

# SCHOOL MATTERS



Week ending Friday 13th December 2024

Fortnightly newsletter of Poulton-le-Fylde, St Chad's CE Primary School

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## Site survey

Thank you to the 53 respondents of the site survey.

There were lots of really helpful suggestions and positive responses- thank you for this. There were also concerns over the congestion at home time so we are proposing a trial from Monday 16th December until Easter where we will stagger the finish times- EYFS/KS1 to finish at 3:10pm and KS2 to finish at 3:15pm. We will also change the collection points for Creative Corner and Year 1 parents- the gate at the bottom of the path by nursery will be open at 3:05pm. We will still all need to exit via the one way system. Hopefully these two changes will help improve safety at home time.

## Compassionate Communities

We have just started working with a charity called Compassionate Communities as we would like to create a bespoke Bereavement Policy for St Chad's children, staff and families. We are having a visit from Simon at Compassionate Communities on Friday 10th January and he will be working with small groups of staff, children and hopefully a group of parents/carers/family members (ideally 6).

The session would be for approximately 90 minutes at school to share stories and experiences. This is likely to be 9-1030 but we will confirm nearer the time. If you or any close family members have experience of bereavement and would like to/feel able to be part of this, please email Mrs Bitsakaki.

## Parent Governor

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Knowles, one of our new EYFS parents, is our new parent governor. Welcome to the team Mrs Knowles, we are all looking forward to working with you!

*From,  
Mrs Nicole Bitsakaki*



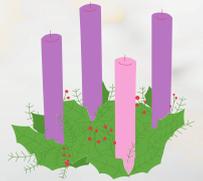


"The December StChads@5 is coming up this Sunday 15th December, at St. Chad's Church under the title, *'Follow the Star'*



We will explore the Christmas story with the help of our puppeteers, Christmas crafts, carols and teaching.

This informal service is ideal for children and families, beginning with refreshments at 4:30pm, followed by a 45-minute service beginning at 5:00pm.



## December

- ★ **Monday 16th**- Christmas Dinner Day (Children to wear Christmas Jumpers with their uniform)
- ★ **Tuesday 17th**- Junior Carol Concert- 1:30pm @ St. Chad's Church
- ★ **Thursday 19th**- Christmas Party Day Non-uniform Party Clothes
- ★ **Friday 20th**- 2pm Finish for Christmas 🎄

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
**Mrs Bitsakaki**

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:  
**Mr Blackburn  
Mrs Woodward  
Mrs Blackett  
Mrs Hardy**

Governor Safeguarding Lead:  
**Rev Martin Keighley**

Christian Value for Autumn 2  
**Creativity**



# ATTENDANCE

National Expectation for Attendance

94%

School Target

96%

Whole School Attendance is currently

95%



## CLASS ATTENDANCE CURRENTLY

EYFS	96%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	93%

Year 3	96%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	97%

Year 6 celebrated having the best attendance in the school this term and so were awarded with a class party! Well done Year 6!

Class Attendance Winners

Year 6





STAR



LEARNER



Well Done

LOVE LEARNING. LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.



# STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

## WEEK ENDING 29TH NOVEMBER

### STARS OF THE WEEK

EMERALDS  
YEAR 1  
CREATIVE CORNER  
YEAR 2  
YEAR 3  
YEAR 4  
YEAR 5  
YEAR 6

Lucy  
Leo  
Noah  
George J.  
Oliver  
Isla  
Ruby D.  
Blake

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Cobe  
Jemima  
Max  
Fergus  
Jessica  
Sophia  
Max  
Nina

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Miss Siddall

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Miss Rogers

TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1  
Year 2

KS2  
Year 3



**HOUSE POINT WINNERS** Yellow Lions!

## WEEK ENDING 6TH DECEMBER

### STARS OF THE WEEK

EMERALDS  
YEAR 1  
CREATIVE CORNER  
YEAR 2  
YEAR 3  
YEAR 4  
YEAR 5  
YEAR 6

Louie  
Albie  
Joseph H.  
Lilly  
Scarlett  
Lottie  
Ruby P.  
Sienna

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Inaya  
Lizzy  
Florence  
Cleo  
Jack  
Harrison  
Jacob B.  
Zachary

