



# SCHOOL MATTERS

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**LOVE LEARNING. LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

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

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## Educational Visit Trips



I'm delighted to let you know we've been on a total of 27 educational visits this year in school which is a record for St Chad's!

# 27

# Thank you



parents for supporting this; staff for giving children such a wider range of opportunities to learn outside the classroom and our wonderful volunteers who make it possible.

# Uniform



As parents may be buying new uniform soon for September, please can you make sure that children have black school shoes (no trainers), that no uniform items are personalised and only uniform with the new logo is worn. We would also like to remind parents before the holidays we do not permit extreme hair styles- we do not allow coloured hair braids, hair dye, hair gel; fashion cuts or shaved hair patterns (no cuts below Grade 2). Please check the website or contact the school office if you are unsure:

<https://poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

Thank you parents for supporting our high expectations and for helping us to keep our children looking super smart.

## OOSC Survey Results



Thank you for the 36 surveys we received. We are pleased that parents have noticed our improvements in OOSC this year and thank you for your feedback- your suggestions and given us more ideas for improvement! The full results are later in the newsletter.

Please see results at the end of the newsletter

From,  
Mrs Bitsakaki

## CALENDAR DATES

- July 16<sup>th</sup> KS 2 Music Evening 4:30pm  
End of year reports
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Leavers Service 9:30am
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Break up for Summer (2pm finish)

Summer Holiday

- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> School reopens

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
**Mrs Bitsakaki**

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

Governor Safeguarding Lead:  
**Rev Martin Keighley**

Christian Value for Spring 2  
**Love**

## ATTENDANCE

National Expectation for Attendance

**94%**

School Attendance Target

**96%**

Whole School Attendance is currently

**95.5%**

## CLASS ATTENDANCE CURRENTLY

EYFS	96.41%
Year 1	93.02%
Year 2	93.63%

Year 3	96.81%
Year 4	96.73%
Year 5	96.08%
Year 6	96.29%

# STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

## WEEK ENDING 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

### STARS OF THE WEEK

EMERALDS

YEAR 1

CREATIVE CORNER

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

Millie  
Ellie B  
Fergus  
Olivia  
Barnaby  
George  
George  
Ella

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Ada  
Harry  
Georgia  
Florence  
Violet  
Lottie  
Hollie  
Amelia

### TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Parry

### SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Miss Dale

### TIDY CLASSROOM

EYFS

KS2  
Year 5

## HOUSE POINT WINNERS

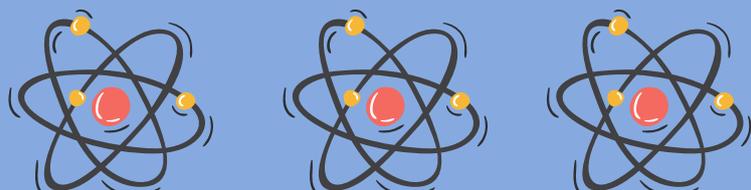
Yellow Lions



## STARS OF THE WEEK



## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



# STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

## WEEK ENDING 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

### STARS OF THE WEEK

EMERALDS

YEAR 1

CREATIVE CORNER

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

YEAR 4

YEAR 5

YEAR 6

Nevaeh

Leo

Georgia

Francesca

Ryan

Harrison

Leo

Georgia

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Ada

Ada

Rowan

George

Lola

Kaiden

Joey

Edward

### TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mr Graham

### SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Hardy

### TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1

Year 1

KS2

Year 3

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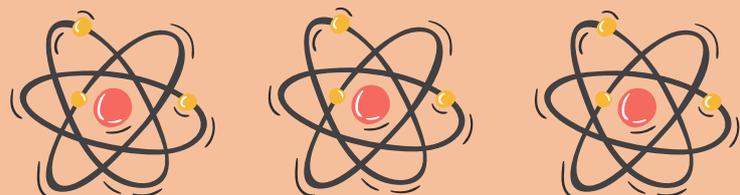
Red Pandas



