

7th November 2025

After School Activities

It is the start of our 2nd half term at school and this is normally the busiest term due to Christmas events happening in and out of school. However, it is the most enjoyable!

Choir News

Our school choir has been singing beautifully as they practice carols and songs for their upcoming performance with the Lancaster Singers adult choir in December. Staff have commented on how lovely it was to hear their voices at the end of the day—some even stayed longer just to listen! The children are learning a wonderful mix of traditional and modern carols and are working very hard to prepare for this special event.

Art Club Creativity

The Art Club continues to be a hive of creativity and joy every Tuesday. It's lovely to hear the children chatting and laughing as they work. Mrs Guinan has been so impressed with their creations, and when I had the chance to see some of their work, I was amazed! The techniques they were using are fantastic, drawing inspiration from nature to create truly unique pieces.

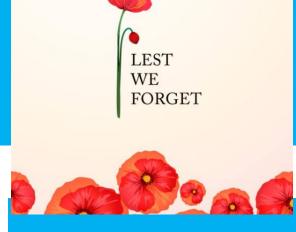
Gardening Club Updates

Our Gardening Club has also been busy! They've been weeding, clearing leaves from the playground, and even picking apples from the trees. They also helped me by counting all the trees for a school survey. It's wonderful to see how our field area changes with the seasons. Very soon, the children will be planting bulbs ready for a colourful spring display.

Arbor updates

Please can parents allow notifications from your Arbor app. This way we do not need to send messages on dojo to remind parents to check Arbor for trips etc.

We are now adding all GCA trips on Arbor so these will need a consent from yourself before your child is allowed to take part in the trip. Thankyou



Our Value This Half Term: Service

This half term, our focus is on **Service**. As we approach Christmas, we reflect on how we can help those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Our Worship Leaders have been showing wonderful examples of service by selling poppies each breaktime in support of the Royal British Legion. This Sunday, they will also represent our school by walking in the **Remembrance Parade**, honouring those who have served and sacrificed.

Soon, we will begin our Reverse Advent Calendar, a special way for our school community to give back during the festive season.

Prayer for Service

Lord, help us to serve others with kindness and love. May we give generously, speak gently, and act humbly, following the example of Jesus. Amen.

Upcoming Events

November

7th November- Heron class mass

9th November- Remembrance Sunday Parade

10th- 14th November- Good to be Me week

10th November- Y6 drama workshop

12th November- Flu Vaccinations

14th November- Woodpecker class mass Non-uniform- Bottles

18th November- Y5/6 Football @ Poolfoot

20th November- Y5/6 Glo dodgeball

24th November- Garstang Light Switch on

26th November-Book fair start

28th November- Non-uniform- chocolate

PTA Events

27th November- Wreath Making

21st November- Hot Chocolate event

12th December- Winter Wonderland

Please support our PTA and come along

Weekly attendance percentages Classes 99% 98% 97% Noodpec... Liveron Lordina Liveron Lordina Liveron Lordina Liveron Liver

December

3rd December- OLHS Advent service 5pm

4th December- Y5/6 Basketball @ GCA

5th December- Whole school Advent Mass @ 10am

9th December – Nativity 2pm

10th December- Nativity 9.15am

12th December- Winter Wonderland 2pm

16th December- Christmas lunch

Lancaster Singers & choir concert

17th December- Christmas Party Day

19th December- Finish for Christmas 1pm

5th January- School re-opens

Rising Star Award (History)

Wren- Florence

Owl- Harry

Woodpecker- George

Heron-Oliver

Blue Badges (Value of Service)

Wren- Monty

Owl- Orlaith

Woodpecker- Jonah

Heron- Jake

Star Writer/Star Mathematician

Wren- Esme

Owl- Jasper

Woodpecker-Deacon

Heron- Zak Redka

Admissions

Just a reminder for those children who have a 4th birthday between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 that admissions are now open for a primary place. Please use the link below

Lancashire Admissions