



# School Newsletter

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

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## NEU Industrial Action 01.02.23

School will be open as normal on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

## Volunteer needed!

Could you, or anyone you know, spare 30 minutes at the start of the school day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Year 3? We are looking for someone to come in and change the children's reading books. We would be able to show you exactly what needs doing. If you can help, please let the school office know on 01257 262811 or via email: [office@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk). Many thanks!

## St Mary's Nursery Places

Thank you for the excellent response we have had to the questionnaire Mrs Wilson sent out last week. It is great to learn how much the nursery is valued it is by parents. If you are interested in a place for your child or if you know someone else who is, please direct them to Mrs Wilson in the school office via email: [office@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk) or call 01257 262811. Thank you.



## Parents' Evenings – spring term

By now you will have received information regarding the spring term parents' evenings planned for the evenings of **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note that the nursery class are holding meetings on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and not Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. If, for any reason, you have not received this information, please contact the school office.

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2023 – 27 January 2023

The junior classes (KS2) came together for a Holocaust Memorial Day memorial collective worship this morning. We gathered around the oak tree presented to the school by the Association of Jewish Refugees in November 2021. We thought about the refugees who fled Nazi Europe. We heard the

story of one survivor, Ziggy Schipper. He survived Auschwitz and the Nazi death march as a 14 year old boy to be reunited with his mother in England in 1947. He died on his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday last week. Ziggy lived by the words of Psalm 34, **Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.** We remembered the victims of the holocaust and prayed that we stay alert and work together so that nothing like it happens again.

### St Mary's loves reading!

Our infant classes were visited today by another one of our volunteer readers, Mr Simpson, Vice-Chair of Governors. The children loved listening to the stories that he read to them. Nursery heard, *The Gruffalo*; reception class heard, *Jack and the FlumFlum Tree*; Year 1 heard *That Pesky Rat*, and Year 2 heard a chapter of *Marv and the Mega Robot*. Thanks Mr Simpson for your time and efforts today!



Thank you to all of our volunteer readers; the children are really enjoying the range of visitors and voices. If anyone is interested, and would like to come and read to the children, please let us know at the office.

### Daily Mile Track

A couple of summers ago, as many of you will know, we had our daily mile track installed. It has been really well used and is a well-loved addition to the school facilities. Mr Hodge would like to open up its use to parents at pick-up and drop-off time, if they so wish. Please see poster attached.

### School Attendance



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



W/E 27/01/2023

| CURRENT POSITION | CLASS     | CURRENT % |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | YEAR 4    | 97.07     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | YEAR 6    | 96.69     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | RECEPTION | 96.41     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | YEAR 5    | 96.30     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | YEAR 2    | 96.19     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | YEAR 3    | 96.00     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | YEAR 1    | 95.25     |

No 100% attendance this week.

### Reception and Nursery 'Stay and Play' sessions

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents and family members who joined us in the 'Stay and Play' sessions this week. They were a great success! I am sure you found them as enjoyable as we did, and I know the children loved you being there. I am sure you gained a good sense of how learning takes place in the Early Years. A big 'thank you' too, to the reception and nursery staff for putting the sessions on.

### Year 2 Trip to the Liverpool Maritime Museum

The Y2 class had a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the Liverpool Maritime Museum on Wednesday in support of their learning about the events surrounding the sinking of the *Titanic*. They have learned so much in this topic. One piece of knowledge that seems to have stuck with them is the account of the head baker on the ship, Charles Joughin! Thank you to the staff, Mrs Ayres, Mrs Garrett, Mrs Bradley and Ms Roby for taking them and thank you to all the volunteers for coming along to help.

### February Half Term Activity Club Chorley Schools Partnership (CSSP)

**AGES 5-11 YEARS**

**WE ♥ SPORT!**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP**

**14TH - 16TH FEBRUARY**  
• 9.30am to 3pm •

**£20 PER DAY OR £50 FOR 3!**

**ENJOY INDOOR & OUTDOOR SPORTS • GAMES • CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

A packed lunch with lots of water will be required & we recommend that children wear trainers & dress for the weather as activities may be outside.

**TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT:**  
[www.chorleyssp.co.uk/holiday-events](http://www.chorleyssp.co.uk/holiday-events)

For more information call Micaela Brindle on:  
**07306 403255 / 01257 449278**  
or email: [camp@chorleyssp.co.uk](mailto:camp@chorleyssp.co.uk)

**Chorley**   
SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

**Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School**  
Brooke Street, Chorley, Lancashire, PR6 0LB

Please see the poster regarding the half term activity club being run by the CSSP in the February half-term break at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School.

Details of how to book on are included.

### Message from Friends of Adlington Library

*Dear Head Teacher,*

*We are doing two craft sessions during half term.*

*We are doing 2 because not all Adlington schools have the same half term dates.*

*Please can you pass on the details of the event to your pupils and their families.*

*Thank you.*

*Regards,*

*Caroline Hesketh  
Friends of Adlington Library*

### **Curious about faith? #TryAlpha**

The Alpha Course is up and running, in case you missed it. It takes place at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Harpers Lane, Chorley PR6 0HR each Thursday from 19th January 2023, 7:00pm - 9:00pm Join Up @ Eventbrite (Search Chorley Catholic Community Alpha Series 2)

For more information, call 01257 542324

## **Free School Meals – Are you missing out?**

Find out if you are eligible and find out how to apply – follow this link.

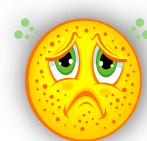
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

### **Unavoidable School Closures**

In the event of a very heavy snowfall and the need to close the school, we will inform you via the *GroupCall* text, announcements on the local radio and via the school website.

### **Health and Safety Reminder – sickness and/ or diarrhoea**

This is the time of year when there are more bugs and germs around than usual. If your child does become ill with **sickness or diarrhoea**, the guidance for schools from Public Health England gives a minimum recommended absence from school of 48 **hours**. This is to limit the spread of the bug around school. Thank you.



### **Strep A/ Scarlet Fever**

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please advise parents to contact their GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.


If a child has scarlet fever, advise they stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Parents/ Carers should trust their own judgement and if their child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- a child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when a child breathes
- a child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- a child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

**How to help prevent Strep A?** To prevent the spread of Strep A, UKHSA advises children, young people and staff to implement good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.  
bad weather. Thank you for your understanding.

#### STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 27.01.23

|  | Class | Name          | Star of the Week for ...  |
|--|-------|---------------|---|
|  | YN    | Sebastian     | working really hard in maths talking about positional language.                     |
|  | YR    | Coby          | answering lots of questions, trying hard and always being willing to have a go.     |
|  | Y1    | Nevaeh        | always trying her best in her work and listening well                               |
|  | Y2    | All of Year 2 | showing themselves to be St Mary's very best during our trip to the Maritime Museum |
|  | Y3    | Penny         | hard work and effort but also answering lots of questions in class                  |
|  | Y4    | Eliza         | her effort in all areas of the curriculum and her excellent times tables knowledge  |
|  | Y5    | Brooke        | an excellent story set in the rainforest with links to deforestation                |
|  | Y6    | Filip         | an excellent newspaper recount of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls             |

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**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.