## STARS OF THE WEEK



## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



# Headteacher's Award w/e 27th June

# Floki Award



George  
Y2



Brooke  
Y6



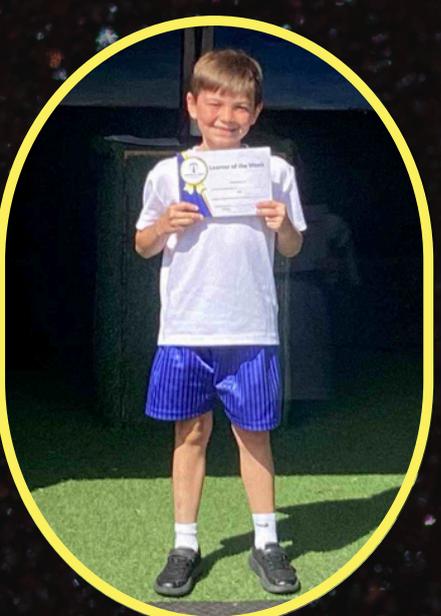
Ellie  
Y5

# Headteacher's Award w/e 4th July

# Floki Award



Jack H  
Y1



Luke  
Y3



Bella  
Y2



# LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

## KEY STAGE 1



### EYFS



This week, we role played going on a plane on a trip to Disney World and had a go on some of the rides. The children were all super excited.

### YEAR 1



Year 1 have enjoyed learning how to cross the road safely for their PSHE Road Safety lessons.

### CREATIVE CORNER



Year 2 have been investigating which materials are best for a circus tent. We have been looking at waterproof and absorbent materials.

### YEAR 2



Year 2 enjoyed sharing and chatting about books in our newly opened library.

# LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

## KEY STAGE 2

### YEAR 3



Year 3 have been learning all about the prophets. On Tuesday, we went out to the field to create freeze-frame re-enactments of the story of Abraham and Isaac.

### YEAR 4



Year 4 have been debating whether children should be allowed to bring a mobile phone into school. We thought about both sides of the argument and created a table for our ideas.

### YEAR 5



This week Year 5 have experienced Computing workshops with a high school teacher, where they took part in coding sessions, creating their own code and spotting errors in given code.

### YEAR 6



Year 6 had a great time at the Lancashire Museum in Preston learning more about life during WW2

# SIBLING SUCCESS



Ella  
&  
Millie

George  
&  
Olivia

# PLAYGROUND PROMS



A big shout out to Mrs Woodward for organising Playground Proms for all the children this year!





## GRAND REOPENING OF

## ST CHAD'S SCHOOL LIBRARY



We have recently launched our new library and we were incredibly lucky to have it officially opened by author of Witchcraft, Stephanie Selby.



Mrs Bitsakaki and many of our governors joined the celebration too and were extremely pleased to see so many children so enthusiastic about reading and enjoying the wonderful books within it.

Our new library features a scanning system to allow child to have their books signed out electronically, and all children have their own colourful library card which they love!



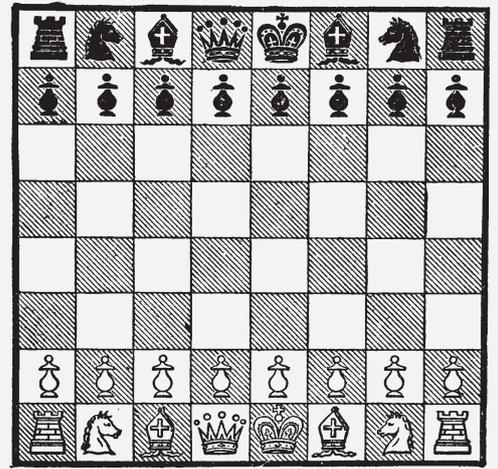
We would like to say thank you to Stephanie, to our Friends, governors, parents, staff, volunteers and all involved in the opening of this wonderful new space! We would also like to say a particularly huge thank you to Mrs Blackett for her months of work organising the library and to Miss Cameron who has worked tirelessly to get thousands of books on to our system over the last few months. It has been a real team effort and is now ensuring that all children have the opportunity to read for pleasure.



