



# School Newsletter

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

**23.06.23**

Dear parents and carers,

## Attendance

Our attendance is currently running at about 96.5 %; we want to get that up to 97% before the end of the year, if we can. Our governors noticed, the week before last, that three different classes achieved 100% attendance. They were very impressed and asked me to pass on their congratulations to Y2, Y3 and Y5.

This year we are going to re-introduce attendance certificates for every child who has achieved 98% attendance with a special note for those who attained 100% attendance. Keep an eye out for those!



## Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2022/2023

W/E 23/06/2023



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 <sup>st</sup>	YEAR 4	97.25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	RECEPTION	97.02
3 <sup>rd</sup>	YEAR 6	96.61
4 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 5	96.51
5 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 2	96.42
6 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 3	96.35
7 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 1	95.63

No 100% attendance this week!

## Upcoming vacancy on the Governing Board

The governors asked me to give you advance notice of an election that will take place in October this year for the role of parent governor on the governing body. This following is a link from the LCC website which gives you further information on the role of governor.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/become-a-school-governor/#parent>

Kath Smith, the Chair of Governors, is one our long-serving foundation governors.

*I have been involved with St Mary's School since 1994 and I am currently Chair of Governors. My children went to the school and benefitted from an excellent education and a wealth of extra curricula activities.*

*As a parent, I was originally involved in setting up the After School Club and was encouraged to apply to become a foundation governor. I love my involvement with the school, and I believe that every child should have the chance to reach their full potential and deserve the best education we can provide for them. Being a governor is rewarding and I enjoy feeling part of a team who is working to improve the life chances of our children.*

### **Thomas Martland Maths Competition**

Miss Hesketh took a team of Y5 mathematicians to Holy Cross Catholic High School to compete in the prestigious Thomas Martland maths competition for local primary schools. Miss Hesketh reported that the team's attitude and behaviour was exemplary. They persevered in solving some very challenging problems and did very well overall – just not enough to claim the trophy this year. Congratulations to the winners, Sacred Heart. Thank you Holy Cross for organising and hosting, and thank you to Miss Hesketh for taking them along. Well done the maths team!

### **Y6 Retreat Day at St Joseph's**

Mrs Douglas, the headteacher at St Joseph's, invited the Y6 class of St Mary's and some other local Catholic schools to a retreat day. Mr Cahalin reported that it was great to see all the children from all the different schools getting together, getting to know each other, listening so intently to the speakers and behaving so well.

We were very impressed by the singing at Mass at the end of the day. Thank you to St Joseph's for organising and thank you to Mrs Holt and Mr Cahalin for taking the children along.

### **Quidditch Day**

Over the last few years Mr Hodge has arranged a wide variety of different sporting activities for the children including: a climbing wall, a skating rink, Kim ball, foot darts and so on. There's been something for everyone. On Monday, we had a first, and it really inspired the many *Harry Potter* fans at school. Children from Y1 to Y6 got to play games of Quidditch. They had a great and memorable day. Thank you Mr Hodge for organising.

### **Big Toddle**

As part of their health week activities this year, the EYFS children and staff (nursery and reception classes) took part in a *Big Toddle* for the Barnardo's charity. They completed a minimum of half a

mile – four laps of the track – dressed up as a variety of animals: zebras, cheetahs, lions, leopards, parrots and many more. They had a great time. Can I say a huge thank you to the parents and families who raised an incredible £710 for the Barnardo's charity. Thank you also to Miss Lewis for organising the event.

### **Goodbye and Good luck!**

This week we have had two members of the team leave. Miss Guest, who it seems has only just left us as a pupil, has been spending time in our nursery class as a teaching assistant as part of her studies. Everyone who has worked with her has been impressed with her hard work, willingness to learn and her natural talent for teaching the little ones. We wish her all the very best in her future studies and thank her for what she has done for the school and nursery.

