



SCHOOL MATTERS



Week Ending Friday 20th March 2026 Vol 13

LOVE LEARNING. LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

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

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Christian Value

Spring 2

Forgiveness



Luke 6:37: "Forgive and you will be forgiven."



Easter lunch

We are offering a special Easter roast lamb lunch (or roast chicken) on Wednesday 25th March. Please order on SCOPAY if your child would like one.

Online Safety Awareness Briefing for Parents Monday 23rd March 630-730

We have changed this date and made the time later so hopefully more parents/carers can access this. The zoom link was sent out on Monday via parent app.



Careers Day- please help!



We would like to hold a Careers Day in school for all our children on **Friday 24th April**. If you would be willing to come and talk to our children about your job for approximately 30 minutes, please contact either myself or the school office. Please let us know when is a good time for you (between 9-12 or 1-230) and which year group/s you would feel most comfortable with.

We would welcome parents from any industry as we would love to give children an opportunity to think about their future career and be inspired at an early age. We would ask that you share with the children what you enjoy about your work and what they'd need to do if they wanted to get into that field. We'd love you to share any photos and of course, opportunities for anything practical would be super!

Please get in touch by Thursday 16th April if you think you can help, thank you in advance.

School Website

We would like to encourage parents to look at the class pages on the school website as there is a plethora of information on there about what your child is/will be learning and hopefully will be helpful for you. Head to children > classpages > year group.

Wear it Red & Wear it Purple Day

Next week we will be holding **Wear It Red Day** on Tuesday and **Wear It Purple Day** on Thursday. Pupils should come to school in their usual school uniform, with one item of clothing or an accessory in the colour of the day.



*From,
Mrs Bitsakaki*

Church school questions for parents Feb 2026

25 responses on 25.2.26

Strongly agree/ agree/ don't know/disagree/strongly disagree

- 1 St Chad's school welcomes people of all faiths and of none
Strongly agree/ agree 92 % don't know 8% disagree/strongly disagree 0%
- 2 St Chad's is an inclusive school for all children
Strongly agree/ agree 92% don't know 8% disagree/strongly disagree 0%
- 3 RE is well taught and my child enjoys RE lessons
Strongly agree/ agree 84% don't know 16% disagree/strongly disagree 0%
- 4 Children at St Chad's learn about other world faiths
Strongly agree/ agree 88 % don't know 12% disagree/strongly disagree 0%
- 5 My child enjoys worship
Strongly agree/ agree 92 % don't know 8 % disagree/strongly disagree 0 %
- 6 There is a strong link between St Chad's school and St Chad's church
Strongly agree/ agree 96% don't know 4% disagree/strongly disagree 0%
- 7 My family and I worship regularly (at least once a month) in one of the Churches Together
Yes 36% No 64 %
- 8 St Chad's has a distinctively Christian ethos.
Strongly agree/ agree 88 % don't know 12% disagree/strongly disagree 0 %
- 9 Christian values are promoted at St Chad's
Strongly agree/ agree 92 % don't know 8% disagree/strongly disagree 0%
- 10 I would recommend St Chad's to another parent.
Strongly agree/ agree 80% don't know 16% disagree/strongly disagree 4%
- 11 I know who the school governors are and what their role is
Yes 28% Somewhat 40% No 32%
- 12 I chose Poulton St Chad's school because
 - Link to the church and recommendation from friends
 - Good school reputation Near our home
 - It is inclusive
 - It is a lovely Church school with strong community values, high academic standards, good facilities and all the teachers/staff are great! We chose well, our girls love school!!
 - Really liked it when we looked around. Love the themed days and the feel of the school. The staff are lovely and go above and beyond. Really strong Christian ethos.
 - Siblings attended
 - It's inclusive and nurturing. Staff are friendly, caring and supportive. The needs of children are always put first and the children get to do so much throughout the year. My child is keen to know when and what the next non-uniform day is.
 - the school has always had a great reputation, well established in the local community and excellent teaching staff. Plus strong links with St Chad's church.
 - I heard great things
 - Location and church school as church goes