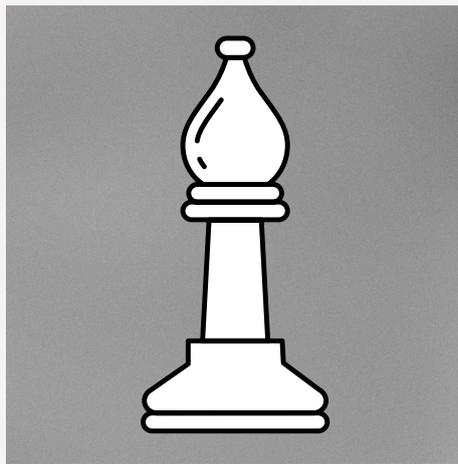
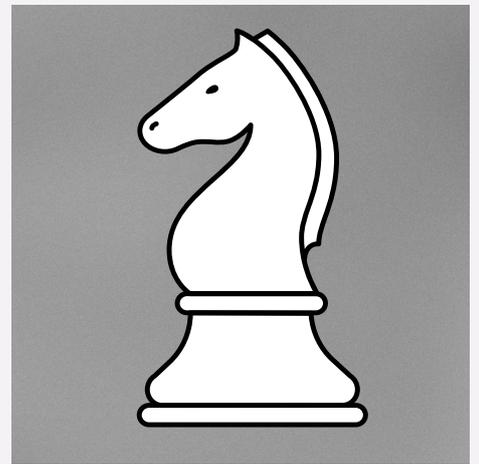
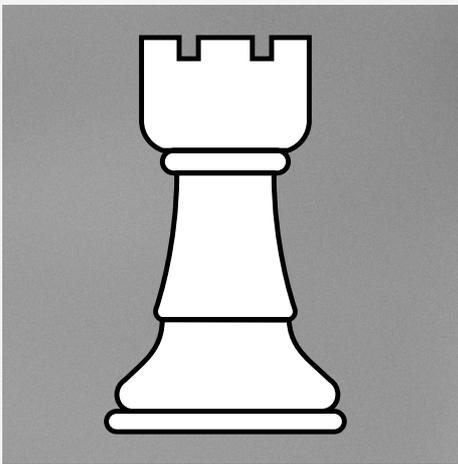
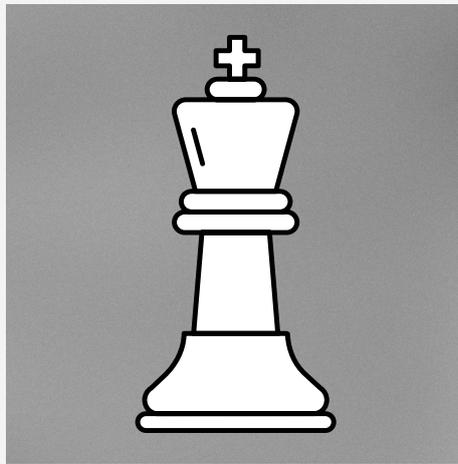
# CHESS

## TOURNAMENT

# 2025



A big thank you to Mr Graham for organising the chess tournament - this was also featured in the Gazette on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025.







**POULTON ST CHAD'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Results from our OOSC Questionnaire (June 2025)

36 respondents on 9.7.25

1. My child attends Breakfast Club Regularly 47% Occasionally 17% Never 36%
2. My child attends After School Club Regularly 58% Occasionally 8% Never 33%
3. My child enjoys attending strongly agree/agree 71% strongly disagree/disagree 6% Don't know 23%
4. My child is happy with the new variety of food of drink choices strongly agree/agree 72% strongly disagree/disagree 3% Don't know 25%
5. My child enjoys the activities strongly agree/agree 72% strongly disagree/disagree 6% Don't know 22%

6. What does your child like most about BC/ASC?

- Playing with other children/seeing children before class/friends x10
- The food/snacks/breakfast cereal/beans on toast x8
- The teachers x3
- Drawing
- Pads x4
- Sumdog
- Playing outside x2
- Colouring
- The dolls
- Pool
- Different activities
- Games
- Responsibility of helping out

7. What does your child least like about BC/ASC?

- Nothing x3
- We only hear negatives when he's ran out of paper to draw on but understand he is greedy with this!
- Not enough to do for the older children x2
- Not sure as he is always happy
- If their friends aren't there/ feel lonely x2
- Long day
- She doesn't like being dropped off late or being picked up early 😊

- Not going 😞 he always wants to be there Breakfast - different or rotate the toys/activities. After
- school - fruit available as she misses it. Food x2 Doesn't feel that there are enough things to
- do/finds it boring waiting for activities to start or
- wanting something that's unavailable. X3 Could it be worth asking for any donations to help with the resources?

