



School Newsletter

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

28.03.25

Dear parents and carers,

Y3 Stay and Pray, Tuesday 1st April at 0900.

Mr Hodge is inviting parents and carers of children in Y3 to join them in a prayer and liturgy session in the school hall on Tuesday 1st April, at 0900. The children will be leading the prayer and liturgy and will be sharing some of the work that they have been doing in their RE. They will also be performing a song, which they have learned. It starts at 0900 and will finish by 0925, at the latest.

Reception Trip to Blackpool Zoo

Our Reception class are very excited to be going on their trip to Blackpool Zoo next Wednesday. I think that they are going to enjoy a fabulous day out seeing all the different animals, some of whom they have been writing about and drawing in school. Thank you to all our volunteer helpers for coming along too. The weather forecast looks very promising!

Fr Marsden – Stations of the Cross

Fr Marsden visited Y5 and Y6 children this afternoon to talk to them about the Stations of the Cross. The children listened beautifully as Father spoke to them about Jesus' journey to Calvary and the key moments on that journey. It has helped them prepare for the celebration of Easter in a couple of weeks' time.

Y4 First Confessions

On Monday afternoon, the children in the Y4 sacramental class will be receiving their First Confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will build on the work that they did this week in class on the Clouds and Rainbows with Kinga Grzeczynska.

Parent/ Carer Questionnaire

Please look out for the Parent/ Carer Questionnaire that has gone out this afternoon. It is very helpful in letting us know what you think we do well and areas in which you think we could do even better. We would greatly appreciate your time and consideration in completing it.

The feedback from the last year's questionnaire was extremely positive; parents and carers said that were proud of our school and overwhelmingly agreed that your children enjoy coming to school and

feel safe here, that the behaviour is good, that they are taught well, that they experience a wide and varied curriculum and that you are happy with the religious education and Catholic life of the school. We take on board your feedback and comments to help us to improve what we do. Thank you.

Last year you indicated that you thought that there were '*Too many forms of communication: Dojo, emails, texts, paper in bags, Seesaw, newsletter.*' We listened and we have reduced the number of ways we communicate.

Good Shepherd Appeal 2025

The Good Shepherd appeal is drawing to a close and the fundraising has now come to an end. I would like to say a huge thank you to the children for their efforts in the cake sale and in designing and making games and activities and of course for spending their money on these things and the disco. And, thank you to the parents and carers for supporting with the finances! Another big thank you to the staff for their time and effort in organising all the events above.



Next Thursday we will celebrate the success of the appeal with the annual Good Shepherd Talent Show which I know the children are very excited about.

I will share the final total in the next newsletter.

Tax-free childcare

One of our governors shared some information with me last year to pass on to parents and carers - here is a reminder, in case your circumstances have changed.:

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. You can use Tax-Free Childcare for: childminders, nurseries and nannies and after school clubs and play schemes. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2024/2025 w/e 28.03.25



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 6	98.38
2nd	YEAR 3	97.57
3rd	YEAR 1	97.52
4th	YEAR 2	97.44
5th	YEAR 4	97.32
6th	YEAR 5	96.84
7th	RECEPTION	96.15

We have suffered a little with illness this week and our attendance has dipped slightly from 97.6% to 97.4% However, Y3 can celebrate this week with **100%** attendance – well done Y3!

Star of the Week 28.03.25

Class		Name	Star of the week for... Value of the week for showing value of celebrate Dojo Champion
Nursery	s	Teddie	Super use of new capacity vocabulary
	v	Ella	Celebrating the success of others
	Dojo	Millie	
R	s	Anais	For fantastic landscape picture in Art
	v	Amaya	For always supporting and celebrating the achievements of others
	Dojo	Gloria	
Y1	s	Eden	Adding detail to his writing about Debi Giori
	v	Paisley	Celebrating when others succeed
	Dojo	Brody Archie G	
Y2	s	Jesse	For amazing ideas and writing in English
	v	Millie	For always supporting and celebrating the achievements of others
	Dojo	Billey	
Y3	s	Sienna	Confident reading of the class novel
	v	Madison	Always celebrates others successes
Y4	s	Luke S	For his wonderful non-chronological report on Japan.
	v	Freddie	For celebrating the achievements of others.
Y5	s	James E	For his enthusiasm and understanding of 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret'.
	v	Charlie W	For always acknowledging and celebrating the achievements and successes of his peers.
Y6	s	Johnathan	Maths work on and angles and circles
	v	Victoria	Celebrating every bodies auditions for the GSTS

EASTER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH - THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM AT ST MARY'S:

- Maundy Thursday 17th: 19.00 The Lord's Supper – with watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 21.30. Confessions after Mass.
- Good Friday 18th: 10.30 Stations of the Cross. 15.00 The Passion of the Lord. Confessions follow as required.
- Holy Saturday 19th: 12.00 Paschal Food blessing for the Polish and then the Ukrainian communities. Confessions. 20.15 – Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection.
- Easter Sunday 20th April: 09.30 – Mass with Little Church.
- Divine Mercy Service: Sunday 27th April 15.00 Sacred Heart Chorley. Chaplet and Mass.

PTFA future dates

PTFA Meeting - Tuesday 29th April - time to be confirmed

Ladies Party Night - Friday 27th June - St Mary's Parish Centre

Best wishes, Patrick Smyth 28.03.25

Chorley Brownies – a number of our girls attend this Brownies group and I have been asked to publicise the group by a parent who says, *'it is the only Brownies group around this side of Chorley and is a great group.'*

This is what we like about
OUR Brownie pack

Fun - Friends - Make things - Kind leaders - Play games - Earn badges - Make new Friends
Come and join us - everyone is welcome
8th Chorley Trinity

Brownies

8th Chorley Trinity Brownies
We meet at Chorley Methodist Church on a Wednesday

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.


girlguiding

To find out more phone, text or Whatsapp Liz on 07906 467089

CSSP Easter Holidays Sports Camp

EASTER SPORTS CAMP

7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL



Two venues, twice the fun... UV football, archery, gymnastics, dodgeball, golf and more.

We can't wait to see you at our Easter holiday camp. If you require any help with bookings or simply have any questions please email, j.milner@chorleyssp.co.uk.

For **HAF** bookings, a school issued code will be sent for you to book your place through 'Holiday Activities'. If you have any system issues please email, support@holidayactivities.com.



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www.chorleyssp.co.uk

CHORLEY
SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Ages
5-11

10AM
- 2PM

**EASTER
SPORTS CAMP**
7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL
£15 A DAY OR £55 ALL FOUR DAYS

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EASTER CRAFTS



ON THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

**9.45am to 10.45am or
11am to 12pm**

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MAKE AND DECORATE
PLUS**

AN EASTER EGG HUNT

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Compass Bloom Mental Health & Wellbeing for children – parent referral details below

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

We offer a free and confidential service supporting children and young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs. We work with schools and colleges throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston and West Lancs.

Are you the parent/carer of a young person who is experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or low mood?

This could look like:



FEELING
WORRIED



STRUGGLING
TO
SLEEP



WITHDRAWAL
FROM FAMILY,
FRIENDS
AND/OR USUAL
ACTIVITIES



STRUGGLING TO
CONCENTRATE



TEARFUL

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE YOUR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON WE CAN HELP!

If your young person attends one of our 63 schools we can offer a consultation with one of our friendly practitioners.

They can offer you advice, guidance and signposting to support you to support your child/young person.

To complete our consultation form Scan our QR Code or type in the web address below into your web browser.

<https://forms.office.com/e/x1asaVTeTL>



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