



# School Newsletter

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

**28.04.23**

**Dear parents and carers,**

It is a bit of an unusual few weeks coming up with a few school closures. It is bank holiday on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. We are then closed for polling day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May; the teachers are using this day for INSET and then the next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May we are closed again for the coronation bank holiday. The week after that our Y6s are doing their SATs tests.

## **Polling Day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Just a reminder St Mary's is closed to children next **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** as the school is used a polling station in the local elections.

## **School Coronation Day - Friday 5th May 2023**

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May, school will be holding our very own **Coronation Day on Friday 5th May**. Children can wear their own clothes with the **colours red, white and/or blue in mind**. Throughout the day, the children will complete various activities in their class, and we will be having a whole school crown parade.

### ***Design a crown competition:***

We are asking all classes if they would like to design and make at home their own crown to wear on the day (this is optional). As it is a competition, you should try to be as creative and imaginative as possible. A prize will be awarded to the winning crown entry in each class from Nursery through to Year 6. Please bring your crown to wear on our Coronation Themed Day Friday 5th May. The winner will be announced in awards assembly at the end of the day. *We look forward to seeing your entries. Good luck!*



## **Nursery Open Day 22<sup>nd</sup> April 10am – 12pm**

We had a successful drop-in session last Saturday morning. Thanks to the parents and children who popped in to take a look around and thanks to the staff and governors who came along to support. If you know any parents with young ones looking for a place at a nursery next September or January, please let them know about St Mary's nursery.

### **Y3 Trip to Chester (Deva)**

Mr Hodge and Mrs McGeown took the Y3 children to Chester yesterday to enrich their learning and knowledge about Roman Britain. The children and Mr Hodge said it was a fantastic visit. They were led around the Roman Chester walls by an expert guide. Mr Hodge took them to the amphitheatre. They battled like gladiators and marched like Roman soldiers 'Sin, dex, sin, dex ...' – ask the children for the Latin to English translation. Thank you to all the parents and helpers who accompanied the children on the visit; I hope you enjoyed the visit too.

### **Reception and Nursery educational visits Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

The children in nursery and reception are excited about their trips out of school next week: the nursery class are off to Smithill's Farm in Bolton and the reception class are off to Blackpool Zoo. Thank you to the staff for their careful planning and preparation and to the volunteers who are accompanying the children on the visits. Thank you.

### **Spelling Bee Y4**

Mrs Cooper took a group of Y4s to compete in the Holy Cross spelling bee for the local Catholic primary schools. The children were required to stand on stage, hold a microphone and spell some very challenging words including: necessary, occasionally, diamond amongst others. Mrs Cooper was struck by the children's courage and resilience under pressure and was incredibly proud of all of them. Well done to the team and a big thank you to Mrs Cooper for taking them along.

### **KS2 Gardening Club at lunchtimes**



Over the last couple of weeks Mrs Southern has led a KS2 lunchtime gardening club with an enthusiastic group of young gardeners. The children have been very busy tidying and weeding the planters and plant areas around the KS2 yard. They've done a great job and it's looking much, much smarter. Thank you to Mrs Southern and her green-fingered team. They are now looking to do a bit of planting.

### **Plant Plea!**

We are putting out a plea for any donations for plants to go in the school garden areas around our school. If you are able to help by donating any plants or compost at all to school, we would be very grateful and if you can help, please bring all donations to outside the Year 5 classroom or outside your child's classroom and let a member of staff know.

### **Money Matters with Brian Souter – learning money lessons for life**

For many years, Brian Souter has been coming into work with our Y5s and Y6s and giving them an excellent education around money matters. He told me this week that he has now taught three generations of the same family; he has taught Jack in Y5, Jack's dad and Jack's grandad – a pretty impressive feat. He was particularly impressed with our Y5s this week and sent this message to Miss Hesketh, *'Your class were wonderful in every way--a delight to be with--great learning.'*

## 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](https://www.chochleystmarys.lancls.sch.uk/Wednesday-Word) [chorleystmarys.lancls.sch.uk](https://www.chochleystmarys.lancls.sch.uk)

## Lancashire Music Service's Jazz Day 2023, 13<sup>th</sup> May

Please see below a message and information about Lancashire Music Service's Jazz Day 2023.

*Dear colleagues,*

*I hope this finds you well. After the success of all of our instrument days this year we culminate next month with the fantastic Jazz Day 2023!*

*This was a massive success last year with young people from across the county joining workshops that feature members of our big bands and Street Band as well as small band classes and work on improvisation.*

<https://www.lancashiremusicshub.co.uk/site/events/jazz-day-2023/>



*We really appreciate all the support in making sure as many young people as possible attend our instrument days! Please advise schools, pupils and private teaching colleagues of the day! We hope to make this year the best year ever!*

## Volunteer Readers at Church

Kinga Grzeczynska, St Mary's Parish Administrator, has asked me to ask you if there any parents or members of our school community who would like to read at the 10 am Mass at St Mary's. Please contact Kinga at the parish office – see parish newsletter for contact details.

## Sacramental Class Parents/ Carers Meeting

Next Tuesday at 6pm there will be a Zoom meeting for parents and carers of children receiving their First Holy Communion in June at St Mary's. Details have been separately, if for whatever reason you have not received them, please contact the school office.

## 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.

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



**SVP Chorley Buddies**  
*We're Helping*  
01257 542 367

## 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, St Mary's Attendance League

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CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	RECEPTION	97.19
2nd	YEAR 4	96.94
3rd	YEAR 3	96.63
4th	YEAR 6	96.56
5th	YEAR 5	96.12
6th	YEAR 2	96.09
7th	YEAR 1	95.81

Congratulations to the **reception class** for their **100%** attendance this week for the second week in succession!

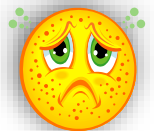
### Free School Meals – Are you missing out?

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>

### Health & Safety Notices Sickness and/ or diarrhoea

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.



### STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 28.04.23

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Brionie-Rose	her enthusiasm and fantastic contribution to class discussion this week.
YR	Arthur	fantastic contributions to our animal topic
Y1	Ruby F	showing good improvement and increased fluency in her reading
Y2	Arthur	amazing Historical writing on Queen Elizabeth II's coronation
Y3	WHOLE CLASS	super behaviour and effort on the Chester Romans Trip yesterday.
Y4	Joseph R	excellent improvement in his handwriting and spelling
Y5	Faith	superb participation in our Money Matters lesson with Mr Suitor.
Y6	Phoebe	a great explanation text about the Viking invasion of England.

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.

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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](mailto:r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk) for more information