



# SCHOOL MATTERS

Week Ending Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Vol 2



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

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

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## WELL DONE EYFS!

We are very pleased with how well our new starters are settling into school. They are doing well learning their new routines and making friends- it's lovely to see how keen they are to get into school in a morning to start learning and playing! We are all super proud of them- well done children!

## Home School Agreement

Relationships with our parents and families are really important to us at St Chad's and we look forward to working successfully with you all this year. As we start the new school year, please read the home school agreement in the children's planners- it can also be found on the website:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Our Unacceptable Parent Policy can also be found on the website in the policies section:

[CLICK HERE](#)



# **New Behaviour and Relationships and Anti-Racism Policies**

As you will hopefully be aware, we are currently developing a new behaviour and relationships policy this term and we feel that we also need an Anti-Racism policy at St Chad's. We have taken on board parent comments about behaviour from the survey in February 2025 - thank you parents for your feedback. I would like to work with a small group of parents to help create an Anti-Racism policy. If anyone is interested, a proposed time is 9-945 on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please email me if you would like to be involved.

## **POLITE REMINDER ABOUT PARKING**

We would like to remind parents that there should be no dropping children off or parking (no matter how brief) on the double yellow lines on Hardhorn Rd or anywhere on Princess Ave. We have already had a complaint since we came back about several incidents of inconsiderate and unsafe parking. Thank you for your help with this.



## **SURVEYS/PARENT VOICE**



Last year we asked families to complete a survey for us and the two areas where parents were less satisfied was with our communication and our home learning (22% parents felt the home learning was too much and 29% felt the communication was too little). We have met as staff and reviewed how we communicate with you and our home learning policy- we found we agreed!

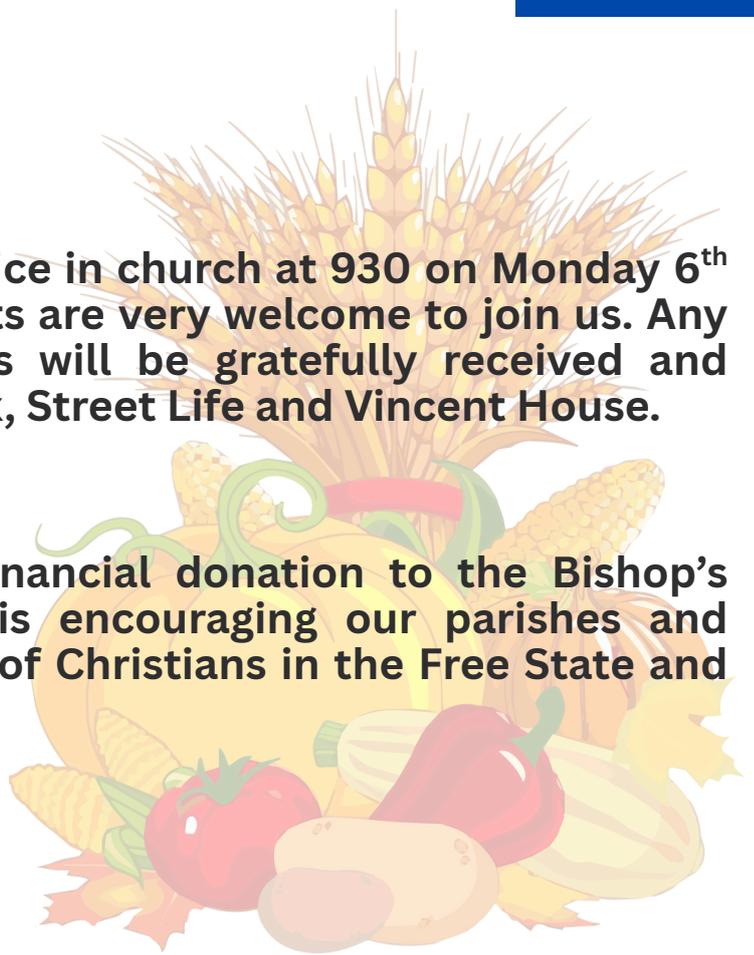
This year we will streamline the communication channels as you requested and try to be even better organised (Seesaw for all class communication; parent app/newsletters for whole school; more notice of events to come; email used as a back up or for longer messages). Hopefully this will ensure that we are consistent in our communication and that the amount of homework given is consistent and appropriate for the age of our children.

