



School Newsletter

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

31.01.25

Dear parents and carers,

Unavoidable School Closures

In the unlikely 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.

Parents' Evenings

The spring term parents' evenings have been planned for the evenings of Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. Details on how to book have been released and booking is open.

Y4 Glow Dodgeball

Mr Hodge took a team of enthusiastic dodgeballers from Y4 to compete in the *CSSP Glow Dodgeball Festival* on Wednesday after the school. The children and Mr Hodge said it was absolutely fantastic – it might be Mr Hodge's favourite event ever, he said. The children were very well behaved, demonstrated all the St Mary's PRIDE sporting principles: Participation, Respect, Inclusion, Develop and Encourage and had a wonderful time. Thank you Mr Hodge for taking them along!

Health and Safety

Just a couple of reminders...

Staff Car Park

Nearly everyone sticks to this rule anyway but for those that do not know about, please do not use the footpath in the staff car park for bringing children into or home from school. It is not safe with vehicles entering and leaving the car park at those times. Instead, please use the ginnel that goes from Hornchurch Drive to Warton Place and enter the infant playground that way. Alternatively, please use the Walgarth Drive entrance.

And... please do not park in the staff car park it is for staff and disabled access only.

Parking on Walgarth at drop-off and pick up

I have had a complaint from a parent about people parking at the bus stop on Walgarth Drive, forcing the bus into the middle of the road and making it dangerous for children getting on or off the bus. Please park further up the road, thank you.

Threadworm

We have had a case of threadworm in Y2. It is quite a common infection and we have re-emphasised the need for good hand hygiene with the class, especially after use of the toilet. And we will have a deeper clean on those toilets. For more information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/> .

Online Safety Newsletter

Please see the February edition of the online safety newsletter attached separately.

Online Safety parent and carer session link

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the online safety briefing for parents and carers on Wednesday. For those unable to make the meeting, as promised, here is the link to the recording and presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BxcZWQ4XcUonNO8C1v-auZq65-AZx9gH?usp=sharing>

There is also embedded a copy of the video on our website for those who would prefer to watch it via a browser or share this link:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-session-jan-2025/>

Football Coaching – a message from Vinnie from Chorley FC Community Foundation

Good afternoon everyone,

I hope you are all doing well. Here at CFCCF, we are excited to announce that we will be running our popular half term soccer school once again. Attached to this newsletter, you will find a flyer with all the details.

Vinnie Thomson
Community Projects Manager
Chorley FC Community Foundation

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 31.01.25



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 6	98.30
2nd	YEAR 1	97.59
3rd	YEAR 2	97.54
4th	YEAR 3	97.30
5th	YEAR 4	97.16
6th	YEAR 5	97.01
7th	RECEPTION	96.31

No 100% attendance this week.

Our overall school attendance currently stands at 97.4%, a little bit down on last week but we have had quite a bit of illness in school this week.

Star of the Week 31.01.25

Class	Name	Star of the week for... Value of the week for showing value of integrity Dojo Champion
Nursery	s Otilie	Being a super helpful friend
	v Olsen	Honesty and fairness with friends and adults
	Dojo Romee	
R	s Amara	For super reading and spelling in phonics
	v Chidiogo	For her honesty and following the rules correctly
	Dojo Oscar	
Y1	s Seb	For working hard in phonics all work
	v Eleanor	For doing the right thing even when no one is watching
	Dojo Marnie	

Y2	s	Ewan	Exemplary behaviour for learning
	v	Keeley	Always being honest and trustworthy
	Dojo	Jacob	
Y3	s	Caitlin	Super improvement with her writing.
	v	Nevaeh	Always deals with situation in class with integrity.
Y4	s	Freddie	For his wonderful writing assessment.
	v	Agustina	Always being honest and trustworthy
Y5	s	Charlie W	A positive attitude to his learning.
	v	Alfie	Honesty with his friends.
Y6	s	Alice G	Newspaper report about the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls
	v	Eliza	For being a trustworthy friend

PTFA future dates

PTFA Meeting - Tuesday 4th February postponed and rearranged for the end of February – date to follow.

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

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

Best wishes, Patrick Smyth
31.01.25