

SCHOOL MATTERS



Week ending Friday 13th September 2024

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

LOVE LEARNING. LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.



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elcome back everyone! I hope you all had a good summer break and are ready for an exciting new school year ahead. The children are off to a great start- they have settled in very well to their new classes, with the new routines and expectations. We have had lots of building improvements over the summer- new electrics, new fire alarm system, a new KS2 breakout room, a new meeting room and a new PPA room for the teachers. We are also having new dimmable lighting installed throughout school, including the hall, to help any children with sensory needs.



Uniform

Please remember that there are to be no items with the old school logo on them now as this is the third year of our new uniform and only new uniform should be worn. This includes PE kits- a plain white T-shirt only please. Our St Chad's children always look really smart- thank you parents for your consistent high standards with this.

School Dinners

We are looking into the possibility of catering our own school meals starting in January. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please feel free to email me as parents' views are always welcome.

Headteacher Availability

If parents or carers need to contact me about an issue that the class teacher or office cannot resolve, please allow 48 hours for me to respond via email or as a phone call. My diary is very full (I am busy making school a fantastic place for your children to attend) so if parents also require a meeting, this could take up to 5 working days. I always endeavour to speak to parents as soon as I am able to- thank you for your understanding and patience with this.

New starters 2025

Please see attached flyer for any new starters for September 2025



From,

Mrs Nicole Bitsakaki





Welcome to Mrs Duhig our new Bursar,
Mrs Hardy our new Year 4 teacher and
Mrs Blackett our new Associate Assistant Headteacher. We
are delighted to have you all on the team.
Also a really warm St. Chad's welcome to all our new EYFS
children and families.



NUT FREE



Just a polite reminder that we are a
Nut Free school.

Sweets and chocolate bars are also
prohibited from packed lunch boxes.
(This does not include chocolate biscuits)

DIARY DATES

September

Meet The Teacher

Year 1: Friday 20th September

Year 2: Tuesday 24th September

Year 3: Tuesday 17th September

Year 4: Thursday 26th September

Year 5: Thursday 19th September

Year 6: Monday 16th September

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Mrs Bitsakaki

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

**Mr Blackburn
Mrs Woodward
Mrs Hardy**

Governor Safeguarding Lead:
Rev Martin Keighley

Christian Value for Autumn 1
Wisdom

STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 6TH SEPTEMBER

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Woodward

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Watts

TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1
Year 1

KS2
Year 6

STARS OF THE WEEK

Everyone
Jemima
Heath
Octavia
Xander
Elsie
Max
Luke

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Everyone
Hayden
Charlie C.
Harry H.
Jude
Theodore R.
Milo
Sophie

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

HOUSE POINTWINNERS

Yellow Lions!



STAR



LEARNER



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Tuck Shop

Our Tuck Shop is open every morning at break time for all Junior children. A variety of fruit, raisins, bottled water and fruit cartons are all available to buy.



Toast is also sold on Friday's 20p a slice!



If anybody needs any help or support then our Family Support worker Mrs. Hardy can be contacted via email at fsw@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk.

EYFS
&
KS1

CLASS'S

in pictures

Emeralds



Our first School photograph!



Year 1



Year 1 have enjoyed an apple taste testing investigation as part of their Harvest topic for Science and RE.

Creative Corner



We are learning about The Polar Regions with a focus on Antarctica this week, so we made some penguins out of plastic bottles for our classroom display!

Year 2



We have been learning how to work as 'Talk Partners'

KS2

CLASS'S *in pictures*

Year 3



Year 3 have been learning all about Folktales! We have been using roleplay to help understand the thoughts and feelings of characters in our stories.

Year 4



Year 4 have been learning how to throw a ball using a one handed pass in Dodgeball.

Year 5



We have been learning about the instruments that were used by the Ancient Egyptians. They learnt that drums helped keep the oarsmen in time when sailing down the River Nile. They then reenacted this on the school playground, with a drummer at the front and back of each boat.

Year 6



Y6 have been looking at 'The Ickabog' by JK Rowling. Using the description from the book, they have sculpted their own Ickabogs using clay.



**A WILD IN ART EVENT
BROUGHT TO BLACKPOOL**
in support of Brian House
Children's Hospice

To all our friends at Poulton St Chad's

Thank you for making a MAMMOTH difference

Thank you so much for being a huge part of Elmer's Big Parade Blackpool through our Learning Programme.

We hope you had a fantastic time creating your Elmer masterpiece and seeing it bring smiles to thousands of faces in Blackpool. I hope your sculpture is enjoying the first weeks in his new home this term.

I am delighted to let you know that our first ever art trail has raised a massive **£200,013** for Brian House Children's Hospice.

And on top of that, the impact of our art trail was worth a staggering **£14m** for Blackpool's economy.

Thank you so much for being part of our journey!

The money raised through our art trail will allow us to provide very specialist care to children who are living with very complex conditions, affecting their young lives every single day. With our help, thanks to you, we can provide amazing experiences for these incredible. At Brian House, we believe in making the most of every single day. **Thanks to incredible supporters like you, local children are able to have full lives, however short.**

On behalf of everyone here at Brian House Children's Hospice, thank you so much for helping us to provide exceptional care to local children living with incredibly complex health conditions and create full lives, however short.

With every best wishes,

Sally Insley
Head of Fundraising (Interim)

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



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 and click 'school admission policies'.

lancashire.gov.uk





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School

AGM

**MEETING TO DISCUSS IDEAS AND EVENTS
FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR**



**Monday, 16th September
6PM**



School Hub

Enter school via kitchen door

Committee roles available, please contact us via Facebook
or email if interested - friendsofstchads@outlook.com

ALL WELCOME, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period¹. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning
Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

¹ A school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.