

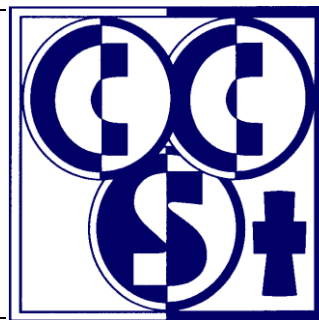


CHRIST CHURCH

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026
www.colnechristchurch.co.uk



What's on Next Week....

Monday 5 th Oct	
Tuesday 6 th Oct	3.30pm - 4.15pm Running Club
Wednesday 7 th Oct	4pm-5.30pm Y4 Multiskills at Pendle Vale
Thursday 8 th Oct	
Friday 9 th Oct	2.30pm Harvest Festival in Church

Harvest Festival

Next week is our Harvest celebration which will culminate in our Church service on **Friday 9th October at 2.30pm**. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for this service.



In school we will take time to reflect on the many blessings we receive and to give thanks for the food, care and kindness that help us to flourish.

In our worship we will explore the words of Jesus from **John 8:12**: "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*"

At Harvest, we thank God for the crops that grow because of the light of the sun and the care of those who work hard to produce our food. Just as plants need light to grow and thrive, Jesus teaches us that people need His light to guide us in our daily lives. Jesus' light helps us to show kindness, generosity and compassion to others. During our Harvest celebrations, we are reminded that we can be a light to those around us by sharing what we have, supporting those in need and caring for our community.

Our Harvest donations will help provide practical support for local families with our gifts going to Colne Open Door. Through giving, we reflect God's love and allow His light to shine through us.

We are asking all children to **bring food donations into school which will be donated to Colne Open Door (a local food bank)**.

Food items include:

- Tinned Goods
- Pasta and rice
- Dried food goods
- Soups and noodles
- Cereal
- Jars of sauce
- Long life milk
- Biscuits & chocolates
- Toiletries

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

Please send your donations into school by Friday 9th October for our service in Church. Thank you.

Additionally, we will be supporting Bishop Philip's Harvest Appeal. In the summer of 2022 Bishop Philip met one of the most inspirational Christian leaders he had ever come across – Bishop Joseph of Liwolo, which is in the southern part of Sudan. South Sudan is currently experiencing civil war. Recently the situation has deteriorated with a serious healthcare crisis emerging. Bishop Philip learnt (when he visited earlier this year) that the main healthcare provider for the Liwolo region will withdraw all services by the end of 2026. As a result, many communities will be left without accessible medical care (the nearest healthcare facilities are several hours away). Bishop Philip is therefore raising money to provide:

- Renovation of the healthcare facility
- Provision of essential medicines and medical supplies
- Solar lighting
- Support for frontline staff including the clinical officer, nurse, lab technician, midwife and watchman and cleaner.

Bishop Philip has asked all clergy to take part in an assault course challenge this weekend – Reverend Andy will taking part in this event.

We would like to join in and are arranging for all children in school to take part in an '**Active Harvest Challenge**' to help our global neighbours. We are asking for financial donations to support this appeal.

If you are able to support the Bishops Harvest Appeal please make a donation via Parentpay. We kindly suggest donations of £2.00 per pupil. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children develop not only academically but also spiritually and morally. We look forward to celebrating Harvest together and giving thanks for God's abundant provision.

Online Safety Newsletter:

Please find attached the October 2026 online safety newsletter which includes information on:

- **Capcut**
- **AI Companions** – services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships.
- **Discord** – a social networking app (children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game)
- **Doki Doki Literature club** – unsuitable game due to dark & distressing themes
- **Happy Tree Friends** – an animated series that contains violence, death and blood.

Please help us to keep children safe online.

Parents Evening:

This term's parents evening will be held on **Thursday 22nd October**. Appointments are made online via ParentMail. **The booking system will go live on Monday 5th October, 9am**. If for any reason you experience difficulties using the system (or do not have access to it) then please contact the school office.



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

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

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.



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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 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](#)

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

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There are also **Local Authority Parents Information Booklets** for both **Primary and Secondary Admissions** – follow the links below...

