



School Newsletter

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

24th November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We are at the halfway point in the long autumn second half term. The children are beginning to learn nativity songs and the lines in their performances, which will be upon us very shortly. See below for planned times and dates.

Christmas Performances: EYFS (nursery, reception), **KS1 (Ys 1 and 2)** and **KS2 (Ys 3, 4, 5 and 6)**

Monday 18th December:

- 0930 **KS1 performance**
- 1400 EYFS performance.
- 1800 **KS2 Christmas Performance at St Mary's Church**

Tuesday 19th December:

- 0930 EYFS performance
- 1800 **KS1 performance**



Christmas Fair

It is also very nearly time for the Christmas Fair. It takes place **Friday December 8th**. Preparations are going on behind the scenes. Father Christmas has been booked in to come and visit us. Thank you very much to our PTFA for all their hard work and planning.

Own clothes days



Next Friday, 01.12.23, we are having an own clothes day in exchange for voluntary donations of toys and chocolates for the tombola. And then on the following **Friday, 08.12.23**, we are having an own clothes day for voluntary donations to the bottle tombola.

I have been asked to ask you to save up any coins or notes to bring along on the night - thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair

Good news! We once again have the popular book fair in school. It will be running on the following dates:

Thursday 30th November, Friday 1st December, Monday 4th December and Tuesday 5th December in the Year 5 classroom from 3.20 to 3.40 p.m. Please access the fair via the Year 5 classroom door - not the main entrance. On these days, all gates will remain open until 3.50 p.m. to allow you to return to parked cars.

Ideally, all payments to be made online via a QR code on your mobile device but we can accept cash - we might just struggle for change!

Thank you as always for your support, this is an ideal time to look out for Christmas gifts.

Harriet Y6 – Baptism and First Holy Communion

It is a very special weekend for Harriet Mc in Y6. She is being baptised and is receiving her First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church. We wish her all the very best and we will keep her in our prayers this weekend.

Bill Staples

You may have read the news about local Chorley man, Bill Staples. He is Lancashire's oldest man and he is approaching his 108th birthday in a couple of weeks' time. Mrs O'Neil who works in our Breakfast Club used to look after him as part of her care work. Mrs O'Neil said he would love to receive any birthday cards from the children. We will make some class cards but if any children want to write one of their own, they can and they can send them into school.

<https://www.lep.co.uk/news/people/whittle-le-woods-man-william-wright-staples-believed-to-be-lancshires-oldest-man-and-will-be-108-in-december-4198804>

Bobbies On A Bauble

We have been asked to promote a Christmas art competition by Lancashire Constabulary. Bobbies on a bauble is a new art competition for primary school aged children in Lancashire. Attached is a template for the designs to go into and children can draw whatever they want, as long as it has a policing element in it (officer, car, dogs, horses, crest, checkered pattern etc). All entries will be printed out and put on our tree in the reception at HQ and the Chief will pick one winner and two runners up.

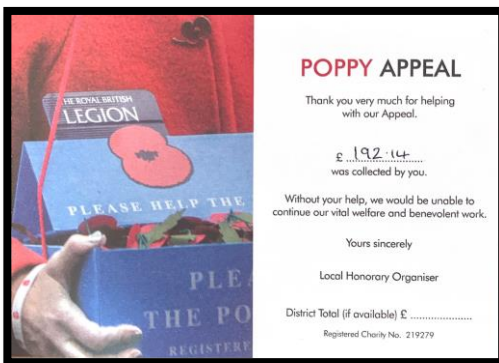
The winner will be featured in the Chief Constables Christmas e-card and they will win some arts and crafts goodies, a certificate and a £150 book voucher for their school. The runner ups will also get some arts and crafts goodies and a certificate too. The deadline to submit entries is Dec 6 at 23:59pm. Attached is the template and the T&Cs.

Sports News

Mr Hodge took a team of Y4s to represent St Mary's in the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership (CSSP) Glow Dodgeball competition. Dodgeball in the dark. It sounds like mayhem and it was, according to Mr Hodge – but good mayhem! The children had a fantastic evening. A big thank you to Mr Hodge for taking the children along for such a fantastic event and to the CSSP for organising.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023



Thank you all for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. Thanks to your kind generosity we raised £192.14. This contributes to a total of about £3000 from local schools. Thank you.

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

Thank you for your kind donations to the Ukraine Christmas Shoebox appeal which finished today.

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

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 24.11.23



| Class | Name | Star of the Week for ... |
|-------|------------|---|
| YN | Martha S | super singing of our nativity songs. |
| YR | Thomas J | speaking confidently in class and trying hard all week. |
| Y1 | Cleo | her excellent attitude to learning. Cleo has worked hard to improve her writing and is enjoying innovating the Zog story. |
| Y2 | Sam | setting a great example in class, always ready to learn and tries his best in everything he does. |
| Y3 | Finley N | being someone who can always be relied upon to work his hardest in maths. |
| Y4 | Alfie | his wonderful work all week in all lessons and for going out of his way to help others. |
| Y5 | Marnie | her superb participation in mathematics all week looking at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. |
| Y6 | Harriet Mc | great work and presentation in geography. |

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>

Attendance



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2023/2024 W/E 24.11.23



| 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 |

No **100%** class attendance award this week.

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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



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