- St Chads is small local school and promotes strong links to its local community and church.
- It felt like there's a good community feel and connection with the school compared to some of the other local ones
- Because of link to St Chads Church and half friends grown up with went to school from nursery.
- Close to home
- It's local and the children enjoy church
- It is a wholesome feeling school where the head clearly cares about every child and their well fare
- I went to St Chads and enjoyed my time here. I like the values and that its a small school and the school is welcoming
- The school's reputation
- Important to us for him to attend a CE school.
- Faith & sibling attending.

Which class is your child in?

EYFS - 2
 Y1 -5
 Y2 - 4
 Y3 -3
 Y4 -4
 Y5 -1
 Y6 - 6

EYFS/KS1-44 %
 KS2 56 %

13 Any other comments

- My child much prefers worship in school to JC Kids at St Chads. It would be great to link up with themes, stories, and songs
- Although happy with the teachers and how hard they work we have concerns about the disruptive behaviour of some of the children in the year 5 class and the impact it is having on the children's learning. We are happy with the school but not with the behaviour of some of the children in this class
- Many long standing members of staff have left the school which is very worrying. New staff seem to come and go regularly. There are also lots of children leaving for other schools which we've never known of before.
- I would really like school to remind parents of the correct etiquette in group chats. My daughters class chat is full of negative comments from argumentative mums who try and get everyone on side to complain to school regarding spellings..... world book day etc etc
- Think it good school maintains its Christian identity and purpose and linkage to St Chads Church , alongside teaching other faiths. Also I believe children enjoy school services in church at e.g. Harvest, Easter, Christmas . My child enjoys the worship in school and church and often talks about it.
- The school is a lovely school with strong values and good sense of community- they teach kindness and fairness and care for every child
- I think you're all doing an amazing job. Thank you

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to invite you to attend our upcoming **Equality, Diversity and Justice Forum**.

This forum is an opportunity for parents, carers and staff to come together to discuss how we can create a more inclusive, respectful and supportive environment for all members of our school community. We will explore topics such as celebrating diversity, promoting fairness and ensuring every child feels valued, heard and safe.

During the session, we will:

- Share what we are currently doing in school around equality, diversity and justice
- Discuss why these values are important for our children's development and wellbeing
- Listen to your views, experiences, and suggestions
- Work together on ideas to strengthen our inclusive practices

Your voice is incredibly important to us, and we would greatly value your input in shaping our approach moving forward.

Date: **Monday 23rd March 2026**

Time: **4:20**

Location: **Meet at the office.**

If you can't make the time but would like to be involved please email Mrs Archer at mrsarcher@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

We hope you can join us for this important and collaborative discussion.

Kind regards,
Mrs Archer



Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:



Mrs Bitsakaki
Headteacher

Governor Safeguarding Lead:

Rev Martin Keighley

Deputy Safeguarding Lead:



Mr Blackburn
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Harwood
Associate Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Stanley
Family Support Worker

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ATTENDANCE

National Expectation for Attendance

94%

School Attendance Target

96%

Whole School Attendance is currently

95.3%

Miss Cameron would like to remind you all about the importance of punctuality! Gates open at 8:40am!

CLASS ATTENDANCE CURRENTLY

EYFS	96.23%	Year 3	93.48%
Year 1	96.31%	Year 4	95.42%
Year 2	94.53%	Year 5	95.26%
		Year 6	96.24%

CALENDAR DATES

MARCH



- 20th** FUNDA Inflatable Day
- 23rd** Easter Service - Church 9:30am
EDJ Forum - 4:20pm
- 24th** Anti-Racism Day
Wear something red
- 25th** Easter Lunch
- 26th** Wear Purple
Epilepsy Day
- 27th** School closes for Easter - 2pm

