



CHRIST CHURCH

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026
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What's on Next Week....

Monday 6 th July	
Tuesday 7 th July	Y6 Swimming Lesson (5/5)
Wednesday 8 th July	
Thursday 9 th July	2pm Y6 Leavers Production
Friday 10 th July	Reception Class Trip to Thornton Hall Farm 2.45pm Y2 Class Good Work Assembly 3.30pm Friends of Christ Church Sweet Sale

Year 6 Production

Year 6 parents are invited into school on **Thursday 9th July at 2.00pm** to watch our Y6 children perform Gigglexbox



Usborne Sponsored Read

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we are running a sponsored read between 6th – 10th July 2026.

Please look out for a letter and sponsor form coming home with your child today.

Year 2 Celebration Assembly

Year 2 parents are invited into school on **Friday 10th July at 2.45pm** to find out all that they have been learning.

Friends of Christ Church – Sweet Sale

Following the enormous success of our last sweet sale the Friends of Christ Church have organised to do this again on **Friday 10th July, 3.30pm**.
First Come First Served!

Free School Meals – Eligibility Changes

The Department for Education have announced significant changes to Free School Meal eligibility which will come into effect from September 2026.

Basically, all households, from September 2026 receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals (removing the current £7,400 earnings threshold).

Please read the attached information if you think you may be eligible.

If you are not sure, please contact the school office

Free School Meals – Who is Entitled?

Important Information for Families.

Firstly, if your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action.

If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe your they may be eligible please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you **do not need to reapply**

Why it's important to apply

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

Applications can be made online using this link: [Free school meals - Lancashire County Council](#)

If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.



Lancs Junior Blitz Tournament

Sunday 12th July • 12:30 start

Our Lady & St Edward's Parish Centre, Fulwood, Preston

Open to all juniors — any ability, under 18

A friendly, fast-paced chess tournament for juniors. Come and play **lots of fun chess** with other children from across Lancashire!



Fun games vs other kids



Tuck shop



Outdoor play

The **best way to improve** your chess — and your chance to be invited to the **Lancashire Junior Squads**!

Entries close: Friday 10th July, 12:00 noon

Details & Sign Up here ...

lancashirechess.uk/juniors/junior-events-preston-blitz
or search "Lancs Junior Chess Events"



Lancashire & South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about someone under 18?

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'

Delivered by CYPMH East

tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 1st July 2026

1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 8th July 2026

3pm – 5pm

Wednesday 15th July 2026

5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

1pm – 3pm

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LANCASHIRE CATERING SERVICE

Family Fun Day

SATURDAY 11 JULY

10am - 2pm

SEEDHILL ATHLETICS & FITNESS CENTRE

- MINI OLYMPICS • BEAT THE GOALIE • MUSIC & MAYHEM
- 100M FUN RUNS • GRAND TOMBOLA • INFLATABLES
- EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES • FACE PAINTING
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE • FREE PARKING

£10 PER FAMILY
Booked in ADVANCE

SCAN ME
FOR TICKETS

£12 PER FAMILY
ENTRY ON THE DAY

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES
HOME-START IN EAST LANCASHIRE - BECAUSE CHILDHOOD CAN'T WAIT.

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