



# School Newsletter

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

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22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

## Good Shepherd Appeal 2024

The Good Shepherd appeal is drawing to a close and the fundraising has now come to an end. I would like to say a huge thank you to the children for their efforts in the cake sale and in designing and making games and activities and of course for spending their money on these things and the disco. And thank you to the parents and carers for supporting with the finances! Another big thank you to the staff for their time and effort in organising all the events above.



Next Thursday we will celebrate the success of the appeal with the annual Good Shepherd Talent Show which I know the children are very excited about. <https://wearenugent.org/good-shepherd-appeal-primary-resources/>

I will share the final total in the next newsletter.

## DATE for the DIARY - St Mary's, Chorley Parish Children and Families Mass Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

I wanted to give you advance notice of a wonderful celebration Mass at St Mary's Church at 10.00 am Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. 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. We aim to get the children involved as much as possible in the Mass with readings, the Offertory, the collection and of course singing the hymns. We are also planning to get together in the parish centre afterwards for teas, coffees, squash and biscuits. Please make a date in your diary; it would be great to see the Church full of children and families once more.

## Easter Services at St Mary's THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Thurs 28th	HOLY THURSDAY
19.00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
20.00	Watching at the Altar of Repose

21.45 Night Prayer

Fri 29th           GOOD FRIDAY  
10.00           Office of Readings and Morning Prayer  
10.30 Stations of the Cross  
15.00 THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sat 30th  
19.00           EASTER VIGIL

Sun 31st           EASTER SUNDAY  
10.00 Mass

### ***Let's Go Sing at Blackburn King George's Hall Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March***

Mrs Cahalin, Mrs Bradley and our parent helpers, Mrs Pedley and Mrs Houghton took the St Mary's choir to King George's Hall in Blackburn to take part in the *Let's Go Sing* production. It was fantastic! The 35 or so children who attended, had a joyous time and sang beautifully, well supported by their extremely proud families. Mrs Cahalin was especially proud of the children's behaviour throughout afternoon and evening. Well done choir – great job! A big thank you to Mrs Cahalin and Mrs Bradley for working so hard with the choir over recent months and preparing them so well and thank you to our parent helpers!

### **Isle of Man residential – Y6**

Members of the Year 6 class enjoyed a wonderful week away on an outdoor and adventurous activity residential visit to the Isle of Man. They enjoyed an action packed and fun-filled week. They learned new skills, challenged themselves and supported one another in the wide range of activities that they participated in. The ferry journey to the Isle of Man was 3.75 hours in duration. Needless to say, the children did us very proud in their behaviour from start to finish. The centre staff were very complimentary about them but so too was a fellow passenger on the ferry ride on the crossing over there – so much so that she was moved to email the school and I have to share it with you ...

*To whom it may concern,*

*I travelled on the 4pm ferry from Heysham to the Isle of Man. I had the pleasure of sharing it with your school trip. They honestly behaved the best out of 15 years of travel. All kids well behaved and settled, never too loud. A real, honest credit to you. The youngish gent with grey hair let me know which school you were, but I didn't get his name. [it was Mr Cahalin!]*

*Ceri T*

### **Chorley FC Flag Bearers and Ball Boys and Girls**

Mr Hodge took a group of children for an amazing day out at Chorley FC last Saturday. Our children were given special roles of responsibility including being ball boys/ girls, flag bearers and the job of

welcoming players on the pitch. I am sure that the day will live long in their memories. Thank you Mr Hodge for giving them the opportunity.

### **Chorley Schools Sports Partnership – Annual School Cross Country Championships**

The St Mary's cross-country squad will be joining hundreds of children at Astley Park tomorrow morning at the annual cross-country championships. We wish them all the very best of luck!

### **Length of School Week Consultation**

In the March 2022 Schools White Paper, it was announced that the minimum expectation of a school week is 32.5 hours. Whilst this is non-statutory, the Government expects schools to have this in place by September 2024. Most schools in England already deliver a school week of 32.5 hours or more, St Mary's currently delivers 31.67.

We want a solution that causes the minimum amount of disruption to both parents and staff and has the most positive impact on pupils. Please look out for the consultation that will be sent out separately to this, on Groupcall Forms.