APRIL



- 13th** School reopens
- 15th** Y4 Trip to Fairhaven Lake
Provisional Date
- 17th** EYFS/KS1 School Disco 3.15pm
to 4.15pm (non-uniform)
- 20th** Phonics workshop for parents
4:30pm - 5:30pm
- 23rd** Y3 Trip to Ribchester
- 24th** Career's Day
KS2 School Disco 3.15pm to
4.15pm (non-uniform)
- 30th** Inclusion Festival



MAY



- 4th** May Day - School Closed
- 8th** Proposed St Chad's in Bloom
Weather permitting
- 11th -
14th** Year 6 SATs
- 13th -
19th** Scholastic - Travelling
Book Fair
- 18th** KS 1 Sports Day - 1:30pm
19th 9:30am (Reserve Sports Day)
- 21st** KS 2 Sports Day - 1:30pm
4th June 1:30pm (Reserve Sports Day)
- 21st** School closes for half-term

JUNE



- 3rd** School reopens
- 16th** Year 6 - Transition Visit
- 22nd** Y1 Worship

ST CHAD'S CHURCH SERVICES



10am - All Age Worship on the first Sunday of the month. (Informal family worship. Duration 45 mins)

4.00 pm 'St Chad's @ 4' held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. (Drinks and cake served at 4.00 pm, followed at 4.30 pm by an informal family friendly service finishing c 5.15 pm.)

STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 6TH MARCH

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Harry
Luca
Archie
Emilia
Benjamin
Sienna
Angel
Hollie

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Dana
Nevaeh
Maddox
Rory
Eva
Darcy T
George
Erynn

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Archer

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Walker

TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1
Year 2

KS2
Year 5

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

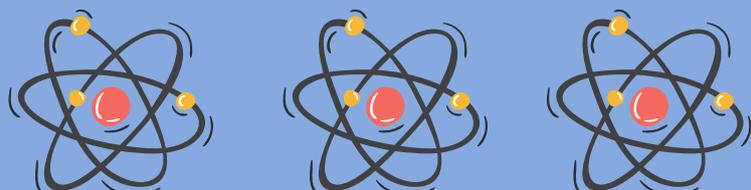
Blue Elephants



STARS OF THE WEEK



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 13TH MARCH

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poppy
Reuben
Levison
Skyla-Ann
Olivia
Libby
Jack
George

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Leo
Max
Noah
Jack
Blaise
Lola
Samuel
Reeva

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mr Graham

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mr Cameron

TIDY CLASSROOM

Creative
Corner

KS2
Year 6

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

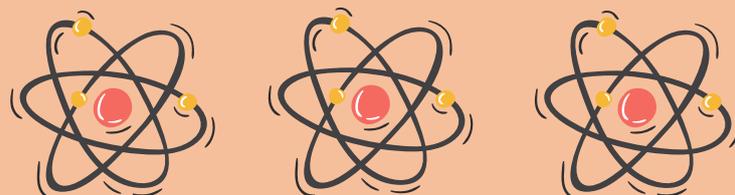
Red Pandas



STARS OF THE WEEK



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Headteacher's Award w/e 6th March



Maddox
Y1



Raffie
Y6

Floki Award



Harvey
Y4

Headteacher's Award w/e 13th March



Sophia
Y4



Connie
Y1

Floki Award



Skyla-Ann
Y2



LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

KEY STAGE 1



EYFS

YEAR 1



Reception have been learning about how to keep safe near the road. We had lots of fun and we did our stop, look and listen when trying to cross the road.



In RE, we explored the links between a butterfly's lifecycle and the Easter story, and then created a picture showing the butterfly's lifecycle using natural materials.

CREATIVE CORNER

YEAR 2



We have been using our senses to describe the seaside!

