



# School Newsletter

With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow

20.07.22

Dear parents/ carers,

Our school vision (this is our aim as a Catholic school):

***From their first day to their last at St Mary's, we support our children on a journey of learning and faith.***

***In learning, we want our children, by the time they leave our school: to be numerate and literate, to have received their full entitlement in all areas of learning and to have the opportunities to succeed in areas of particular interest to them. We want the children to be active and healthy. We want the children: to be challenged, to be exposed to the highest quality teaching, to take risks, to be unafraid of making mistakes and to reach their full potential.***

***On their journey of faith, we want to support our children to develop into well-rounded citizens for the future. We want the children to be thoughtful, loving, caring and considerate members of society. We want the children's attitudes, decision making and relationships to be underpinned and informed by Christian values with Christ at the centre of all we do at school. We want to be a Catholic, Christian community which aims for excellence and which learns, improves and achieves.***

At the end of the school year it is good for us to review how well we feel we have done against what we say we aim to do. So, when we consider our Y6 leavers, who today have completed their journey across St Mary's, we believe it is mission accomplished. We are very proud of each and every one of them in what they have achieved in their time here and how they have all turned out. They are an absolute credit to their school and to their families. Well done and thank you, Y6!



Thank you also to the Y6 group of parents for your support over the years. We wish your children all the very best in their new schools.

Thank you and goodbye to the Y6 parents and children who will be leaving us this summer – it has been a pleasure working with you. Goodbye to the families of Amelie, Isla, Charley B, Sienna, Anna, Charlie and Sam, William, Macey, Iris, Mateusz, Max, Adam, Akeyo, Jessica, Archie R, Matthew, Lewis and Oliver.

## **Thank you**

It has been another very busy and successful year across the school and nursery. Thank you, parents and carers, for your support over the year. Thank you to all the staff for your hard work and care for the children since September; you have done a great job. Enjoy your well-earned rest. Thank you to the Governors of the school for your dedication, hard work and support. Thank you to Father Marsden, Kinga Gray-Grzeczynska, the Family Catechesis team for your time, effort and support this year. Thank you to you all, for your efforts and for making this school and nursery such a great community of which to be a part.

## **September Opening**

School reopens for children on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. The reception class welcomes its first 10 children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, a further 10 children, making 20 children on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and then the final 10 children, making the full whole class on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to seeing you all back in school in refreshed and ready to go in September.

## **Goodbye for now...**

We say goodbye, temporarily, to the trio of teachers who will be beginning their maternity leave this week: Mrs Banwell, Mrs Singleton and Mrs Nicklin. We wish them every happiness and good health over the next few months.

## **Welcome!**

We welcome Mrs Cooper (full time in Y4), Mrs Ayres in Y2 and Miss Lewis in the nursery class.

## **Message from Kath Smith, Chair of the Governing Body**

*On behalf of the governors, I would like to wish Mr Smyth, his staff, the children and their families, a safe and happy summer break. Good luck to anyone who is leaving us and every success for the future.*

***Regards, Kath Smith, Chair of Governors***

## **Memories of St Mary's Primary School**

Last year, St Mary's Catholic Primary School celebrated its fortieth anniversary at Hornchurch Drive. To mark this occasion, Mr Hodge asked for contributions from pupils past and present. He was overwhelmed with the response and has put together a 4-minute video which can be viewed on St Mary's Twitter, or at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kV8KXW3mTBY>

Thank you to all who contributed and a massive thank you to Mr Hodge for sifting through all the contributions to put this fantastic video together. Enjoy the trip down Memory Lane!

## **Chorley Catholic Community Festival - Sunday 4th September, St Gregory's Gardens, 12pm to 4pm**

Please see short video clip below advertising the Chorley Catholic Community Festival - Sunday 4th September, St Gregory's Gardens, 12pm to 4pm



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## **Alpha Course September 2022**

Please see attached Alpha Series pamphlet.

