



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

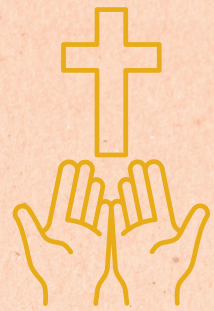
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Christian Value

Summer 2

Generosity



“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed” (Proverbs 11:25)

New EYFS and Buddies Worship

We would like to invite all our new EYFS children and their Year 6 buddies with their families to an all-age worship at St Chad's church on Sunday 6th September (10am). This will be a special worship led by Rev. Martin at St Chad's church to welcome you to our school family.



**Headsup
Silver Award
Year 6 Transition.**

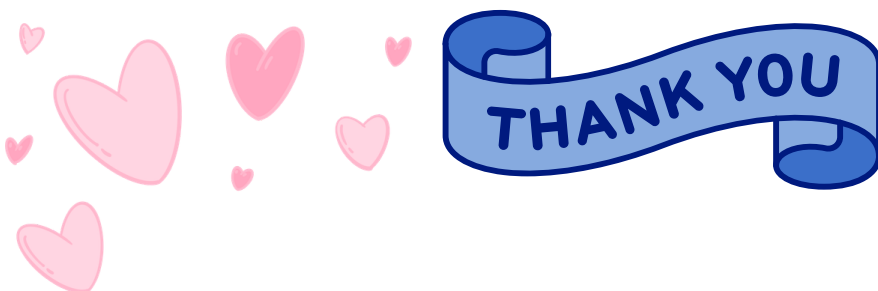
Goodbye Year 6

We wish all our Year 6 children and their families the very best as they move onto high school. Thank you for being a great class and for all the lovely memories you have left us with- keep on shining brightly children and enjoy your new adventures!



Thank you Parents

On behalf of all the staff and governors I would like to thank our parents for letting us have the privilege of teaching your children and for your support of school this year. We really appreciate that every day we get to work with such happy children and we value the positive relationships we have with our families. Thank you for your words of support both public and private and your morning smiles on the gate! Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday and we will see you back on Tuesday 1st September!



From,
Mrs Bitsakaki

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:



Mrs Bitsakaki
Headteacher

Governor Safeguarding Lead:

Rev Martin Keighley

Deputy Safeguarding Lead:



Mr Blackburn
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Harwood
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Stanley
Family Support Worker

**Christian Value
Summer2**

Generosity

ATTENDANCE

School Attendance Target

96%

Whole School Attendance is currently

95.30%

Miss Cameron
would like to
remind you that
our school
attendance target
is 96%.

Well done EYFS
and Year 1

CLASS ATTENDANCE CURRENTLY

EYFS	95.75%
Year 1	96.18%
Year 2	94.67%

Year 3	94.30%
Year 4	94.86%
Year 5	95.52%
Year 6	95.99%

CALENDAR DATES

JULY

- 20th** **Year 6 Leaver's Service 9:30am**
- 21st** **School closes for summer - 2pm close**

SEPTEMBER

- 1st** **School reopens**

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.)



MEET THE TEACHER DATES

Year 2	10 th September	2:45pm
Year 3	11 th September	2:45pm
Year 4	14 th September	2:45pm
Year 1	15 th September	2:45pm
Year 6	17 th September	2:45pm
Year 5	18 th September	2:45pm

STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 3RD JULY

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Kendall
Polly
Poppy
Thomas
Eva
Sienna
Zachary
Jacob B

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Finlay
Kobi
Rory
Noah
Daisy
Poppy
Theo
Milo

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mr Blackburn

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Downe

TIDY CLASSROOM

**KS1
Year 2**

**KS2
Year 4**

CLASS OF THE WEEK YEAR 1

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

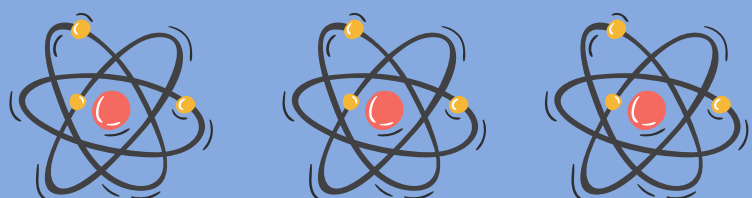
Green Snakes



STARS OF THE WEEK



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 10TH JULY

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Sophia
Maddox
Oscar
Leo
Joshua
Archie
Eleanor
Ruby P

