



School Newsletter

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

17th November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Christmas Appeals 2023

As part of our Catholic Life and Mission this Christmas, St Mary's are taking part in two campaigns to help those in need at this special time of year.

KS2 - Y3/ Y4/ Y5 and Y6 - Ukraine Christmas Shoe Box appeal

And globally, we will be supporting Chorley and District's support for Ukraine Christmas Shoe Box appeal. KS2 The Ukraine appeal by **next Friday 24th November**. The shoeboxes can be dropped off at school. See leaflet attached.

EYFS/ KS1 - Nursery/ Reception/ Y1 and Y2 - Lancashire Teaching Hospitals – Give a Gift Campaign

Locally, we will be helping to support Lancashire Teaching Hospitals making sure everyone has a gift for Christmas, even if in hospital. EYFS and KS1 are asked to bring in a gift for Lancashire Teaching Hospital by Friday 15th December. See leaflet attached.

Please note we know this time of year can put a strain on everyone's finances so there is no obligation; this is entirely voluntary. Thank you, Mrs Nicklin

Year 5 Assembly - Friday 17th November 2023.

A huge thank you to our superstars in Y5 who gave us their class collective worship this morning. They told us all about life choices including choosing to be a good friend and choosing to accept God's mission for them. They even looked at the life choice of marriage. They sang beautifully, read clearly and obviously enjoyed themselves. Thank you Y5 pupils, Miss Hesketh, Mrs Southern and Mrs Canavan.

Catholic School Inspection celebration - Friday 17th November 2023.

When you achieve something special, it is worth celebrating. So today, we had a celebration of our 'outstanding' Catholic School inspection. Father Marsden came in to lead us in a prayer of thanksgiving and reflection. Then the children returned to class to enjoy a cupcake and a cup of cordial. Well done once again, to the children, staff and governors!

Message from Kath Smith, Chair of Governors and St Mary's Little Church leader

I know that families go to various churches over the weekend, however, it was good to hear that the number of children and families attending either the Saturday evening (17:00) Vigil Mass or Sunday morning Mass (10:00) at St Mary's Church continues to grow week by week. Many of the children are also going into Little Church, The children say that they are enjoying it and love being involved.

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) – Big Uniform Exchange event - 2nd December 2023 Market Walk, Chorley

The SVDP has organised a uniform support event at Clinton Cards shop, Market Walk, Chorley on the 2nd December between 10am and 1pm. The uniform support event Saturday 2nd December on Market Walk, Chorley. Please share with anyone you think would benefit.

Glovers Swim School Free lesson offer to family in need

See information at end of newsletter on how to nominate.

2024 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES – PRIMARY - Deadline 15th January 2024

Primary School Admissions September 2024: If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/> for a September 2024 start.

It is quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

VERY IMPORTANT: You must apply even if you already have siblings in a school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school. The national closing date for primary applications is **15th January 2024**. Between now and 15th January all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the school's published admissions policy for school year 2024 – 2025 <https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions>

****Please remember that admissions to St Mary's, or any Catholic primary schools, also require the completion of the separate supplementary information form (SIF) - available at <https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions> ****

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 17.11.23

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Nathan	trying really hard in his phonics and singing.
YR	Archie A	trying hard in all areas this week.
Y1	Harper	her brilliant work in DT, creating a moving picture, using a lever and pivot.
Y2	Madison	fabulous effort to be a superstar all week.
Y3	Austin	A brilliant week of effort in all subjects.
Y4	Patch C	learning all his times tables up to 12 X 12.
Y5	All of Year 5	their dedication and enthusiasm towards our class assembly.
Y6	Viktorija D	An amazing character description of the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz.

Attendance

Earlier this week, Mrs Hargreaves sent out a letter about attendance to parents and carers. Our target is 97%. We are on about 96.5% at the moment, so not far off. It would be fantastic if we could reduce even further the number of missed days and lessons and hit 97.5% by the end of the year.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

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CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 1	98.82
2nd	YEAR 6	97.60
3rd	YEAR 3	96.74
4th	YEAR 5	96.37
5th	RECEPTION	96.28
6th	YEAR 4	96.10
7th	YEAR 2	94.83

Well done to Year 4 on their **100%** class attendance award this week!

LCC national wraparound childcare programme survey

From Sept 2024, the government have announced funding for a 'national wraparound childcare programme.' Lancashire County Council (LCC) have asked us to share information about a survey they are doing in preparation for this with you. The letter and poster attached contains this link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/vt082j>

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THE BIG

UNIFORM

EXCHANGE

WEAR IT, LOVE IT, THEN
SHARE IT AND SAVE IT
FROM GOING TO
LANDFILL!

10AM-1PM
SATURDAY 2ND
DECEMBER

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL
UNIFORM FREE TO TAKE
AWAY

CLINTON CARDS, MARKET
WALK, CHORLEY TOWN
CENTRE

Everyone welcome!



SVP Chorley Buddies
We're Helping
01257 542 367



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

YSA
Yarrow School
Alliance

New Year, new challenge
Train to teach with the best, to be the best!
Open events held on the first Tuesday of each month.
If you are interested in learning more about our School-based
Initial Teacher Training Programme, email
r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk for more information



GRANT A CHRISTMAS WISH

WITH
Glover's
swim school

Do you know a family who deserves a Christmas gift?
People who are in need, who deserve to catch a break,
or that should but never do put themselves first?

We want to Grant a Christmas Wish!

**WE ARE GIVING AWAY 6 MONTHS WORTH OF
CLASS LESSONS FOR ONE CHILD, TO OUR
CHOSEN FAMILY!**



All nominations must be sent to office@gloversswimschool.co.uk
by Sunday 17th December.



Young People
Scan this QR
code to find
support

SCAN ME

Text a school nurse directly to talk about
health or emotional wellbeing:
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:

07507330510

or scan the QR code



Parents scan
this QR code to
find support

SCAN ME

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our
Lancashire ParentLine for support on:

07312263554

or scan the QR code