All the Catholic Parishes in Chorley are working together to put on an Alpha Series, starting in September. Alpha can best be described as an Introduction to Christianity and tries to give answers to the big questions in – why am I here, is there a God, what has Jesus got to do with it, etc etc? It is suitable for both those with no background in Christianity but are searching and for those with a background in Christianity but are perhaps looking for a 're-boot'. Follow this link for an explanation of how Alpha works: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130> 'Alpha is Coming [Alpha in a Catholic Context Introductory DVD \(extended version\) - English - YouTube](#)

## **Nursery Star of the Week w/e 15.07.22**

Apologies to our nursery star of the week who was not included in last week's newsletter. The nursery star of the week, last week was ... Annie C for being so brave when she fell over! Well done Annie!

## **Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to St Mary's Church, Chorley – message from Parish Catechist, Mrs Grey-Grzeczynska**

The Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous (1844 -1879) of Lourdes in France, will be visiting St Mary's Church on 15th - 17th September 2022. We are very lucky to be chosen to host the holy items that belonged to St Bernadette.

There will be more details about this very special visit in the newsletters in September.

St Bernadette saw Our Blessed Lady several times in apparitions. Healing holy water spontaneously flowed from the ground. Now, this water is distributed all over the world to heal people from their sickness.

Lourdes is probably the most visited place in the world by millions of pilgrims who pray for healing to Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette.

## Free School Meals – Are you missing out?

### Free School Meal Eligibility and Pupil Premium Funding

Because all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, many parents do not realise that they might be entitled to something called **free school meal eligibility**. And we understand why this might be the case because the system is confusing! At St Mary's, we have noticed a fall in the number of infant children whose parents have claimed eligibility since the introduction of free school meals for all infants – other schools have noticed the same.

**This free school meal eligibility** can be applied for in Reception, Year 1 and in Year 2 even though children are receiving a school meal anyway. And parents in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 can also apply.

### Why bother applying if your child is receiving a free meal anyway?

If you think you might be eligible it is very much worth applying for two reasons:

1. Your child will continue to receive free school meals on leaving the infants in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 and beyond
2. The school receives additional money (pupil premium) for children eligible for free school meals (over £1 300 per pupil).

If you receive any of the benefits below, St Mary's School can access this extra funding, called pupil premium.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

**How can you find out if you are eligible? Apply by phone – and you can find out in a matter of minutes!**

You can ring the local **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium team on 01772 531809**

It must be the person claiming the benefit that rings.

You will need to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National insurance number

They will confirm whether you are entitled over the telephone. **Apply by post**

Download the application form from <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> and return it to your local area education office.

**South Area Education Office**

Level 1 Christ Church Precinct  
County Hall  
Preston  
PR1 8RJ

**Summer Holiday Activities**

We have been given information to share with you about a range of activities going on over the summer break:

**1. Chorley Library Services**

Good afternoon

We wanted to take the opportunity to tell you of our activities for the summer holidays here are Chorley Library to share with your pupils

As we have for the last few years we are running SCART club which has a theme of 'Planet Savers'. There is a video available here that explains the challenge

[video](#)

Basically complete 3 activities and read 5 books to collect pop badges on a lanyard.

Chorley Library is doing something extra too... You can collect stickers on a certificate- one for every book you read, activity you complete, and craft session you attend here at the library.

If you collect 10 or more stickers we will give you a goody bag 😊

We are attaching a programme of our craft sessions over the summer. Hopefully all will go to plan but some sessions may have to change

Thank you for your support

Kind regards

Chorley Library  
Cultural Services  
Lancashire County Council  
T: 0300 123 6703  
W: [lancashire.gov.uk/libraries](http://lancashire.gov.uk/libraries)

## Craft sessions at Chorley Library

# CHORLEY LIBRARY SUMMER CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

Come along every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-12 for some exciting summer activities!

Monday		Wednesday		Friday	
25 <sup>th</sup> July		27 <sup>th</sup> July		29 <sup>th</sup> July	
Bejewelled Spiders		Football Trophies		Dogs Trust Session	
1 <sup>st</sup> August		3 <sup>rd</sup> August – Chorley's Summer		5 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tissue Paper Flower Crowns		Playday at Devonshire Rec, 11-3!		Friendship Bracelets	
8 <sup>th</sup> August		10 <sup>th</sup> August		12 <sup>th</sup> August	
Crochet and Yarn Bookmarks		Accordion and CD Fish		Life-size Self Portraits	
15 <sup>th</sup> August		17 <sup>th</sup> August		19 <sup>th</sup> August	
Sock Bookworms		Recycled Bug Hotels		Dreamcatchers	
22 <sup>nd</sup> August		24 <sup>th</sup> August		26 <sup>th</sup> August	
Matisse Collages		Yarn Monsters		Origami Session	
29 <sup>th</sup> August		31 <sup>st</sup> August		2 <sup>nd</sup> September	
Reading Journals		Meet the Firefighters		Garden Party!	