Thank you for providing us with this feedback and for the chance to improve- we hope you will notice a difference this year!

# HARVEST APPEAL

We are holding our Harvest service in church at 930 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October for Year 1-Year 6. Parents are very welcome to join us. Any donations of tins and toiletries will be gratefully received and donated to Fleetwood Food Bank, Street Life and Vincent House.

If you would like to make a financial donation to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, this year he is encouraging our parishes and schools to learn about the lives of Christians in the Free State and support a number of projects.



You can donate and find out more via this link:



*From,  
Mrs Bitsakaki*

## CALENDAR DATES

- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Harvest
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Hello Yellow Day (wear yellow)
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Individual photographs
- **Oct 24<sup>th</sup> School closes for half term**
- **Nov 5<sup>th</sup> School re-opens**
- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Annual flu vaccination (all)
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Children in Need  
(wear anything spotty)
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Be Bright Be Seen  
(dress as bright as possible)
- **Dec 19<sup>th</sup> School closes for Christmas**

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
**Mrs Bitsakaki**

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

Governor Safeguarding Lead:  
**Rev Martin Keighley**

Christian Value for Autumn 1  
**Integrity**

## ATTENDANCE

National Expectation for Attendance

**94%**

School Attendance Target

**96%**

Whole School Attendance is currently

**96.45%**



## CLASS ATTENDANCE CURRENTLY

EYFS	92.32%	Year 3	96.59%
Year 1	97.42%	Year 4	99.62%
Year 2	91.82%	Year 5	97.48%
		Year 6	98.63%

# STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

### STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Joseph  
Ada B  
Ada A  
Bella  
Luna  
Theo R  
Amber

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Georgia  
Alice  
Benjamin  
Cleo  
Ryan  
Elsie  
Raffie

### TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Harwood

### SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Miss Cassidy

### TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1  
Year 2

KS2  
Year 4

## HOUSE POINT WINNERS

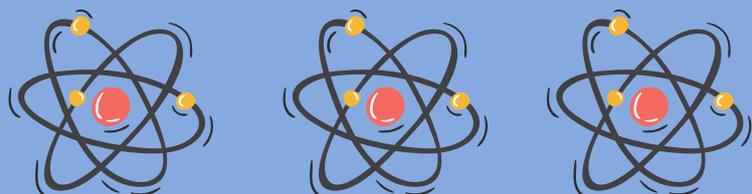
Red Pandas



## STARS OF THE WEEK



## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



# STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

## WEEK ENDING 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Lucy  
Amelie  
Lizzie  
Esme  
Poppy  
Angel  
India-Rose

### LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Louie  
Olive  
Delilah  
Milly  
Barnaby  
Jenson  
Max

### TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mr Sorsbie

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Duhig

### TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1  
Year 1

KS2  
Year 5

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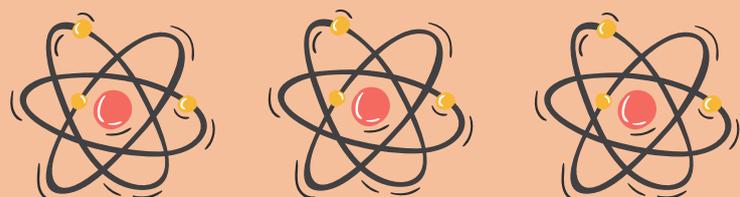
Yellow Lions



## STARS OF THE WEEK



## LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



# Headteacher's Award w/e 4th September



Harry  
Y6



Charlotte  
Y5

# Floki Award



Xander  
Y4

# Headteacher's Award w/e 12th September



Percy  
Y3



Ruby C  
Y5

# Floki Award



Chloe  
Y4



# LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

## KEY STAGE 1



### EYFS

### YEAR 1



The children have started learning phonics this week in the reception class. They have been enjoying learning new sounds and have had so much fun showing off their writing.



In science this week, Year 1 identified plants around the school.