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Archer

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mr Harrod

TIDY CLASSROOM

EYFS

KS2  
Year 4



**HOUSE POINTWINNERS** Blue Elephants!



Skylar  
Y1

Learner

Star



Rowan  
Y2

Headteacher's Award



Learner **Joey**  
Y5



Star **Katy**  
Y6

THE CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS





## Blackpool Salvation Army Church & Community Centre

Captains John & Naomi Clifton  
Corps Officer

The Salvation Army  
Raikes Parade  
Blackpool  
FY1 4EL

Telephone: 07823 442959  
Email: [naomi.clifton@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:naomi.clifton@salvationarmy.org.uk)

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

Dear Mrs Woodward and the children of Poulton St Chad's choir,

We would like to say a big thank you to the choir from Poulton St Chad's for coming to perform at Blackpool Salvation Army's Carol Concert last week.

Your singing was beautiful. We were so impressed with how well you knew the songs and the joyful expression you put into singing. You really communicated the good news of Christmas through your songs. We could hear you singing during all the carols and your behaviour was fantastic. Your teachers and families must be very proud of you.

Your hard work to prepare for the concert brought a lot of joy to everyone in the audience, and the money that we raised will make a big difference to people in our local community who are going through difficult times.

Together we have raised £2,105 for The Salvation Army's work through the Bridge project to help people who are homeless. We could not have done this without you!

We'd also like to say thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to support you.

We hope that you and your families have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

May God bless you,

Captains Naomi and John Clifton  
Corps Officer, Blackpool Salvation Army

The Salvation Army - Blackpool Citadel, Raikes Parade, Blackpool, FY1 4EL

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# Look at our Learning in



## EYFS & KS1

*Emeralds*



★ Infant Nativity ★  
2024

*Year 1*



Year 1 have been busy  
Christmas crafting!

*Creative  
Corner*



We have been learning about Emperor  
Penguins. We huddled together to keep  
warm like penguins do!

*Year 2*



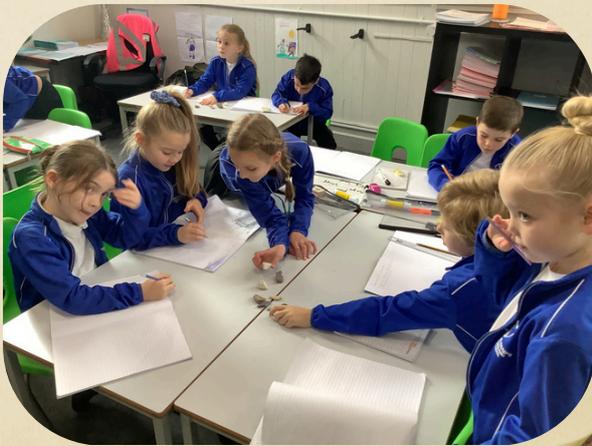
Year 2 have been creating odd  
one out puzzles in maths for our  
friends to solve.

# Look at our Learning in

# KS2

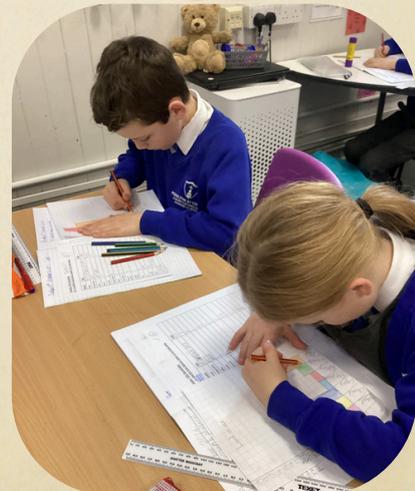


*Year 3*



Year 3 have been learning all about Rocks in their Science sessions. Here we are grouping different types of rock based on their properties.

*Year 4*



In Geography Year 4 used their Land Use survey data to show their results in a bar chart.

*Year 5*



In Science, we have been learning about how the surface area of an object may affect its air resistance. We created parachutes to investigate this.

*Year 6*



Year 6 have been exploring different balances in our Gymnastics lessons.

