



School Newsletter

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

26.05.23

Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of the first summer half-term. We hope the children have a good break over the next week and enjoy the sunshine that is forecast. We return to school on Monday 5th June ready for the final half term of the school year.

Trips

Hothersall Lodge Residential Visit 17-19 May

The Y6s had a wonderful experience last week on their residential trip to Hothersall Lodge near Ribchester and Longridge. The weather was very kind and the children threw themselves wholeheartedly into all the various activities: canoeing, climbing, tree climbing, team challenges, zip wire, orienteering, and hiking. They packed a lot in! The Hothersall staff were full of praise for the children as were the St Mary's staff. Well done to Mr Cahalin for all his preparation and planning and thanks to Mrs Bradley and Mrs Blackwell for looking after the children over the three days and making sure they had a trip to remember. Well done Y6 boys and girls on a very successful visit – you can be very proud of yourselves!

Year 5 library trip on Monday



Miss Hesketh took her Y5 class to visit Chorley Library on Monday. The visit was a huge success; it is safe to say that the children were inspired. And, just since Monday several children have actually returned to browse and to borrow books.

Thank you Chorley Library and thank you Miss Hesketh!

Year 1 Class Collective Worship

The Year 1 class treated us to a wonderful class assembly on Wednesday morning. They shared with us the learning that they have been enjoying in RE over recent weeks about *Holidays and Holy Days*. They talked to us about the Feast of Pentecost in particular. They read clearly and they sang beautifully; I think parents and grandparents were very proud – as were Mrs Cahalin, Mrs Dutton, Mrs Grayken and Miss Roby. Well done to the children and well done to staff for preparing them so well! And a big thank you to family members who turned up to support.

Reception New Intake Meeting

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed the parents and carers of the children starting St Mary's reception class in September. Mrs Ainscough and Mrs Cassidy shared information with the parents and carers to help ensure that their children make the best start to their school career as possible. Thank you very much to parents and carers for coming along; I hope you found the session useful. A big thank you to the staff who stayed behind too especially: Mrs Ainscough, Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Hargreaves and Miss Hesketh.

Hockey Tournament

The St Mary's Hockey team, made up of Y5 children, attended the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership's hockey competition over the last two Thursday evenings. A big thank you to Mrs Cahalin for taking them – she reported that the children played superbly well against some very strong opponents. Last night, after a tough opening match, they went on to win their final three games finishing seventh overall – a super achievement – well done all!

Islam Faith Day with Samina

As part of our RE curriculum we study faiths other than Catholicism. On Thursday this week, we welcomed a guest visitor, Samina. She taught our children about her faith, Islam. The children listened attentively and Mr Hodge said they asked intelligent questions and took part in some very interesting learning activities. Samina fed back to him about how impressed she was with the children's engagement and behaviour. Well done to all the children and thank you to Mr Hodge for organising.

Goodbye and good luck to Miss Lang and Mr Farnworth

Miss Lang

We say a fond farewell to Miss Lang who has looked after and taught about six classes of nursery children. She joined us as a sixteen-year-old apprentice and learned with the best! All of our nursery staff who have worked with her sing her praises about what a wonderful nursery assistant she has become. She leaves us to begin a teaching degree next term. We all wish her the very best in her studies full of confidence that she will make an excellent teacher. Goodbye and good luck Miss Lang!

Mr Farnworth

We say a fond farewell too, to Mr Farnworth, our site supervisor. He has been with us only a relatively short time, since October 2021. In that time he, like Ms Lang has become a highly valued team member. He has got a new job closer to home. We wish him all the very best in his new role

and thank him for taking care of our school building and grounds. Goodbye and good luck, Mr Farnworth!

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

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.

CHORLEY #1	CHORLEY #2	CHORLEY #3	CHORLEY #4	CHORLEY #5
Buttermere Community Centre Chorley Runs every Thursday from 10:30am	St John the Divine Parish Hall Coppull Runs every Wednesday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am	St Joseph's Parish Centre Thornhill Runs every Tuesday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am	St Paul's Church Adlington Due to open Monday 17th April Will run every Monday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am	Clayton Brook Village Hall Clayton-le-Woods Due to open Friday 5th May Will run every Friday from 10:30am

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We're Helping
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It's Mental - Family Wellbeing Festival - 24th June 2023

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 & 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.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

2022/2023 19.05.23



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	RECEPTION	97.31
2 nd	YEAR 4	97.08
3 rd	YEAR 6	96.69
4 th	YEAR 3	96.47
5 th	YEAR 5	96.25
6 th	YEAR 2	96.25
7 th	YEAR 1	95.81

Last week's results above. Last week **Y2 and Y4 had 100%** attendance and this week **Y4** have done it again with another full turn out. Well done Y4 – can you keep this streak going until the end of the year?

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 26.05.23

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Sophie F	her fantastic contributions this week in her Come and See RE lessons.
YR	Evie W	lots of effort and completing lots of challenges
Y1	Tess	her beautiful handwriting and her independent innovation of the <i>Supertato</i> story
Y2	Gabriella	working so hard in her English, improving her handwriting, trying with her CE words and a great writing task.
Y3	Thea	a lovely effort with her new Boudicca story.
Y4	Johnathan	an amazing poem about summer using a range a poetic features
Y5	Sebastian	writing an exciting playscript in the style of Oliver Twist.
Y6	William	a wonderful diary about a day at Hothersall Lodge

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher? Visit the YSA website www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk to find out more about what is on offer.

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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