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Nancie
Teari
Reuben
April
Rowan
Hallie
Jacob
Seth

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mr Sorsbie

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Downe

TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1
Year 1

KS2
Year 3

CLASS OF THE WEEK
YEAR 4

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

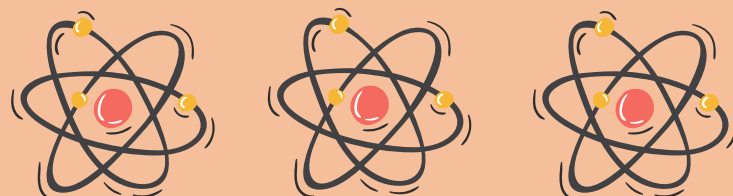
Green Snakes



STARS OF THE WEEK



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Headteacher's Award w/e 3rd July



Callum
Y5



Lucy
Y1



Georgia
Y4

Floki Award

Headteacher's Award w/e 10th July



Robyn
Y4



Louie
Y1



Evie-Grace
Y6

Floki Award

STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 17TH JULY

Floki Award

STARS OF THE WEEK

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Miss Siddall

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Thushanthan

TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1
EYFS

KS2
Year 6

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

Billy
Georgia C
Rae
George
Millie
Robyn
Whole Class
Patrick

Poppy
Reuben
Ella
Eadie
Poppy
Jack
Ruby
Leo

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

Blue Elephants



CLASS OF THE WEEK
EYFS

STARS OF THE WEEK



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Headteacher's Award w/e 10th July



Patience
Y6

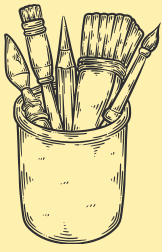


Finn
Y6

Floki Award



Evelyn
Y6



LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

KEY STAGE 1



EYFS



This week we went to the library with our buddies and listened to a story all about growing up. We had so much fun!

YEAR 1



We enjoyed making ice lollies in DT this week!

CREATIVE CORNER



In creative this week we have enjoyed making ice creams for the seaside!

YEAR 2

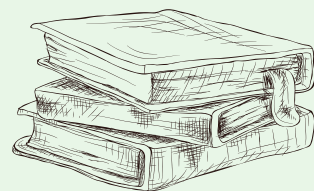


Y2 had a great day at Brockholes!



LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

KEY STAGE 2



YEAR 3



Year 3 have been creating their own investigations in Science this week! We've been learning all about how our body helps us to move

YEAR 4



Year 4 have really enjoyed putting together our recycled habitats for hoverflies. We've been learning about how essential hoverflies are for pollinating flowers and created special homes for their larvae to live in.

YEAR 5



Year 5 have been developing their cricket skills throughout the half term and showcased them in a mini game of cricket on the field.

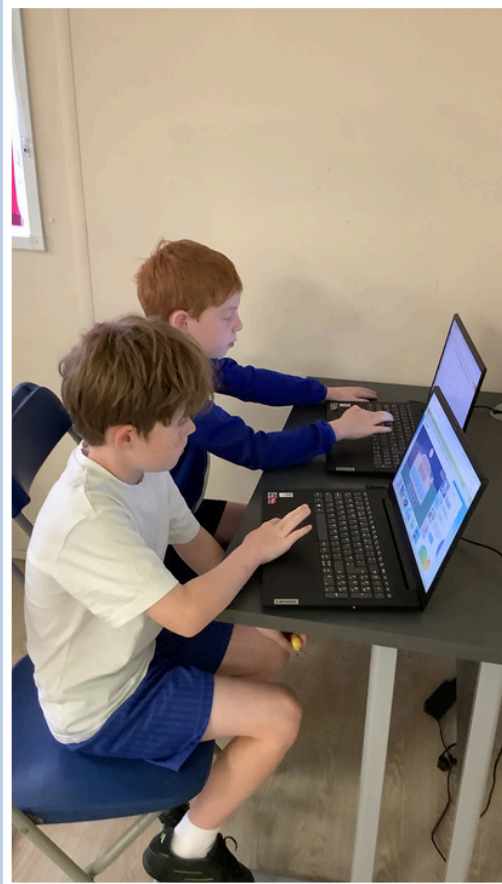
YEAR 6



Year 6 did a wonderful job performing their leavers' show. It was a delight to see them work so well as a team, bringing plenty of fun and energy to the stage.