The second member of our team to leave is Miss Dutton. Miss Dutton has been working alongside Mrs Cahalin in Year 1 as part of her teacher-training year with the Yarrow Schools Alliance. Miss Dutton joined us after the February half term break but her placement has just come to an end. We thank her for her hard work and dedication. She has also made a big impact on our learners. We wish her all the very best in her new job in her new school as a year 1 teacher starting in September.

Goodbye, good luck and come back and visit!

### **Bishop Tom Neylon visit to St Mary's**

We are being visited by Bishop Tom Neylon, Auxillary Bishop of Liverpool, on Monday. He will visit all our classes including our Y4 class, who this year received the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. As well as visiting the classes, he will join the infants for lunch in the hall.

### **The Wednesday Word**

The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach, which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families, in a unique way. This is a weekly Gospel 'gift' from the school to the child to take home, which then becomes a 'gift' from the child to the whole family.



It is downloadable from the school website here. [Wednesday Word | St. Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.wednesdayword.stmarys.lancs.sch.uk)

### **It's Mental - Family Wellbeing Festival - 24th June 2023 THIS WEEKEND!**

A letter from Tom Halstead, Community Engagement Officer, Chorley Borough Council

“The Family Wellbeing Festival is a large-scale event, targeting families of all ages. The aim is to get families spending time together outdoors, taking part in activities and workshops to help them understand how they can better manage



their wellbeing, to prevent them needing intervention from health services in the future. We hope to bring together a range of businesses, organisations, clubs and charities to provide information to attendees and to host tasks and activities for the families to take part in as taster sessions, whilst promoting their services and sessions and any volunteering opportunities they may have.”

Early bird tickets currently available - <https://www.itsmental.co.uk/familywellbeingfestival>

### Chorley School Sports Partnership – Summer Camps

Please see below details of this year’s CSSP summer camps



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# SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Ages 5 - 11 years

**£70 FOUR DAYS  
£20 SINGLE DAY**

**WEEK 1 – 31 JUL  
WEEK 2 – 7 AUG  
WEEK 3 – 14 AUG  
WEEK 4 – 21 AUG**

**CHORLEY ST PETERS**  
EAVES LANE, PR6 0DX

**CLAYTON LE WOODS**  
Back Lane, PR6 7EU

**HESKIN PEMBERTONS**  
Withington Lane, PR7 5LU

**9.30AM-3.00PM**

**CONTACT US**  
camp@chorleyssp.co.uk  
07306403255 / 01257449278

**JOIN US..**  
Monday to Thursday for 4 funfilled weeks , with lots of fun games, sports, arts and crafts, cooking and food education. A packed lunch with lots of water will be needed.

[www.chorleyssp.co.uk/holiday-events](http://www.chorleyssp.co.uk/holiday-events)



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# ATHLETICS SUMMER CAMP

Ages 5 - 15 years

**£70 FOUR DAYS  
£20 SINGLE DAY**

**MONDAY 14TH AUGUST – THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST**

**WESTWAY SPORTS HUB**  
Westway PR7 1FG

**9.30AM-3.00PM**

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## Tippy Toes – a note from Chorley Borough Council

Chorley Borough Council are working with Tippy Toes, the Good Food Clubs and Living Waters Storehouse to support Chorley families who are soon to be welcoming a new baby, or have a young child already.

There are a six pop-up shops from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> August where families can receive free items and advice. These are dotted around the borough to make it easier for families to get to. If a demand is identified through these pop-ups, we'll look to provide more in future.

We would like to invite lots of families who would benefit from the support and also reach local people or businesses who may be able to donate time or items. More details about TTBB can be found here [Home - TippyToes Baby Bank](#).



