



School Newsletter

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

19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

What's on at St Mary's school & nursery?

Parents and carers can view the school diary on the website to see what is happening and when. Amongst other things, you will find dates for the lunch menu weeks and library sessions as well as the after school activities, term dates and trips.

<https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/parents/online-school-diary>

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

I would like to say a big thank you to all the children and families that came to the special Mass last Sunday. It was so busy that the Church ran out of newsletters! Thank you also to Fr Marsden and Deacon Norman for celebrating. Thank you to all the children that came along and thank you to all those that performed various tasks. We had welcomers/ greeters giving out Mass books, we had children assisting the collectors, and children reading the readings and bidding prayers. A number of parishioners commented to me about how nice it was to see so many children there.

Good evening just writing to say the children's Mass on Sunday was absolutely superb; the pupils of St Mary's were superb as always ... fantastic!

It truly was a lovely mass and it made me quite emotional to see so many families had turned up to attend - long may it continue! The readers did really well - so confident for their age!

Our apologies for the lack of refreshments at the end; we will remedy that for next time! We look forward to doing something similar in the weeks to come. Keep an eye out.

It's Mental Family Wellbeing Festival Sunday the 16th of June 2024

One of our families is organising the Family Wellbeing Festival at Rivington this year; you may have seen the banners and posters dotted around Chorley. See leaflet attached to the newsletter for more details.


The Wellbeing Experience are organising the **Family Wellbeing Festival** which is taking over Rivington for the second year running, on Sunday the 16th of June 2024. We have a discounted family ticket for 2 adults and 2 junior tickets, and under 5s go free!

For more info and tickets please visit www.itsmental.co.uk/familywellbeingfestival

We'll have 10 zones featuring a range of activities, speakers and workshops where the whole family can take part in new activities, learn new skills, find new hobbies, learn more about volunteering and community projects, but most importantly to make sure they feel supported with their physical and mental health. We know that prevention is better than cure, meaning that helping people at the earliest opportunity means they are less likely to head for any crisis situations, even if they do not feel they need support in that moment they will have the knowledge and skills to access support if they should need it in the future.

We'll also be announcing **The Family Adventure Challenge** very soon! The challenge gives families the opportunity to work as a team and showcase their resilience whilst tackling the water, air and land activities, with 3 entry points to suit all ages. They are also able to use this challenge to raise money for a good cause, too!

Star of the Week 26.04.24



Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Mila	super letter formation in her phonics
YR	Chloe	always trying hard with phonics
Y1	Zara	showing great enthusiasm in our new topics (especially DT, English and science) which have inspired her to try fruit for the first time
Y2	Caitlin	fabulous answers in mathematics
Y3	Myka	wonderful enthusiasm and behaviour on the Chester <i>Romans</i> trip.
Y4	Lydia	her wonderful poem about Ancient Egypt
Y5	Michael	a superb effort during our unit of work in mathematics linked to decimals, fractions and percentages, as well as achieving full marks in the end of unit assessment.
Y6	Charlie	a great explanation text about the Viking Invasion.

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.

The Live Simply Snake

Look out for the Live Simply Snake which has appeared and is growing down the path from the Walgarth Drive entrance. There's a little sign next to it with more information about it.

In January 2024, the school pupils and staff made **pledges** to try to make our world a better place to be. Ideas ranged from planting trees to recycling, visiting elderly relatives to giving up some screen time from devices. So, how are we doing?

For every time that you remember to do, your '**pledge**', add a rock (painted or plain) to show how much our love and care grows! How long do you think that we can make this Live Simply Snake? Let's see!

Mr Hodge

Sports News

CSSP Invasion games festival

Mrs Banwell took a group of Y4 children to experience a festival of invasion games, this week. They learned how to weave, dodge and feint to invade spaces. These are the fundamental skills and strategies involved in team games like netball, basketball, rugby and football. Mrs Banwell reported that the children had a great time and showed wonderful enthusiasm and behaviour. Thank you Mrs Banwell for taking them along.

CSSP Netball

Miss Hesketh and Mrs Blackwell took the St Mary's netball team to the CSSP netball league competition after school yesterday. The conditions were a lot drier than last week! The results were as follows:

St Mary's v St Peter's - we won 2- 0
St Mary's v Heskin - we lost 0-4
St Mary's v Trinity - we lost 0-4
St Mary's v Coppull Parish - we won 6 - 0

Miss Hesketh reported that the behaviour and attitude of the children were exemplary. Well done netball squad and thank you to Miss Hesketh and Mrs Blackwell for coaching them and taking them along.

Y3 Trip to Chester

Mr Hodge, the Y3 team and a group of parent volunteers took our Y3 children to visit Chester yesterday to enhance their study of the *Romans* in Britain. They visited the town's historic walls, the ruins of the amphitheatre and the museum. They even found some time for some Roman army battles and to march around like Roman soldiers. The torrential downpour they experienced during

their walkabout did not dampen their spirits! Mr Hodge said that the children had a great time and got a great deal from their visit. They were able to make links at the site with their learning gained in the classroom. Well done Y3!

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.

Reception September 2024 places

We still have some places for our reception class in September, so if you know of anyone moving into the area and looking for a place in a Catholic school for September, please let them know. Sometimes families move into the area and are surprised the school is here because it is tucked away.

Lancashire Schools Music Service Special Music Events

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.lancshiremushub.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.lancshiremushub.co.uk/site/events/percussion-day/>



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

2023/2024 W/E 26.04.24



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 5	97.17
2nd	YEAR 1	97.08
3rd	YEAR 6	96.97
4th	YEAR 3	96.58
5th	YEAR 2	95.89
6th	RECEPTION	95.20
7th	YEAR 4	94.80

Well done **Reception** class on your **100%** attendance this week!

Messages from the school office:

- There will be an increase in the cost of school meals from September 2024 to £2.70 per day.

- We had a complaint from a neighbour about some inconsiderate parking which caused damage to a resident's car's wing mirror.

School grounds

Dear all,

One of our (grand) parental volunteers Maureen, is making tremendous progress in our school gardens. She comes on a Monday afternoon and has been working hard to remove weeds and tidy up the borders. She has also been kind enough to visit local shops & garden centres asking for donations of plants etc on behalf of the school. She is hoping that some of our 'crafty' parents may be able to knit/crochet/sew some bunting to brighten up the outdoor areas. Any donations of plants/gardening equipment etc would also be much appreciated.

If you are able to help in any way and especially if you're able to join forces with her and do an hour or two of gardening on a Monday afternoon - it would be very much appreciated.

Please let me know if you are able to assist her or are able to donate any items/bunting/plants.

Kind regards, Mrs Wilson, School Business Manager

Chorley Catholic Community Annual Festival - Sunday 8th September 1pm - 5pm, St Gregory's Church, Weldbank, Chorley

Mr Paul McBeth the organiser of the *Chorley Catholic Community Annual Festival* has written to us to give advance notice of this year's event in September on Sunday 8th September 1pm - 5pm at St Gregory's Church, Weldbank, Chorley

He asked us to let you know about and offer you an official invitation to take part this year. It would be good to know if you want to take part. If interested, could you reply to cnocl@hotmail.com please? It's the same format as last year - you get a double gazebo but have to supply a table(s) and chairs.

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



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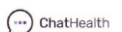
Text a school nurse directly to talk about health or emotional wellbeing:
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:
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If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our Lancashire ParentLine for support on:
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