OOSC Activities



SCHOOL LIBRARY



MRS THUSHANTHAN'S STAR READERS



Who to Contact at Poulton St Chad's

All calls are recorded for training and monitoring purposes

Step 1: Check the Website First (Instant Answer!)

Go to www.poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk for: Term dates, uniform, lunch menus, extra-curricular activities, car parking permits, and school policies.

Step 2: Direct Your Query

If your query is about...	Contact...	Response Time
Day-to-day school life, progress, homework, or friendship issues	Class Teacher ✉ Name@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Within 48 hours
Holidays, medical appointments, breakfast & after-school clubs Note: Report sickness via the Parent App!	Attendance Champion ✉ l.cameron@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Within 48 hours
Urgent matters, Scopay, lateness, student medication, or personal detail updates	The Bursar ☎ 01253 883639 ✉ bursar@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Same day for urgent; Within 48 hours
Additional needs, learning concerns, or EHCP support	SENCO ✉ senco@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Tuesday's onsite (Meetings take up to 2 weeks)
Early Help, safeguarding, family mental health, or bereavement support	Family Support Worker ✉ fsw@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk	Within 48 hours

🚨 Unresolved Concerns / Senior Leadership (SLT)

If you have discussed an issue with the class teacher or staff and it remains unresolved, please contact SLT:

EYFS / KS1 Concerns: Mrs Harwood ✉ N.Harwood@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

KS2 Concerns: Mr Blackburn ✉ MrBlackburn@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Bitsakaki ✉ head@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

SLT will respond within 48 hours, though face-to-face meetings may take up to 2 weeks to arrange.

Safeguarding Team

Mrs Bitsakaki, Mr Blackburn, Mrs Harwood and Mrs Stanley

Key Stage 1

EYFS	✉ MrsArcher@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk
Year 1	✉ n.harwood@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk
Creative Corner	✉ m.whorlton-jones@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk
Year 2	✉ c.siddall@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

KEY Stage 2

Year 3	✉ Mrgraham@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk
Year 4	✉ f.sorsbie@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk
Year 5	✉ l.dodd@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk
Year 6	✉ MrBlackburn@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk

Free School Meals – Who is Entitled?

Important Information for Families.

Firstly, if your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action.

If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe your they may be eligible please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you

- ☐ If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- ☐ Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- ☐ Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- ☐ If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- ☐ Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- ☐ If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you do not need to reapply

Why it's important to apply

- ☐ Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- ☐ Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- ☐ May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.

APPLY NOW



Dear Headteacher and School Business Manager, we would appreciate it, if you could add this item into July's parental newsletter, to allow us to contact each Year 5 family directly, before secondary school applications are submitted next term, please. We truly recognise your continued support with the school admissions process.

With kind regards, Pupil Access and Integrated Transport Teams – July 2026



Dear Parents/Kinship Carers of Current Year 5 pupils

Before the summer holidays begin, we wanted to get in touch with you about next term's prospective secondary school application, and how important it is to consider home to transport prior to making your final decision.

You must consider carefully how your child will get to and from your preferred secondary schools before submitting your application for a school place.

Pupils will only be eligible for free travel if they have an entitlement under the County Council's Home to School Transport Policy. It is important, when selecting your preferences for a school place, that you have read and understood the information available on the website regarding school admissions and travel assistance.

It is essential to remember - for transport purposes - the 'nearest suitable school' is the nearest school to the family home – and - in some cases, the nearest school will be located within another local authority area.

If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements.

Assistance with home to school travel will not be needed for most children as they will attend their local school which will be within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent/carer as necessary.

However, if transport costs are a concern to you, please contact your Area Education Office before submitting your application:

NORTH AREA	SOUTH AREA	EAST AREA
Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley	Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

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Our very own Oliver (year 4) is taking part in this as a choir member.

Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide



Slip on clothes that cover your skin. A light weight, long sleeved, collared t-shirt is ideal



Slop sunscreen* on exposed skin, using factor 50+ for children



Slap wide brimmed hat to protect your face and neck



Seek shade - especially if outdoors between 11 and 3 pm



Slide on sunglasses* to protect your eyes

*Sunglasses with wraparound lenses or wide arms with the CE Mark or UV400 mark.

*Suncream should have a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 to protect against UVB and at least 4-star UVA protection. Adults should aim to apply around 30ml, or 6 to 8 teaspoons of sunscreen if you're covering your entire body, 30 mins before you go outside.