THE TEAM WILL BE ON HAND TO PROVIDE FREE:

- NAPPIES
- BABY WIPES
- FORMULA MILK
- BABY CLOTHES
- LABOUR BAGS
- SAFETY EQUIPMENT
- PRAMS
- ADVICE

**Baby Bank**

### Tippy Toes Chorley Pop Up Events

Come along 11am-noon on any of these dates:

- Wed 28 June - St Johns Parish Hall Coppull
- Mon 3 July - St Pauls Church Adlington
- Tue 25 July - St Joseph's Parish Centre Thornhill
- Fri 28 July - Clayton Brook Village Hall
- Thu 3 August - Buttermere Community Centre
- Tue 8 August - Living Waters Storehouse

WORKING TOGETHER & SUPPORTED BY CHORLEY COUNCIL

SVP Chorley Buddies We're Helping  
St Vincent de Paul Society  
the livingwaters

## SVP Chorley Buddies

The Chorley Buddies are doing some fantastic work around Chorley, I have been sent some information about the Good Food Clubs they are running around the Chorley area. If you or you know anyone who might benefit please contact them on the number below.






### SVP Chorley Buddies Good Food Clubs


Over 2 million tonnes of good food goes to landfill EACH YEAR...

Join the club that helps divert that food from landfill!

For just £5 per week, you will receive at **least** £25 worth of food of your choice.

£10 lifetime membership.

				
<b>Buttermere Community Centre</b> Chorley Runs every <b>Thursday</b> from 10:30am	<b>St John the Divine Parish Hall</b> Coppull Runs every <b>Wednesday</b> from 10:30am <b>Breakfast club 9-10am</b>	<b>St Joseph's Parish Centre</b> Thornhill Runs every <b>Tuesday</b> from 10:30am <b>Breakfast club 9-10am</b>	<b>St Paul's Church</b> Adlington Due to open <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> Will run every Monday from 10:30am <b>Breakfast club 9-10am</b>	<b>Clayton Brook Village Hall</b> Clayton-le-Woods Due to open <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> Will run every Friday from 10:30am

 **SVP Chorley Buddies**  
We're Helping  
01257 542 367

## Chorley & District Support for Ukraine

### Can you help?

As well as the ongoing need for:  
Clothing, Shoes, Toiletries, Baby Products,  
Blankets, Towels, Bedding, Food...

We are also collecting for:

#### *"Soldier Appeal"*

Razors, Tinned/Packet Soups, Wet Wipes,  
Thermal Underwear, Socks, Heat Pads.

#### *"Children Appeal"*

Colouring Books, Pens, Crayons, Sweets.

#### *"Medical Appeal"*

Bandages, Plasters, Paracetamol,  
Ibuprofen, Equipment, First Aid Kits.

#### *"On Yer Bike for Ukraine"*

Any bicycle of any condition.

You can find us at:

'Ukraine Unit', off Market Walk, Chorley,  
Lancashire, PR7 1FD.

Wednesdays 2-4pm & Saturdays 10am-12



Please check Facebook in advance for  
updates, new appeals, useful information, etc.



*Thank you for your continued support.*

We have been contacted by the charity, Chorley & District Support for Ukraine to ask if we could share the details below of their ongoing appeals in support of the people of Ukraine.

## 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>

### STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 23.06.23

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Sebastian B	some really fantastic listening this week Seb. Well done!
	YR	James M	his fantastic knowledge of oceans
	Y1	Brodie	always working hard and completing tasks to the best of her ability
	Y2	Ariana	making so many super contributions to our class discussions
	Y3	Charles R	working hard in maths all week (shapes and assessments).
	Y4	Faith H	always having a great attitude to learning and super score this week on her learn its challenge
	Y5	Noah	a wonderful effort during his decimals work involving problems
	Y6		

**Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?** Visit the YSA website [www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk](http://www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk) to find out more about what is on offer.

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Join our swimming lessons at one of our pools based in; Chorley, Preston and Clitheroe!

"Wonderful teachers and lovely venues"  
"my daughter **LOVES** her lessons"  
"I'd recommend them highly!"



Book before 1st March 2023 to receive your first lesson FREE!



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