# Chinese Club with Mrs Yang

The Children have been playing Chinese chess, making Chinese pancakes, calligraphy and taking part in chopsticks competitions!



## CHINESE CLUB





# Hot Chocolate



**What a wonderful treat for all  
the children!**

**I think this will now become a  
St Chad's Christmas Tradition!**

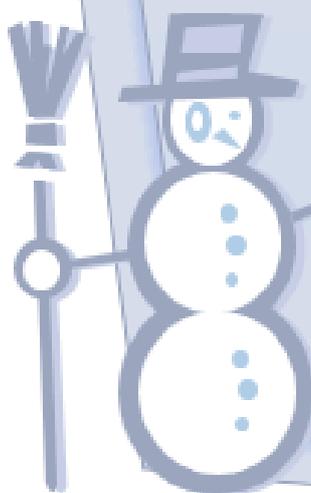


# Childcare for Christmas Shopping

From 2-16 December 2024  
After School Club are pleased  
to be able to offer sessions for  
Parents to get prepared for  
Christmas. Sessions are priced  
at £7.00 (3.15-5.30).

Registration forms must be  
completed and a small  
registration cost of £2.50 is due.  
Please Contact Miss Cameron  
for further details

[l.cameron@poultonstchads.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:l.cameron@poultonstchads.lancs.sch.uk)



December 16th

# CHRISTMAS Lunch.

Traditional Roast Turkey  
Chipolata Sausage  
& Gravy

or

Cranberry Root Roast  
Vegetarian Sausage  
& Gravy

*served with*

Sage & Onion Stuffing  
Roast Potatoes,  
Mashed Potatoes  
& Seasonal Vegetables

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Festive  
Dessert



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#### Fully Funded School Support Course

We would like to highlight our new 2025 FULLY FUNDED (FREE) courses to parents, carers and staff at your school. We are working with The EFSA (Education Skills Funding Agency) and have full funding for our six-week online intensive courses, available to parents and carers.

We understand that it can be difficult for most parents and carers to further their education, which puts them in a better position for a job role that fits in with their families. So, we have created new intensive courses that are based online, with full tutor support, running within school hours and in term times ONLY.

This is a six-week course, available in level 1, 2 & 3, with live webinar sessions running from 9:30am - 11:30am, with a 1 hr lunch break, followed by a second 1.5 hr session from 12:30-2pm.

Our next course starts on 6th January. The deadline to enrol is Friday 13th December!

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1, 2 & 3.

Our next course starts on 6th January. The deadline to enrol is Friday 13th December.  
Sessions will be available with our employment engagement officers after course completion!

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet and our friendly tutors will guide you all the way.  
These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

If you are earning less than £24,000 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

\*Please see more details about our eligibility on our website.  
[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

# Do you need help this Winter?

**Are you struggling to buy food  
or to pay for household bills?**

The Household Support Fund can provide short-term financial help for people struggling to pay for essentials such as food, heating and water.

Please visit **[www.wyre.gov.uk/householdsupport](http://www.wyre.gov.uk/householdsupport)** or scan the QR code below to view the criteria and make an application now.





*Christmas is coming....*

**THERE WILL BE PARTIES, PANTOMIMES, ACTIVITIES,  
WARM FOOD, CLUBS AND PLENTY OF FUN**

**LOOK OUT FOR YOUR HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND  
FOOD VOUCHER - YOU WILL NEED A VOUCHER TO**

- If your child is eligible for a funded HAF place you will receive an e-voucher by text or email on the 2nd of Dec.
- This will be from [hello@holidays](mailto:hello@holidays)
- The vouchers will now be linked to a central booking system, the link will take you straight to your district booking platform, registration and booking should be quick and simple.
- The vouchers are issued for the district your child goes to school in and can only be used in that district, if you need to transfer the voucher as you live close to the boundary or are spending the holiday in a different district please make a request to [CFW-HAF@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:CFW-HAF@lancashire.gov.uk)

If you need any help with your child's HAF voucher contact:

[support@holidayactivities.com](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com)

# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

North

## Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?

**Closing date: 15 January 2025**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

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



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01524 581148**.

Have  
your say

*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/schoolplaces](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.*

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