



SCHOOL MATTERS

Week Ending Friday 11th September 2026 Vol 1



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

Autumn 1

Thankfulness



“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1)

WELCOME BACK!

It's been lovely to see everybody starting the term so well. We have enjoyed welcoming all new our children and families to school. The children have settled quickly into their new classes and their new routines, there is a lot of learning going on and lots of smiling and laughter across school. Children look very smart in their uniforms too! Thank you parents and staff for this great start you've given the children- it has made me think of a passage in the Bible from Proverbs 22:6 that is relevant to us all - **“Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”**

Meet the Teacher

A reminder that our Meet the Teacher meetings have now started- please see below for dates. If you are unable to attend, the Powerpoints will be on our school website in each class page. We look forward to seeing you then!

Safeguarding Update

We have a fantastic new resource to share with our families as a newsletter and video. Please see the link for the September update: Back to School which includes guidance on AI.

[CLICK HERE](#)

EYFS/Year 6 Buddy Worship

We had a special worship in church last Sunday for our new EYFS children, their Year 6 buddies and their families. It was lovely to worship together with the St Chad's parishioners- thank you to the children, families and our staff who attended. What a fabulous start to your journey at St Chad's!



*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

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ATTENDANCE

School Attendance Target

98%

Whole School Attendance is currently

98.10%

Miss Cameron
would like to
remind you that
our school
attendance target
is 98%.

Well done
EYFS, Y1, Y4 & Y5

CLASS ATTENDANCE CURRENTLY

EYFS	99.11%
Year 1	98.21%
Year 2	97.32%

Year 3	97.83%
Year 4	99.32%
Year 5	98.21%
Year 6	96.97%

CALENDAR DATES

SEPTEMBER

23rd Individual photos

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	21 st September	2:45pm

OCTOBER

1st Harvest Fest
5th Harvest Service - 9:30am in church
9th Hello Yellow Day - Wear Yellow
12th Flu Vaccination
14th - 20th Scholastic Book Fair
16th Show Racism Red Card Day - Wear red
19th Parents Evening
22nd Parents Evening
23rd INSET Day - School closed for half term

NOVEMBER

4th School Reopens
5th EYFS - Vision Screening

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.)

DECEMBER

8th Carol Concert - 1:30pm
10th Christmas Jumper Day
15th Nativity for Parents - 1:45pm
17th Xmas Showcase - 3:15pm
18th Break up for Christmas - 2pm close

STARS AND LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 4TH SEPTEMBER

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Levison
-
Neveah
Emiliano
Ella-Mae
Ady
Samuel

LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Bonita
-
Luca
Ella-Rose
Harry H
Zachary
Hallie

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Harwood

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE WEEK

Mrs Downe

TIDY CLASSROOM

KS1
Year 1

KS2
Year 6

HOUSE POINT WINNERS Yellow Lions



CLASS OF THE WEEK
YEAR 4

STARS OF THE WEEK



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK



Headteacher's Award w/e 3rd July



Lilly
Y6

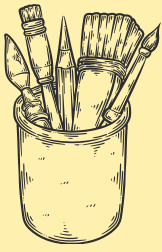


Darcie
Y5

Floki Award



Hayden
Y3



LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

KEY STAGE 1



EYFS



The children in EYFS are busy making new friends and sharing stories in our outdoor worship area.

YEAR 1



In English, we hot-seated the penguin from the story Lost and Found.

CREATIVE CORNER



In Creative Corner this week, we have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest. We have been pinpointing it on a map and discussing the equatorial climate.

YEAR 2

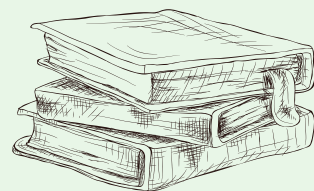


Year 2 have been using the climbing frame in PE.



LOOK AT OUR LEARNING

KEY STAGE 2

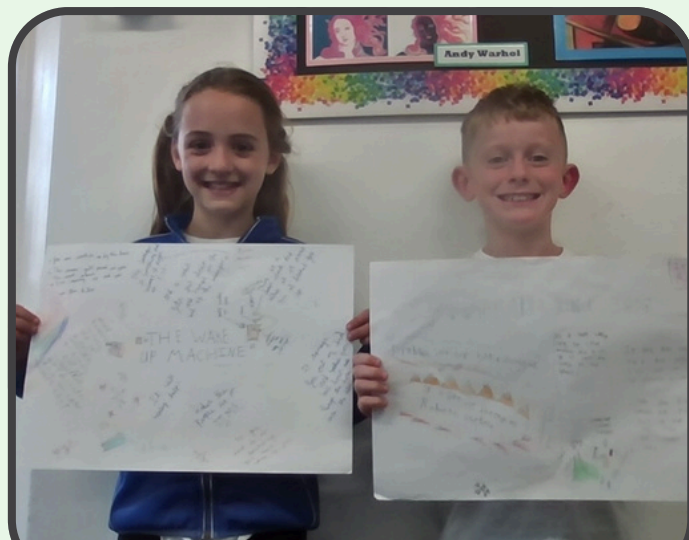


YEAR 3



Year 3 took to the garden today in Geography. We used compass directions to help map a route through the playground.