### CREATIVE CORNER

### YEAR 2



This week Creative Corner have been making papier-mâché starfish

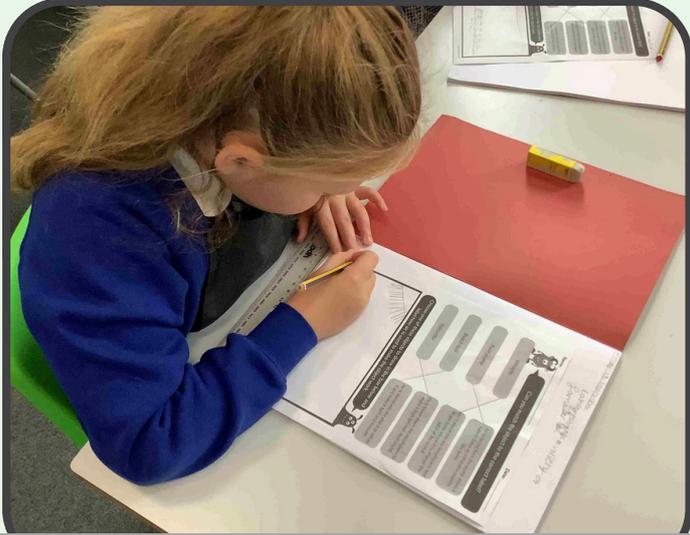


Year 2 enjoying an active break between lessons.

# LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

## KEY STAGE 2

### YEAR 3



In DT the children investigated different objects that use air to make them work, for example a bicycle pump, a beach ball, a recorder or a whistle. We matched up the descriptions of how the objects work and then drew and labelled an object that works by using air.

### YEAR 4



As we continue in our music topic on body percussion, Year 4 have begun to devise their own pieces using rainforest animals as inspiration. We've had some great performances!

### YEAR 5



Year 5 have been creating parachutes of different sizes when carrying out an investigation into how surface area affects air resistance.

### YEAR 6



Year 6 used the iPads to access their Oxford Reading Buddy accounts. They are all ready to do lots of reading at home now!



A special shoutout and a huge thank you to Martin and Lyndsay from Jammy Digital who have donated over £500 of new books to our school library, many authors and titles the children had asked for.

THANK YOU



We are extremely grateful for the kindness that has been shown in building our new library and giving the children so many rich opportunities to experience books.



# Who to Contact?

<b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">www.poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a>	<b>Bursar</b> 01253 883639 <a href="mailto:bursar@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">bursar@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a>	<b>Attendance Officer</b> <a href="mailto:l.cameron@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">l.cameron@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a>	<b>SENCO</b> <a href="mailto:senco@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">senco@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a>	<b>Family Support Worker</b> <a href="mailto:fsw@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">fsw@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a>	<b>Teachers</b> <a href="mailto:Name@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">Name@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk</a>	<b>Senior Leadership Team</b> <b>SLT</b>
<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><i>**Sickness absence is to be reported on the Parent App**</i></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><i>**Works on Tuesdays only**</i></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 Harwood <a href="mailto:n.harwood@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk">n.harwood@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>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

**EYFS**  
[MrsArcher@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:MrsArcher@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk)

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## Key Stage 2

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**Year 5**  
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**Year 6**  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION 2025 ( NASAL SPRAY / IM (injectable) option available )**

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. There may be a rebound in Flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

### **Please complete the online consent form.**

If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.

### **Online Consent Form:**

Use the link below to access the online consent form:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Enter the unique school code with BP in capital letters

**The code for your school is: BP119556**

Please inform the School Vaccination Team (**Not School**) of the following on

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If after consenting you take your child to your GP surgery to receive their vaccination

**It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again. Our contact details are:**

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984

Lancaster & Morecambe: 01524 406672

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Flu vaccination for children](#)

Yours faithfully,

School Age Vaccination Team



## Key Stage 2

# *Break Time Snack Bar*

### EVERY DAY

Fruit Pots - 30p

Raisins - 20p

Drinks - 40p

### FRIDAY

Crumpets - 40p

Toasted Teacakes - 40p

Toast - 20p

Please bring correct change

# SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

**NORTH**

**Do you have a child starting  
primary school in September 2026  
and living in Lancashire?**

**Closing date: 15 January 2026**

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

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

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk)



**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
SECONDARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

## School and Academy places September 2026

*You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2025.*

*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 2025**

### School transport



*If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.*



[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)



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