*\*some sessions may be subject to change depending on staff availability*

## 2. Chorley Children and Family Wellbeing service- What's on Guide

- Chorley CFW What's on Guide July – Sept

To book on to Chorley CFW group work/summer programme, please email [CFW-CH-Groups@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:CFW-CH-Groups@lancashire.gov.uk)

Kind Regards - Chorley CFW Community Team - Lancashire County Council

## 3. Holiday Activities & Food 2022 - Holiday Activities and Fun - Chorley SSP

CSSP are running these camps at the following venues -

- St Peters Primary School Chorley
- Manor Road Primary School Clayton
- Westway Sports Hub Chorley

The camps run from 10am until 2pm (if you need extra care, please let me know) Monday - Thursday.

Many thanks. Hannah Dixon

[Holiday Activities & Food 2022 - Holiday Activities and Fun - Chorley SSP](#)

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2022 Summer Camps & HAF - BOOK NOW! Our 2022 HAF programme is on again this Summer Term, providing 4 days of FREE activities and food for eligible young people over the Summer Holidays.

[www.chorleyssp.co.uk](http://www.chorleyssp.co.uk)

**Hannah Dixon**

Community Coordinator and coach

Gymnastics Specialist

Chorley School Sport Partnership CIC

Working days -Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

w:[chorleyssp.co.uk](http://chorleyssp.co.uk)



**Chorley Summer Programme Offer (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August):**

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Weekly - Mini Move & Groove (10 - 11.30am) – Duke Street  Weekly - Baby & You (10 - 11.30am) – Highfield	1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug - Parents to Be (3.30 – 5pm), Duke Street
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug – Summer-themed Arts & Craft & Pottery (10 – 12), Duke Street (ML planning) 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Creative Food Fun (10 – 12), Duke Street (RS planning) 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Messy Play Session (10 – 12), Duke Street (SV planning) 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug – Nature-themed arts & craft (10 – 12), Duke Street (ML planning)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug – Teddy Bears Picnic (1.30 – 3.30), Duke Street (RS planning) 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Day at the Beach (1.30 – 3.30), Duke Street (SV planning) 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Fancy Dress Party (1.30 – 3.30), Duke Street (DD planning) 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug – Sing & Dance & games Session (1.30 - 3.30), Duke Street (DD planning)

	Weekly - Triple P Stepping-Stones (9.30 – 12noon), Highfield	Weekly - Chat, Play, Read (1.30 – 3pm), Clayton Brook Library
Wednesday	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Aug – Chorley Summer Playday (11am – 3pm), Coronation Recreation Ground (Devonshire Road).</p> <p>Weekly - Baby Massage (10 - 11.30am), Duke Street</p> <p>Weekly - Development matters (10 - 11.30am), Highfield</p>	<p>Weekly - Baby &amp; You (1.30 – 3pm), Highfield</p> <p>Weekly - Triple P Teens (6 - 8pm), Duke Street</p>
Thursday	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Aug - Summer-themed arts &amp; craft &amp; pottery (10 – 12), Highfield (ML planning)</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Aug – Creative Food Fun (10 – 12), Highfield (RS planning)</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> Aug – Messy Play Session (10 - 12), Highfield (SV planning)</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> Aug – Nature-themed Arts &amp; Craft (10 – 12), Highfield (ML planning)</p>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Aug – Wacky Woody the Magician, (1.30 – 3.30pm), Highfield</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Aug – Ruby &amp; Blue (Science Workshop), (1.30 – 3.30pm), Highfield</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> Aug – Disco &amp; kids entertainer, (1.30 - 3.30pm), Highfield</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> Aug – Alldays (small animal) Farm, (1.30 - 3.30pm), Highfield</p>
Friday	Weekly - 'Chat & Chill' SEND parent group (9.30 - 11.30am), Highfield	

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's school & nursery, we wish you and the children a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you back here in September.

**Patrick Smyth**  
**Headteacher**  
**20.07.22**