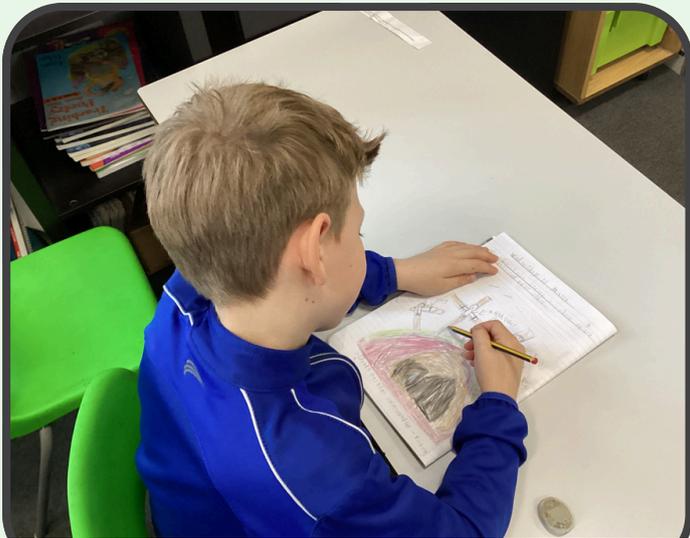


Year 2 loved the cricket session! We were practising our striking and fielding.

LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

KEY STAGE 2

YEAR 3



Year 3 have been creating artwork inspired by scripture for Easter!

YEAR 4



In Year 4 we've been working on our basketball skills focusing on control and moving with the ball.

YEAR 5



Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Eco Town. They had the opportunity to trial being First Aiders, Fire Marshals and Engineers at the Recycling Centre.

YEAR 6



This week we have been developing our passing skills in badminton.



OOSC Activities





WORLD BOOK DAY



Who to Contact?

All calls are recorded for training and monitoring purposes

Website www.poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Bursar 01253 883639 bursar@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Attendance Champion l.cameron@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	SENCO senco@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Family Support Worker fsw@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Teachers Name@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Senior Leadership Team SLT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Staff emails *Term dates *School policies *Car parking permit *Christian Values *Class information *Extra-Curricular activities *Friends of St Chad's *Governing Board *School uniform *Lunch Menu *General information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Urgent matters *General questions *Medication *Change of personal details/ circumstances *Scopay *Lateness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Holiday Requests *Unauthorised absences *Medical appointments *Breakfast club *After school club <i>**Sickness absence is to be reported on the Parent App**</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Concerns of additional needs *EHCP questions *Support with child's diagnosed condition <i>**Tuesdays on site**</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Early Help *Safeguarding *Family support *Mental health concerns *Bereavement *Advice about other agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Day to day school *Friendship issues *Low level well-being concerns *Progress & development *Homework / reading *Clubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Any unresolved concerns following discussions with class teacher/staff. EYFS/ KS1: Mrs Harwood N.Harwood@ KS2: Mr Blackburn MrBlackburn@ Headteacher: Mrs Bitsakaki head@
INSTANT ANSWER!	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.

Safeguarding Team - Mrs Bitsakaki, Mr Blackburn , Mrs Harwood & Mrs Stanley

Teacher Email Addresses

Key Stage 1

EYFS

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Year 2

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Key Stage 2

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Year 4

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Year 5

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Year 6

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17.03.26

Peter Barfoot

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Inspection of
Poulton St Chad's CE Primary School.

Dearparents and carers,

All Church of England and Methodist schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England. I will be inspecting your child's school on Tuesday 24th March 2026.

A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. As part of my evidence-gathering I will speak with a range of people, and it is likely that I will speak with some of you as part of those discussions.

Following the inspection, I will write a report. Once the report has been finalised it will be published, and the inspection findings will be shared with you. This will be approximately three weeks after the inspection. The report will celebrate all that is special about the school and will identify next steps that are helpful in the school's ongoing development as a Church school.

The report will be published on the school's website, as well as on the SIAMS website, and I would encourage you to read it.

I look forward to spending time with the school community.

Kind regards,

Peter Barfoot
SIAMS Inspector

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Saturday 16 May

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