[Primary Admissions](#)

[Secondary Admissions](#) (below is a list – taken from the booklet – of upcoming open evening events: **Note – Fisher More have an event planned on Thursday 8th October!**)

PENDLE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	For further details	PLANNED DATE
SS Fisher More RC High School	School website	An event is planned for Thursday 8 th October 2026 between 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Please check the school website for up-to-date details.
Marsden Heights Community College	School website	An event is planned for Wednesday 16 th September 2026 between 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Please check the school website for up-to-date details.
Colne Park High School	School website	An event is planned for Thursday 17 th September 2026. Please check the school website for up-to-date details.
Pendle Vale College	School website	Please contact the school for details on Open Evening date and times. Please check the school website for up-to-date details.
Colne Primet Academy	School website	An event is planned for Thursday 24 th September 2026 between 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Please check the school website for up-to-date details.
West Craven High School	School website	An event is planned for Thursday 8 th October 2026 between 6.00pm – 8.00pm. Please check the school website for up-to-date details.

Expanding free school meals eligibility

From September 2026 all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income, will qualify for free school meals.

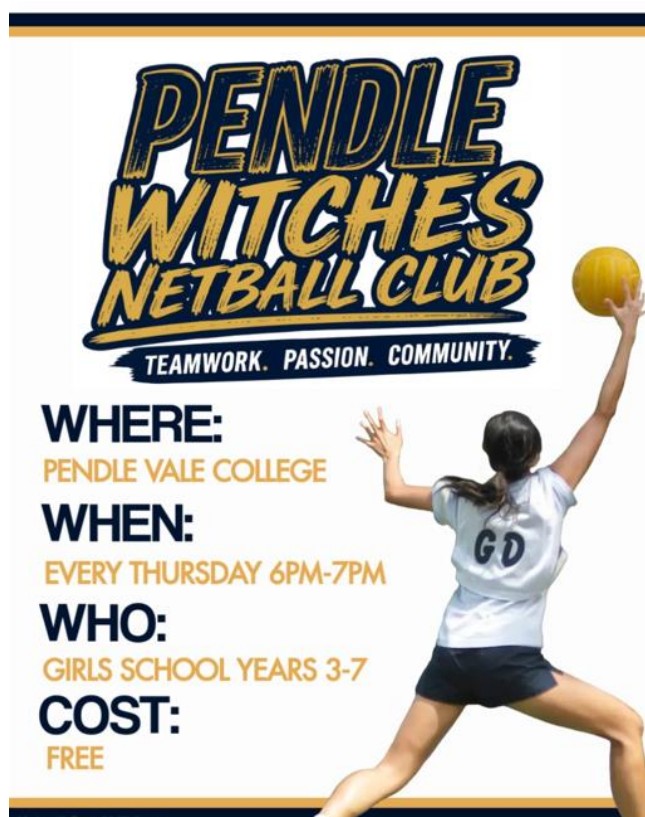
If you receive Universal Credit please apply by filling in the online form. Even if your child is in the infants, or does not require school meals at this time, please still apply as this will generate additional funding for your school.

Applications take less than 5 minutes using this link: [Free school meals - Lancashire County Council](#)

Year 6 Good Work Assembly

Year 6 parents are invited into school on **Friday 16th October** at **2.45pm** to find out all that they have been learning.

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



PENDLE WITCHES NETBALL CLUB
TEAMWORK. PASSION. COMMUNITY.

WHERE:
PENDLE VALE COLLEGE

WHEN:
EVERY THURSDAY 6PM-7PM

WHO:
GIRLS SCHOOL YEARS 3-7

COST:
FREE

GD



Brownies
1st Foulridge
Wednesdays, 6.15-7.30pm

Girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure
for ages 7 to 10

At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

girlguiding
Registered charity number: Exempted from registration.

Join a local Brownies group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'
Poonam



BARROWFORD CELTIC FC
FOOTBALL Academy

Come and join our fun and friendly local football family.
Every Saturday 10-11am for all children ages 4-11 years old.

Everyone welcome, make new friends, build confidence and start your football adventure in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Parents and Carers, enjoy a hot drink and snack from our amazing Cafe while enjoying the little ones play.

Saturday 9:45am for Registration

Each Session Only £3

Dedicated FA Qualified Coaches

Shin Pads Required

"Football needs be to fun for kids, Otherwise it doesn't make sense"
Johan Cruyff

PLAY PHASE

Bullholme Playing Field, Wilton St, Barrowford, Nelson BB9 8PU

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FOR ALL

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