YEAR 4



We've had a great start to the term in Y4! Here we have some examples of our crazy contraptions that we have been designing for our explanation texts in English.

YEAR 5



In PE we have been building resilience and teamwork skills to solve problems like getting a small hoop around a circle whilst linking arms.

YEAR 6



Year 6 have enjoyed learning about gymnastics in their first PE lesson. They learnt about counter tension balances, counter balances and T-Balances and Y-Balances.



OOSC Activities



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	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	Within 48 hours (meetings may take up to 2 weeks to arrange)
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

**SCHOOL
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

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

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
15 January 2027

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



lancashire.gov.uk



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**SCHOOL
SECONDARY**

APPLY NOW!

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

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**CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026**

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**Please scan the
barcode and
complete the
questionnaire!**

Phone:	01772 537960
Email:	roadsafetyeducation@lancashire.gov.uk
Your Ref:	Road Safety Campaign
Our Ref:	Stop means STOP
Date:	09/09/2026

Dear Parent/Carer,
Stop Means STOP – Help Us Make School Journeys Safer

On Thursday 17 September 2026, Lancashire County Council and partner agencies carried out a Stop Means STOP day of action outside your child's school.

The campaign has been developed following concerns, near misses and collisions at some School Crossing Patrol sites across Lancashire. It aims to remind all drivers that when a School Crossing Patrol Officer displays the STOP sign and steps into the road, drivers have a legal duty to stop.

School Crossing Patrol Officers play a vital role in helping children and families cross roads safely every day. By raising awareness and encouraging considerate driving around schools, we hope to make journeys to and from school safer for everyone.

We would be grateful if you could take a few moments to complete the questionnaire by scanning the QR code.
Your feedback will help us:

- ☐ Measure awareness of the campaign message.
- ☐ Understand parents' views on road safety around schools.
- ☐ Support School Crossing Patrol Officers.
- ☐ Identify concerns and inform future road safety initiatives.



Thank you for supporting this important campaign and for helping us promote safer journeys for Lancashire's children and families.

Yours sincerely,

Road Safety Team

School Crossing Patrol Signals



Figure A- Sign upside down -
Not ready to cross pedestrians



Figure B- Sign sideways - Barrier
to prevent pedestrians crossing.
Not ready to cross pedestrians



Figure C- Sign held up high - ready
to cross pedestrians. Vehicles
must stop unless unsafe to do so.



Figure D- Sign held up high - All
drivers must stop

Please support your local School Crossing Patrol Service
Find out more online - www.roadsafetygb.org.uk

With thanks to Lynn Hepworth and Middlesbrough Road Safety Team for the original development of this leaflet.

**Stop
means
STOP**

**School
Crossing
Patrol
Service**



Road Safety GB

Information for Parents and Drivers

Parents

Even where a School Crossing Patrol is provided, parents remain responsible for making sure their children get to school safely, just as they do when a zebra crossing or pelican crossing is provided.

When children arrive at the Crossing Point:

- The Patrol will tell them to wait on the pavement and use the Stop sign as a barrier to prevent them from edging forward, until they are called across (see fig B overleaf).
- The Patrol will use the Stop sign to instruct traffic to stop (see fig C). The Patrol may need to wait for a safe gap in the traffic.

DO NOT FOLLOW THE PATROL INTO THE ROAD!

- When the traffic has stopped the Patrol will call you to cross over (see fig D). Please walk in front of the Patrol so he or she can see you.
- The Patrol will remain in the centre of the road until all the children and adults have completed crossing the road.

Drivers

When approaching a school you should reduce your speed and be prepared to stop, also be patient and considerate. School Crossing Patrols need to see and be seen! It can be difficult to see children on the pavement, especially if there are parked cars by the school. Children may run into the road without thinking about traffic.

If you are a driver, remember:

- By law you **MUST** stop when signalled to do so by a Patrol displaying a Stop sign.
- School Crossing Patrols can stop traffic to cross any pedestrian, adult or child.
- Do not move forward and remain patient.
- Do not park close to where a Patrol is working and **NEVER** on the zigzag markings.
- Look out for signs or flashing amber lights which warn of a School Crossing Patrol ahead.

- Park with courtesy and consideration to others, observing all parking regulations in accordance with the Highway Code and in such a way that our children are able to enter and leave the school safely.

It is an offence under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 if you do not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol.

If you do not stop the possible penalties include:

- A fine of up to £1,000
- 3 Penalty Points
- Disqualification

Please slow down when approaching a patrol

Remember that a child struck at 20mph will most likely survive but at 40mph they will almost certainly die.