

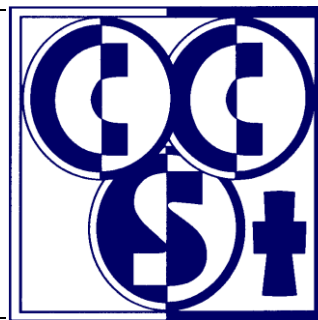


CHRIST CHURCH

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026
www.colnechristchurch.co.uk



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a lovely summer break. It was great to see everyone return on Wednesday. Our new Reception class children are settling well and I would especially like to welcome all those new children (and parents) who are joining us for the first time this year. Should you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or myself.

What's on Next Week....

Monday 7 th Sept	Y6 Robinwood Residential (depart at 10.00am)
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Wednesday 9 th Sept	Y6 Robinwood Residential
Thursday 10 th Sept	
Friday 11 th Sept	2.45pm Celebration Assembly

Some Reminders...

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Allergies:

On September 1st this year Benedicts Law came into force. All schools are statutorily required to follow updated DFE guidance outlining how we support pupils with allergies. To this end we have published our Allergy Management Policy on the school website (see Key Information/ Policies).

We have an increasing number of pupils in our school who have allergies. The most common causes of "whole body" allergic reactions – including anaphylaxis - are:

- Food allergens;
- Insect stings (e.g. bee, wasp);
- Medication (e.g. antibiotics, pain medicines such as ibuprofen);
- Latex (e.g. rubber gloves, balloons, swimming caps).

Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of **digestion**, **inhalation** or **any other contact** with certain products (e.g. nuts, milk, egg, sesame, fish, shellfish). For safety reasons, **all nut-based products have been banned from the school premises.**

Please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for packed lunch or for a special birthday treat – this includes products that may contain traces of nuts.

Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g. chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g. satay sauce

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- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts

We also ask that, if your child consumes any nut-based product before school, they wash their hands thoroughly and rinse their mouth before entering the school grounds. We understand that these measures may seem extreme; however, we want to ensure the health and safety of **all** our pupils, and some of the pupils with the allergy are severe enough that even the slightest of contact with nuts could cause a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction.

Due to the severity of known pupils with allergies in school if any pupil is found with a nut-based product the school will confiscate it.

If children require snacks at break-time, please follow the guidance below on Healthy Snacks. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils will continue to be provided with a piece of fruit, daily.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Guidance on Snacks

Your child may bring in a snack to eat mid-morning. Christ Church is a Healthy (Nut Free) School.

The School Food Trust suggests that healthy snacks could include:

- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit without added fat, sugar or salt (e.g. apricots, sultanas, raisins, dates)
- Vegetables (raw such as carrots, peppers, cucumber or celery)

The guidance states that the following foods **do not** meet government standards:

- Dried fruit or vegetables with added fat, sugar or salt.
- Cereal bars
- Processed fruit bars
- Any type of confectionery e.g. chocolate products, sweets
- Crisps and crisp like products e.g. tortilla chips, potato sticks, puffs, crackers, corn chips, prawn crackers, potato wafers
- Japanese rice crackers
- Pretzels
- Bombay mix
- Nuts
- Cakes, buns, pastries
- Biscuits include all types: sweet biscuits: digestive, rich tea, ginger nuts, flapjacks, shortbread, and wafers. Savoury biscuits: cream crackers, breadsticks, oatcakes, matzos.

In addition, the guidance notes that the following drinks **should not** be brought into school for break times:

- Flavoured water
- Squash/Cordial
- Soft drinks including fizzy drinks
- Flavoured milk.

Celebration Assembly

Each Friday (2.45pm – 3.30pm) we will host a rewards assembly as part of our worship. If your child has recently been awarded any certificates or trophies this is an ideal occasion for us to share in their success. Certificates and trophies will be presented during the assembly. Please name the items and send them into school with your child.

PE Kits

Can I please ask that children have their PE kit in school at all times and that in order for a child to be excused from Physical Education lessons we require a specific reason from yourself (pupils cannot excuse themselves from the lesson!). For safety, **earrings must be removed for PE lessons**. Please encourage your child to practise removing and replacing their earrings independently. If earrings cannot be removed, they must be **covered securely with tape or plasters** before the lesson.