8. Are you aware of the full terms of the OOSC contract? Yes 51% No 23% don't know 26%

9. Do you find the booking and payment system easy to use? Yes 66% No 14% Don't know 20 %

10. Would you like your child to complete homework at ASC? Yes 62% No 21% Don't know 18 %

11. How do you find the process of drop off/collection?

- Better than it was
- Positive responses (good/ok/fine/all good!/brilliant/ok/) x 18
- Collection is a pain, especially if the weather is bad. Writing my child's name, collection time and my name for everyone to see is an issue for me and I don't like the idea of others being able to see what time and who has collected my child.
- Good but liked when you rang the telephone number as it saved waiting in the rain /wind/snow .
- Easy. I like the sign out form
- I think recording who has picked up is a good and safe idea
- ok, sign out sheet delays pick up as the member of staff has to greet me to give me the sign out form before collecting my child
- Sometimes can take a long time for the door to be answered
- Difficult due to parking - car park should allow for earlier drop off and later pick up
- Ok can be slow at times
- Not good in bad weather due to no outdoor cover. Can sometimes be a long wait due to the staff having to come out to see who it is and then go back to collect them would be quicker with an intercom system camera or voice to say who you were to collect. The new sign out sheet makes me question safeguarding as it has name of children and name of adult collecting that than other parents or those collecting can see? If you arrive at the same time as extra curricular clubs come out such as choir it can be a nightmare all parents queuing along a small space much better when they were leaving from the other side of school.
- Ok with clipboard signage
- I think if there was a ring door bell it would be easier for the staff rather than coming to see who it is and then going back again
- Good - much safer now we have to sign her out. Very efficient in the morning and always on time to open Ok, but parents parking on Princess avenue are a nuisance (appreciate they are
- also attending nursery not just breakfast club)
- It can take some time but I am aware that there is a walk. Waiting in the rain can be a pain. The bell doesn't always work.

Response to Comments-

- Thank you for all the feedback
- You are still able to ring ahead of time to let staff know you are on your way.
- We have now put up an awning as shelter- thank you for the suggestion.
- We have ordered a ring doorbell- thank you for the suggestion.
- Unfortunately our car park is too small to allow for drop off/collection. We don't have enough spaces for all our staff and visitors so we can't facilitate this. We do ask parents not to park on Princess Ave- if you see any inconsiderate parking you are able to report

it yourself, we have a section on the website about this (Parents> Road Safety) or you can use this link:

<https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/ContactAnOfficer/Create>

- Staff will now bring the signing sheet with them to the door so there is less likelihood of other parents being able to see collections for other children.

12.EYFS/Y1/Y2 55%      Y3/4 35% Y5/6 10%

### 13.Any comments

- Mrs Cameron has been so accommodating this year which has been incredibly helpful when we've been struggling with childcare. Also, with the changes to UC Miss Cameron has been very efficient with sending invoices. This has been hugely helpful and I would really like to thank her for all her help.
- I would find it useful if we were able to book at short notice. I know this makes it more difficult to manage internally, but sometimes something comes up at work and I could really do with booking an additional session at short notice (a day or two in advance). This would support me more than having to block book as some days I don't need them to come but because I've paid and booked them in I send them.
- I have filled this in on behalf of both my children one in year 1 and one in year 4. Things have much improved, thank you to the team.
- Having a limited ADHOC facility to use the after school club would benefit parents that's perhaps need help on occasion rather than every day.
- My child generally enjoys after school and breakfast club. I find it a bit frustrating that the payments I make are never up to date on the Scopay app.
- I would like my child to do her homework at the after-school club because at home there is no one to help that can speak fully English
- Always happy if he wants to do homework at after school club but I'm happy for this to be up to if he would like a rest or a break as I appreciate it's a long day for children.
- My child says they enjoy going yo ASC. Mix of all ages as this is the only it happens. My daughter enjoys being with a mix of all ages
- The hours are great as are the staff
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- Yes. Why isn't there more focus on team sports? It seems there is a lack of motivation towards team sports.
- Regardless of what answers my child has just given, she absolutely loves both breakfast club and afterschool club. Andy and myself are so grateful for us to be able to uses these clubs and couldn't thank you enough!
- Would be nice to be able to book my child in on the odd occasion I need childcare, no flexibility is disappointing.
- Thank you for all your hard work. Only thing I would say is I find it hard to book on more days / less days if I needed
- It would be easier if parents could book and amend bookings as and when needed rather than set sessions because I always end up paying for some that aren't used.

