



# School Newsletter

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

18.10.24

Dear parents/ carers,

Parents Evening (see below in the newsletter)

**PTFA Spooky Disco Thursday 24th October**

Mrs Wilson asked me to pass on the thanks of the PTFA to all the parents/ carers who have booked places for the PTFA Spooky Disco, which takes place next Thursday.

On Thursday, all children can come to school dressed in spooky costumes or an outfit of their choice, for a suggested contribution to the PTFA of £1. Please note that **face paints and masks are not permitted** and **sensible shoes must be worn**. Outfits must also be suitable for the weather and children must be able to use the bathroom in them without assistance! The cash donation for this is to be sent in on the day please.

If you have requested a place at one of the Monster Discos, please could you ensure that you send your £2.50 per child cash payment into school by **Wednesday 23rd October**. Please ensure your payment is in an envelope clearly labelled for the PTFA with your child's name on. (Rec to Year 6 children only). Thank you!

**CAFOD Brighten Up the Harvest Appeal**

Last Friday, the children wore an item of bright clothing in exchange for a donation to the CAFOD *Brighten Up the Harvest* Appeal. The children took their offerings to our altar area in school and took part in a small prayer and liturgy session. Thank you to you all for your kind donations and thank you to Mr Hodge for organising the appeal in school. And ,thank you to Mrs Rogerson or counting all the donations. The total came to **£330**.

**Sports News**

**CSSP Football League**

Over this first half term, Mr Hodge has taken members of the 20-plus strong St Mary's football team to take part in the CSSP football league at Westway. Mr Hodge has been very impressed with the quality on display and the wonderful sporting behaviour of his teams. The team finished in a creditable sixth position out of ten in their league. Well done team and thank you, Mr Hodge.

## 2024 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY



### St Mary's Prospective Parents Open Evening Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.

There will be an open evening event on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at 6pm for parents interested in a place for their child in our reception class for September 2024. More details will follow.

**Primary School Admissions September 2025:** 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 2025 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 **15 January 2025**. Between now and 15<sup>th</sup> 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> \*\***

### **Year 6 Pupils moving to Year 7 *Applying for a place at high school***

The window to apply for a secondary school place is now open. To apply for a place in a Lancashire secondary school please check the following link:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

It's 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 school.** If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The arrangements for the transfer of pupils to secondary schools in September 2025 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable. The deadline for applications is **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**, which is during our half term break.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS** 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>

### Parentkind/ Asda Cashpot for Schools– update 18.10.24

Mrs Wilson registered the school a few weeks ago to the Parentkind/ Asda Cashpot for Schools initiative and we have so far accumulated **£188.60** in our rewards cashpot - free cash for school! (See screenshot right)

Parents can register on their app or if they haven't signed up yet - the link below gives more information:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to St Mary's. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage. Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.



### Star of the Week 18.10.24

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Tobias	super maths work – sorting by rule
YR	Tillie	working very hard with phonics and spelling words
Y1	Sophie	excellent answers in science about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.
Y2	Angela	Excellent hardworking attitude in all lessons – well done!
Y3	Ruby C	a great end to the week by scoring nearly double on her Learn Its challenge
Y4	Arthur Richards	his wonderful story about the Loch Ness Monster.
Y5	Billy	showing enthusiasm and determination when solving problems in mathematics.
Y6	Heidi	great work in science researching animal adaptations

## ATTENDANCE NEWS



### Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2024/2025 18.10.24



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 6	98.96
2nd	YEAR 1	98.54
3rd	RECEPTION	98.44
4th	YEAR 4	98.08
5th	YEAR 2	97.98
6th	YEAR 3	97.91
7th	YEAR 5	97.16

No 100% attendance this week!

### Parents Evening Bookings

A reminder that the system will close for bookings for Year 1 on Monday 21st October at 7am and for all other school years at 5pm on the same day. The link is as follows: <http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/stmaryscps>

Please note that after these deadlines, the school office will not be able to make or change any appointment times.

Nursery parents need to reply to the Groupcall form if they wish to receive a telephone appointment from Miss Bowler.

### An update on Penalty Charge Notices issued for unauthorised absence

These changes came into effect on 19 August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.

- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Best wishes, Patrick Smyth 18.10.24

**Free Chorley health Festival Saturday 2 November – All Seasons Leisure Centre**



**Health Festival**

Starting Life Well in Chorley

**Saturday 2 November, 2024**  
All Seasons Leisure Centre, Water Street, PR7 1EX  
12noon - 4pm

A fun, free day out for all the family. Bring your swimming kit so you can all have a free swim on the day, or book for a free session later in the month.

We want our children and young people to have the healthiest start they can. Come along to find out what's available, take part and join in. There is so much support out there and we've brought it all together in one place for you.

Join us in the leisure centre and be in with a chance to win prizes if you can complete the treasure hunt.

For more information contact [communities@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:communities@chorley.gov.uk)

**Chorley Council**

# EUXTON VILLA FOOTBALL CLUB



## PAN DISABILITY FOOTBALL



### **Blast off with Comets**

Comets is a recreational, pan-disability football programme for disabled boys between 5 and 11. Pan-disability is the largest format of disability football, which sees players with a broad range of impairments and health conditions play together.

Comets provides a safe space for disabled children to play football, belong and just be themselves, allowing them to use their imagination to take them to a world where the possibilities are endless!

Email the club to express an interest:

[hello@euxtonvillaafc.com](mailto:hello@euxtonvillaafc.com)