Thank you for your support.

Outdoor Play Equipment (Trim Trails):

Parents should be aware that during the school day children are timetabled during break times to use the equipment which is manned by a member of staff. Children cannot use the equipment without a staff member present.

As a school we accept no responsibility for any child using the equipment at the start and end of the school day – you are therefore asked to supervise your children if they are using the equipment at these times.

Looking Further Ahead...

Meet the Teacher Parent Workshops

This year we will run class workshops for all parents. The purpose of the workshop is for parents to develop an awareness of National Curriculum year group expectations in Mathematics and English along with an outline of the curriculum that your child will be covering this academic year and how best you can work in partnership with your child's teacher to help them.

The workshops will run on **Tuesday 15th September** at the times detailed below:

- 3.30pm – 4.00pm Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2
- 4.00pm – 4.30pm Year 3 and 4
- 4.30pm – 5.00pm Year 5 and 6

The workshops will be held in your child's classroom.

In the meantime please find attached a copy of the **Big Picture** detailing all that your child will be learning about this half term.

Admissions to Primary & Secondary School - September 2027



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

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

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

School transport 

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

Lancashire County Council



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

School transport 

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.

Lancashire County Council

It's time to apply! If you have a child due to start Reception Class next September or a child moving to high school it's time to apply! The deadline for Year 6 pupils is 31st October 2026 and for admission to Reception class it's 15th January 2027.

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 both Primary and Secondary Admissions** – follow the links below:

[Primary Admissions](#)

[Secondary Admissions](#) (page 5 of the secondary admissions document gives details of upcoming open evening events over the next few weeks)

Year 6 Parents – Information from LCC about Transport to High School:

Before submitting your application, it is essential to carefully consider how your child will travel to and from your preferred secondary schools. Free travel assistance is only available to pupils who meet the criteria outlined in Lancashire County Council's **Home to School Transport Policy**.

When selecting your school preferences, please ensure you have read and understood the information available on the Lancashire County Council website regarding **school admissions and travel assistance**.

Please note:

- For transport purposes, the *nearest suitable school* is defined as the school closest to the family home. In some cases, this may be a school located within another local authority area.
- If you choose a school that is not considered the nearest suitable school, there is **no entitlement** to free transport. In such cases, you will need to make your own travel arrangements.
- Most children will attend their local school, which is typically within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent or carer.

If transport costs are a concern, we strongly encourage you to contact your **Area Education Office** before submitting your application.

NORTH AREA Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	SOUTH AREA Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley	EAST AREA Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 14th October to take individual and family portrait photographs. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

Parents Evening

Our Autumn Term parents evening will be held on Thursday 22nd October. Please save the date! **Further details about how to book an appointment will be sent nearer the time.**

Data Collection Forms

All children have today come home with a Data Collection Form. It is vital that these are completed, signed and returned to school as soon as possible, **even if there are no changes**, to ensure that our records are kept fully up to date. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Privacy Notice:

Under the GDPR act all schools must inform parents and carers that they hold personal data about each pupil explaining how we intend to use this. A copy of this privacy notice can be found on our school website (address above) under 'Newsletters'. Should you require a printed copy then please contact Mrs Robinson in the school office.

Online Safety Newsletter:

Online safety for children is crucial and something that, as parents, we can often feel bemused by. Each month our partners at Knowsley City Learning Centres prepare an update to help guide us through this. Please take a moment to have a look at this months newsletter which is attached.

This months topics include information on:

- New guidance on AI manipulated images
- YouTube
- Guidance for parents on managing children's digital lives
- Nex Playground
- Online Safety Quiz to test your child's knowledge of how to stay safe online.

Worship:

This half term in class worship we will consider the Christian Value 'Creativity'. This will link to our harvest celebration which will be held in Church on Friday 9th October. Additionally, we are learning about the 'words of Jesus', saints and special people and Reverend Andy and David will consider 'kindness'.

And Finally...

I hope that this gives you a flavour of the many things that will be happening this half term. Most importantly we want to work with you. If you have any questions or concerns then as always please do not hesitate to contact with us.

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