### **Year 3 Class Assembly on the subject of 'listening and sharing' Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

The Year 3 class collective worship on the 8<sup>th</sup> March was a huge success. The children did their teachers and families very proud. Mr Hodge said that the class were amazing. The theme was taken from what they have been learning in their RE lessons – listening and sharing. Well done Mr Hodge, Mrs McGeown, Mrs Bradley, Ms Roby and Mrs Holt and well done the Y3 children. Thank you to the parents, carers and family members who came along to watch.

### **Year 1 news**

From the start of the summer term in Year 1, Mrs Cahalin will be teaching for four days from Monday to Thursday. On Fridays, the children will be taught by Mrs Singleton.

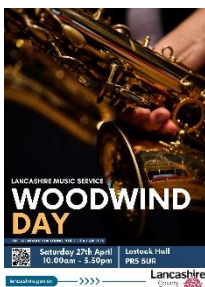
Mrs Cahalin and Mrs Singleton are very excited to get started with this new arrangement when we return from the Easter break on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### **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!

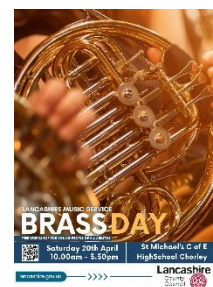
<https://www.lancashiremusic.org.uk/site/events/brass-day-3/>



**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.lancashiremusic.org.uk/site/events/woodwind-day/>



**Percussion Day 2024!**- May 4th, St Christophers C of E High School, Accrington.

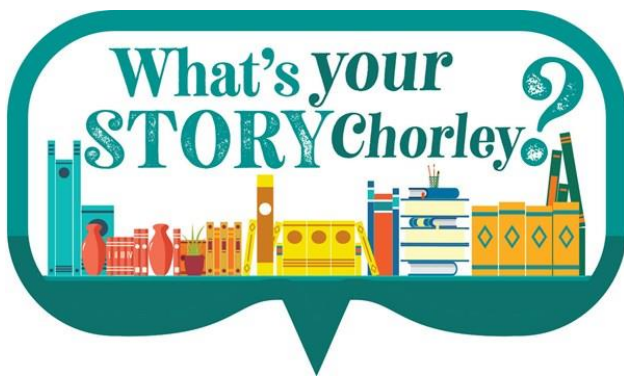
We are proud to be hosting The Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland, who will be leading workshops, drum demonstrations and delivering a careers talk.

<https://www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk/site/events/percussion-day/>

### **What's Your Story, Chorley Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – a message from ebb & flo bookshop**

Hello to all our Schools! We have a fantastic and free community day of words and stories on Saturday here in Chorley town centre and would love it if you could spread the word to your pupils and families by forwarding the details on this email newsletter.

At **ebb & flo bookshop** we've chaotic fun between 11 & 2 with a bunch of authors and illustrators squished inside the shop doing bookish stuff for children that come along...



*Mini Booky Extravaganza* at **ebb & flo bookshop** for 'What's Your Story Chorley?' Saturday 23 March, 11-2. Join a bunch of children's authors & illustrators at **ebb & flo bookshop** while they fill our little shop with bookish chat & fun! Visit their pop-up bookstall upstairs and let them show you just how wonderful their books are in their Speed Blurb session. You'll also find out what they are reading themselves and if you're

lucky will recommend some top class reads from other writers too. You can ask them any questions you like and get them to sign your book! There'll be Mini Draw-Alongs from our visiting illustrators and you'll take away your own work of art!

Our collaboration with UCLAN Publishing includes their amazing authors Genevieve Aspinall, Susan Brownrigg, Dom Conlon, Kerri Cunningham (Murphy's Sketches), Liz Flanagan. Plus we have the best-selling Jen Carney (Accidental Diary of B.U.G. series) popping in too!

There will be goody bags for all children visiting, and of course, the delicious smell of real books in a real bookshop!

You can see the full programme for '**What's Your Story Chorley?**' at all the venues around town here...

<https://checkoutchorley.com/article/3189/What-s-Your-Story-Chorley?fbclid=IwAR2TsnvbaKdbFADHViBjpeHtBiqmcNwe86zW5JYvqiBko2bG4XW1QmSDaUs#:~:text=Saturday%2023%20March%202024%20%2D%2011am,loved%20event%20back%20to%20Chorley>



**Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League**  
**2023/2024 W/E 22.03.24**



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 5	97.01
2nd	YEAR 6	96.94
3rd	YEAR 1	96.92
4th	YEAR 3	96.60
5th	YEAR 2	95.51
6th	RECEPTION	94.99
7th	YEAR 4	94.73

**Congratulation to Y3 on their 100% attendance this week!**


**Attendance News - Unauthorised leave of absence update**

We have been advised on a change in the law around penalty charge notice for unauthorised leave of absences e.g. holidays in term time. These changes will come 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.


**STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 08.03.24**

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Rayne	Super attitude towards learning in nursery.




YR	Maddy	Trying very hard with her writing.
Y1	Rose	Great work in class.
Y2	Leo	Joined up handwriting.
Y3	Agustina	Excellent reading in the Y3 class collective worship/ assembly.
Y4	Archie H	His wonderful work in mathematics on fractions.
Y5	Harrison	A super description of a magical setting linked to Harry Potter on World Book Day.
Y6	Charlotte	A great metaphor poem.

### STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 15.03.24



Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Logan	demonstrating increased independence in Nursery.
YR	Eleanor	completing lots of different challenges and collages.
Y1	Robert	being able to get on with his work every day and complete tasks to the best of his ability.
Y2	Alice	always making the right choice.
Y3	Rebecca	taking her enthusiasm for the Romans topic outside of the classroom (visit top Ribchester Museum last weekend)..
Y4	Neave	hard work and determination in maths.
Y5	Johnathan	an excellent plan for his story and clearly developing his plot.
Y6	ISLE	OF MAN VISIT

### STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 22.03.24



Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Olsen	a super week in Nursery.
YR	Joey	his super re-telling of <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> .
Y1	Evie Wi	being enthusiastic in her learning and enjoying success in her work in maths.
Y2	Hattie	such a positive attitude to her learning. Her enthusiasm shones through in her lovely work.
Y3	James M	a brilliant week of focused work in English looking at planning his Roman Leaflet.
Y4	William W	working hard on his arithmetic skills in maths.

Y5	Faith	always putting 100% effort into everything she does.
Y6	Jack	a very informative formal letter of thanks.

**Chorley School Sport Partnership – Easter Holiday Sports Camp**

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SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

**EASTER**   
**SPORTS CAMP**

TUESDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

Join us for 4 days of fun and games,  
crafting & an Easter egg hunt from  
9am until 3pm  
You will find us at...



**Ages  
5-11**

**CHORLEY ST  
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PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
Eaves Lane  
PR6 0DX

**LANCASTER  
LANE  
COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
Hunters Lane  
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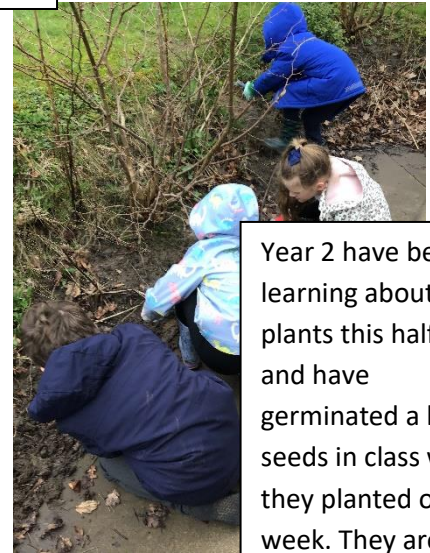


Please book online at [www.chorleyssp.co.uk/holiday-events](http://www.chorleyssp.co.uk/holiday-events)  
**£80 full week £25 per day and siblings discounts.**  
Enquiries: 01257 449278 or WhatsApp us 07306403255

## Year 2 Gardening Afternoon Thursday 21.03.24



We have looked at the differences between bulbs and seeds and are amazed by our beautiful amaryllis bulb which is flowering beautifully in class.



Year 2 have been learning about plants this half term and have germinated a lot of seeds in class which they planted out this week. They are growing sunflowers, beans, peas, basil, coriander, sweet peas, potatoes and planted flower bulbs around the school grounds. Impeccable behaviour and teamwork by all involved and a special thank you to our parent helpers who gave their time for the afternoon to enhance the children's learning. Well done Year 2!





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



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support

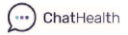
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Text a school nurse directly to talk about  
health or emotional wellbeing:  
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:  
**07507330510**  
or scan the QR code



If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our  
Lancashire ParentLine for support on:  
**07312263554**  
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