



# CHRIST CHURCH

Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
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### What's on Next Week....

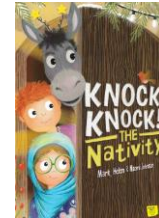
### Christmas at Christ Church

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm – 5.30pm Y4 Girls UV Football at Pendle Vale</li> <li>6.00pm Infant Nativity</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.00pm Infant Nativity</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cinderella Panto (whole school)</li> </ul>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Lunch</li> <li>Christmas Party Afternoon (non-uniform)</li> <li>3.30pm – 5.00pm KS2 Girls Cricket</li> </ul>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.15pm Carol Service (in Church)</li> </ul>

#### Christmas Productions:

We are very much looking forward to the infant nativity next week. The production will take place as follows:

- 6.00pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- 6.00pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
*(children should return to school no earlier than 5.30pm)*



There will be no charge for tickets – however, we will have a retiring collection. This will help with the cost of props, costumes and the children's Christmas party afternoon that we have planned for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note, that in an attempt to minimise numbers in the assembly hall, we will only *initially* provide a maximum of **one ticket, per family to each performance.**

**Tickets are available on Parentpay now.**

#### Cinderella Panto:

Thank you to the Friends of Christ Church (and to you for supporting them) who have paid for the whole school to enjoy a Pantomime (in school) next Wednesday as part of our Christmas celebrations.



#### Children's Christmas Party Afternoon

Christmas Parties will take place during the course of the afternoon on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

*This will be a non-uniform day.*



#### Carol Service:

We are busy planning our end of Term Carol Service that will be held **in Church** on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm.**  
All are welcome to join us.

***Together we learn; achieve and grow in the light of Christ.***

## Christmas Dress Up (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> Dec):

### **5 Days of Festive Dress Up!**

Next week the children are invited to come to school wearing their uniform and the following items. The idea is that this is a cumulative dress up so on Wednesday for example; they could be wearing Christmas jewellery, festive headgear and something red or green. Please note that this is entirely voluntary.

- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** Sparkle in Christmas Jewellery (no dangly earrings)
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** Dazzle in festive headgear
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** Be seen in something red or green!
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** Parade in your party clothes (non-uniform day)
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Wear a Christmas Jumper (with uniform bottoms)

We look forward to getting into the Christmas spirit and seeing some interesting outfits!

### **Important Staffing Update:**

On Monday Mrs Hill (Year 5 Teacher) will be temporarily leaving us.

Next week the Year 5 class will be covered by Mrs Johnson on Tuesday, Mrs Rayner on Wednesday and Mrs Gaynor on Thursday and Friday.

I can confirm that when the Year 5 children return in January Mr Cook has been secured to cover for Mrs Hill. He has met with Mrs Hill today as part of a planned handover. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Hill a very speedy recovery.

Next Friday we shall say goodbye to a much loved member of our welfare staff, Mrs Julia Gaughan, who has decided that it is time to take a well earned break and retire. We will miss you Mrs Gaughan and hope that you will find time to call in and see us every now and then.

## **Admissions to Primary School - September 2026**

It's time to apply! If you have a child due to start Reception Class next it's time to apply! **The deadline for admission to Reception class is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Information can be found on our website – follow the link below:

[Colne Christ Church Admissions Information](#)

There is also a **Local Authority Parents Information Booklet for Primary Admissions** – follow the link below...

[Lancashire Primary And Secondary Admission Information for Parents 2026](#)



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY EAST**

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2026 and living in Lancashire?

**Closing date: 15 January 2026**

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01254 220747.

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/parents](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/parents) and click 'school admission policies'

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**Lancashire County Council**

[lancashire.gov.uk](http://lancashire.gov.uk)

### **Board Games Needed**

As part of our social skills groups, we teach children how to take turns, play appropriately with their peers, and build resilience—such as coping with losing a game. To support this, we use board games and similar activities.

Over the Christmas period, if you have any good-quality, complete board games or similar non-electronic games that your children no longer use, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating them to school. These resources make a big difference in helping children develop important social and emotional skills.

Thank you for your support and generosity, Mrs Askew (SEnCo)



## A Message from Colne Junior Council:

### Cans for Cash Appeal:

*Did you know that Pendle has the highest rate of child food poverty in the country?*

Colne Junior Council - which is made up of school councillors from 5 primary schools in Colne (Christ Church, Trawden Forest, West Street, Park Primary and Primet Primary) have been set a challenge to convert aluminium cans into cash.

They will do this by collecting and re-selling aluminium drinks cans for scrap.

In doing so they will not only help the planet but also others in Colne. For every tonne in weight they collect we can earn £550. We will then give the cash to Colne Open Door Centre who in turn will help others in our community.

The more cans we collect, the more money we will raise!

**Please collect, **crush** and send into school your aluminum drinks cans to help us with our year long challenge! Thank you.**



### Does your child have a Dentist?

For children who **do not** have a dentist, schools can now make a referral for them and their siblings to a local dental pathway. All referred children must be 16 or under (up to 16 years and 364 days) - including siblings.

Children will be routed to the nearest participating general dental practice, based on their home address. The dental practice will then contact you to arrange an appointment.

Please note this pathway is for routine care, and not an urgent care referral service. For any residents who require urgent dental treatment and do not have a regular dental practice, the Lancashire and South Cumbria dental helpline can provide advice, support and an appointment where required. It is charged at your local rate. Phone **0300 1234010** **between 8am and 9pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm weekends and bank holidays.** **Outside of these hours, for urgent dental support call 111.**

Please contact the school office if you would like us to make a referral for your child.

***Come and join our team...***

## **APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY PART TIME TEACHING ASSISTANT LEVEL 2(B) (Grade 5)**

**REQUIRED FROM:** January 2026 (or as soon as possible thereafter) – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026

**HOURS OF WORK:** 15.0 Hours Per Week (9.00am – 12.00pm Mon – Fri) Term Time Only

The Governors wish to appoint a committed and enthusiastic person to work in Key Stage 2. We are looking for someone who will enjoy working as part of our team; has experience of, and is able (under the general supervision and direction of the class teacher) to plan and implement structured learning activities for individuals and groups and support individual SEND pupils or groups of children to complete tasks.

Please note that this is a temporary appointment until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 - pending a review of staffing.

### **Essential Qualifications:**

- GCSE or equivalent in English and Maths **or**
- NVQ Level 2 Qualification in English/Literacy and Mathematics/Numeracy

### **Desirable Qualifications:**

- Paediatric First Aid Training

### **Essential Experience:**

- Experience of working in a school environment
- Experience and knowledge of the national curriculum (EYFS, Key Stage 1 & 2)
- Excellent Communication Skills

### **Desirable Experience:**

- Experience of working with children with a range of SEN needs

For further details and an application form please contact Mr Peers, Headteacher on 01282 865398.

**Closing date for applications Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 12 noon.**

## **And Finally....**

School will close next Friday (19<sup>th</sup> December) for the Christmas break. After school club will be open as usual next Friday – but you are free to collect your children from the yard after the Carol Service.

**We will re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