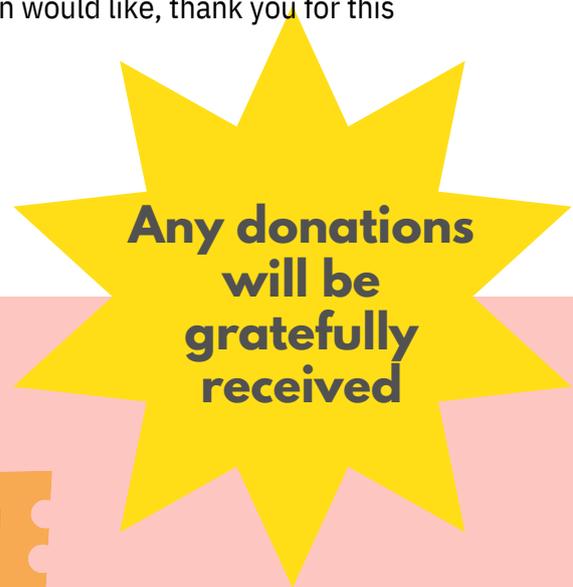
### Response to Comments:

- Thank you for the feedback about our changes and improvements and for your positive comments.

- Please get in touch with Ms Cameron if you require ad hoc bookings. We already provide this for some families and as long as you are registered, we can facilitate a small number of ad hoc or emergency bookings.
- Support for homework over English concerns- we can help with this, Ms Cameron will be in touch.
- Parents asked for more outside activity which we have provided but this will not involve competitive sports. This is appropriate during curriculum PE and extra-curricular clubs - our OOSC outside activity is for fun, for health and for confidence building.
- If you use the tax free childcare system, please let Ms Cameron know when you have made a payment, otherwise she can only register this on your account once it has shown on the bank statement a month later.
- We attach a list of suggested donations that the children would like, thank you for this idea.



**OOSC**  
Direct Line  
**01253 372093**



# WISH LIST

For OOSC



Remote Controlled Cars

Styling Heads with accessories



Loom bands

Bracelet making

More cars for garage

Group board games e.g Frustration/ Tetris Tower/ Cluedo



Dolls house furniture

Assorted felt tip/glitter pens

Playdoh playset e.g marvel or cafe



**Please contact Miss Cameron for more information**

# Who to Contact?

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Staff emails</li> <li>*Term dates</li> <li>*School policies</li> <li>*Car parking permit</li> <li>*Christian Values</li> <li>*Class information</li> <li>*Extra-Curricular activities</li> <li>*Friends of St Chad's</li> <li>*Governing Board</li> <li>*School uniform</li> <li>*Lunch Menu</li> <li>*General information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Urgent matters</li> <li>*General questions</li> <li>*Medication</li> <li>*Change of personal details/ circumstances</li> <li>*Scopay</li> <li>*Lateness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Holiday Requests</li> <li>*Unauthorised absences</li> <li>*Medical appointments</li> <li>*Breakfast club</li> <li>*After school club</li> <li>**Sickness absence is to be reported on the Parent App**</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Concerns of additional needs</li> <li>*EHCP questions</li> <li>*Support with child's diagnosed condition</li> <li>**Works on Tuesdays only**</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Early Help</li> <li>*Safeguarding</li> <li>*Family support</li> <li>*Mental health concerns</li> <li>*Bereavement</li> <li>*Advice about other agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Day to day school</li> <li>*Friendship issues</li> <li>*Low level well-being concerns</li> <li>*Progress &amp; development</li> <li>*Homework / reading</li> <li>*Clubs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Any unresolved concerns following discussions with class teacher/staff.</li> <li><b>EYFS/ KS1:</b> Mrs Woodward <a href="mailto:l.woodward@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">l.woodward@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a></li> <li><b>KS2:</b> Mr Blackburn <a href="mailto:MrBlackburn@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">MrBlackburn@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a></li> <li><b>Associate Assistant Head:</b> Mrs Blackett <a href="mailto:J.Blackett@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">J.Blackett@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a></li> <li><b>Headteacher:</b> Mrs Bitsakaki <a href="mailto:head@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">head@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>INSTANT ANSWER!</b>	Urgent- same day response. Everything else- within 48 hours.	Response within 48 hours	Will respond on Tuesdays. Meetings may take 2 weeks to arrange.	Response within 48 hours	Email response or meeting arranged within 48 hours	Response within 48 hours. Meetings may take 2 weeks to arrange.

# Teacher Email Addresses

## Key Stage 1

## Key Stage 2

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