are of five minutes' duration. The booking system closes on Sunday night.

The spring term meetings will be ten minutes long. The teachers will have got to know your children much better by then. On this occasion, you will have the opportunity to meet teachers face-to-face and to look through your children's books.

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

2025/2026 17.10.25



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 4	98.92
2 nd	YEAR 2	98.88
3 rd	RECEPTION	98.02
4 th	YEAR 3	97.83
5 th	YEAR 5	97.41
6 th	YEAR 1	97.40
7 th	YEAR 6	96.26

W/E 17/10/2025

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

STAR OF THE WEEK w/e 17.10.25

Class		Name	Star of the week for... & Value of the week for compassion
Nursery	s	Aria	Trying really hard to increase independence skills and always doing the right thing at all times
	v	Else	Always asking her friends what is wrong when they are upset
	Dojo	Poppy	
R	s	Martha	For an amazing junk model dragon
	v	Lily	Always caring for others
	Dojo	Noah	
Y1	s	Tillie	Working really hard on her number bonds at home and at school.
	v	Lilly	Always noticing if someone is upset and trying to help them.
	Dojo	Mila	

Y2	s	Paisley	For a wonderful effort during RE, describing ways in which she can be a good steward.
	v	Maddy	For showing compassion by comforting others.
	Dojo	Paisley	
Y3	s	Jesse	For consistently trying hard to produce his best work.
	v	Rose	For always showing compassion to others
Y4	s	Poppy	Setting a great example at swimming to the rest of the class
	v	Charlie H	Always being kind and helpful to people in our class.
Y5	s	Ariana	Confident responses when contributing ideas in Mathematics
	v	Rebecca	For always trying to make the right choice to show compassion to others in class.
Y6	s	Lydia	For her positive attitude and determination all week when completing assessments.
	v	Lucy A	For always showing compassion to others by comforting them.

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.

Best wishes,

Patrick Smyth
Headteacher

See below for CSSP half-term holiday activities

CSSP half-term holiday activities



CHORLEY
SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

OCTOBER SPORTS CAMP

28TH - 30TH OCTOBER

Ages 5-11

BOOK ONLINE AT:
www.chorleyssp.co.uk

9:30AM - 3:00PM

£22 A DAY OR
£60 ALL THREE DAYS

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OCTOBER LEARN TO RIDE

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MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 10:00AM - 11:30AM

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 12:30PM - 2:00PM

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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.		