



School Newsletter

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

19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to final term in the school year; this year seems to have flown by so far. I hope you all had a happy and holy Easter. The children returned to school refreshed and raring to go again but I think they were a bit tired from their exertions by the end of the week.

St Mary's, Chorley Parish Children and Families Mass Sunday 21st April

This Sunday, the parish will have a wonderful celebration Mass at St Mary's Church at 10.00 am this Sunday. It is designed especially with the children of the parish in mind. We would love as many family members to come along too. It was wonderful to see St Mary's full to the rafters at the Christmas Carol Concert back in December and the joy of the children being there together with their friends and families was there for all to see.

It is not a school Mass, so children will not be sitting in classes or anything like that, but they will see their classmates at Church. Thank you to all the families who responded to say that their children can take part in reading, greeting, collecting offerings; that has helped us to allocate readings and bidding prayers etc. The bar in the parish centre will be open if families fancy popping over for a glass of lemonade and a packet of crisps afterwards.

Reception new-intake afternoon – Tuesday May 21st

This year we are having our new intake meeting for the parents of children joining us in the reception class in the autumn term in an afternoon session on Tuesday 21st May. This means that we are also going to be able to invite the children to attend too, and they will be able to spend the session in their new classroom.

We still have some places for our reception class in September, so if you know of anyone moving into the area or looking for a place in a Catholic school for September, please let them know.

Sports News

The St Mary's netball team withstood torrential downpours as they played four matches after school yesterday. Thank you to Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Southern for taking them along. Although everyone was soaked to the bone, spirits were not dampened and the team won two, drew one and lost one

of their games. Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Southern said the children's attitude and behaviour were fantastic. Well done to the squad – a great effort!

We still have a vacancy for a site supervisor!

We are looking for a part-time site-supervisor (caretaker) to work 15 hours a week, 0600 - 0900 each day, with some flexibility to work additional hours, if possible. If you are interested or if you know anyone else who is, please let the office know.

Birthday books – thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who have been able to support the brilliant birthday book idea. If you remember, we decided that rather than celebrate birthdays in class with sweets, children could gift a book instead. Over the last year or so, we have really grown our class libraries with high quality texts, as a result and the children have been really proud of their donations. Miss Hesketh asked me to let you know that she has updated the class book lists and has shared with Ebb and Flo book shop. The teachers will be sharing them on Class Dojo and the they will soon appear on the school website too.

Parakeet

About a year ago, a poorly pet parakeet was discovered on the school playing field. After a rescue effort by Mr Cahalin and last year's Y6 class, it was nursed back to health. The RSPCA took it away and reunited it with its owner who happens to live locally. The neighbour contacted us a this week to say that their parakeet has escaped again! Please keep a look out and inform the RSPCA if you have any news!

Message from the school office

Dear Parents/Carers

Due to the Easter break, extended day invoices for March have only been issued this week. We also have a number of historical balances outstanding for toast, lunches, uniform and nursery fees. Can we, therefore, ask you to check your Parentpay accounts for any amounts owing and settle these within the next 30 days.

As we are now in our final term, please can we remind all Year 6 parents that Parentpay accounts must be cleared by the end of the Summer term, 19th July.

Many thanks,

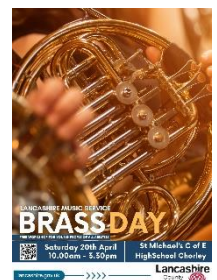
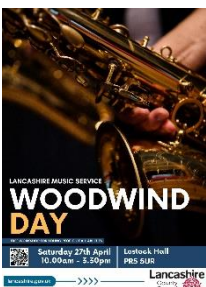
Lancashire Schools Music Service Special Music Events

Brass day 2024!- April 20th, St Michaels CE High School, Chorley.

We are delighted that we are being joined by student ambassadors from the RNCM Engage programme!

<https://www.lancshiremushub.co.uk/site/events/brass-day-3/>

Woodwind Day 2024!- April 27th, Lostock Hall Academy High School, Preston.



This year centred around our fantastic Lancashire Youth Concert Band and Inspire programme!
<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/events/woodwind-day/>

Percussion Day 2024! - May 4th, St Christophers C of E High School, Accrington.
 We are proud to be hosting The Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland, who will be leading workshops, drum demonstrations and delivering a careers talk.
<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/events/percussion-day/>



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League
2023/2024 W/E 19.04.24



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 5	97.12
2nd	YEAR 1	97.02
3rd	YEAR 6	96.91
4th	YEAR 3	96.60
5th	YEAR 2	95.74
6th	RECEPTION	95.01
7th	YEAR 4	94.77

No 100% attendance this week!

Star of the Week 19.04.24

Class Name		Star of the Week for ...
YN	Avaeha	trying hard in all she does.
YR	Joshua	trying very hard all week and for being helpful.
Y1	Evie W	her beautiful writing from the observational walk in science – lovely descriptions.
Y2	Ruby C	fabulous work in her writing, spelling and reading.
Y3	Arlo	Brilliant English work on leaflets (both his Romans and House versions).
Y4	Poppy H	her hard work and perseverance all week.
Y5	Sophie B	super effort creating a self-portrait using mixed media.
Y6	Owen	always supporting others (including the teacher) in ICT lessons.

Foundation Governor role

In the autumn term, the school will have a vacancy on its governing board for a **foundation governor**. Are you interested and keen to make sure children at St Mary's get the best possible education? Are you keen to make sure that the school is helping our children to become followers of Jesus? Are you keen to ensure our school is offering high quality teaching and learning in a safe, happy and Christian environment? If so, you can become a foundation governor. You need to be a practising Catholic who can offer energy, experience and fresh ideas. You need to have interest, enthusiasm and time but do not need to have any particular expertise or special qualifications. Training is offered. School foundation governors are appointed for a term of four years. Governors work as a team to support, challenge and decide what's best for the school, the pupils and staff. They are responsible for how the school performs and for raising standards. Their priorities are to:

- Preserve and develop the religious character of the school
- Maintain and improve standards
- Keep children safe
- Monitor the curriculum
- Plan the school's future direction
- Decide the best way to spend the school budget

The governing board meets once each term with extra meetings to deal with issues like buildings, finance, staffing, standards and effectiveness and school admissions.

If you are interested or know somebody who might be, please contact the school office for an informal chat with me or contact our chair of governors, Kath Smith at ksmith@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk

Mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children. (Contacts below).



Young People
Scan this QR
code to find
support

SCAN ME



Parents scan
this QR code to
find support

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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



If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our Lancashire ParentLine for support on:
07312263554
or scan the QR code



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