



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

Father God,
Today, we have come together as our school family to support the charity, Children in Need. We pray for those who are helped by the money raised and hope that it gives them better opportunities in life. We think of others who are also fundraising and giving their time or money to help those most in need. In Jesus' name we pray

Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Ellie	
Reception	Leon	Nyla
Year One	Catriona	
Year Two	Eleanor	Austin
Year Three	Oliver	Starssi
Year Four	Sebastian	Saoirse
Year Five	Anna	Thomas F
Year Six	Jessica	Grace A

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

DOUGLAS

Please click to find out
more about our school

[Facebook](#)

'I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.'

Phil 4:13



CERTIFICATES



Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points.

BRONZE

Year 6 Olivia Leo Piper Lilly-Ann Theo N

Year 3 Imogen Henry Daniel Harry Thea Oliver Bhodi

Year 2 Austin Bronte Rory

Reception Class Parents' Evening

Mrs Barden's catch up Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 30th November from 2.00pm.

As we are currently changing over to a new parent messaging service, we will be unable to offer online bookings on this occasion. However, a letter will be coming home on Monday, explaining how you can book your preferred slot. Apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.



Children In Need

What a wonderful day we've had today! We dressed in spotty clothes, we had an extra-fun assembly, we followed the School Council's Pudsey Treasure Hunt around school and we met a very special visitor—all in aid of raising money for this brilliant cause. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have raised a grand total of £353.95. Thank you so much!



Grand Total—£353.95



Nursery

As part of National Nursery Rhyme week, Little Explorers enjoyed a visit to the library on Wednesday. They listened to stories, sang Nursery Rhymes, took part in some craft activities and selected some books to bring back to school with them.



Open the Book

Thank you to Year One who helped our Open the Book visitors to tell the story of Noah's Ark on Tuesday. A great joint effort!



Construction Club

This week in Construction Club we had fun constructing shapes and structures using spaghetti and marshmallows!



Winter Wonderland



Our Winter Wonderland Enterprise Event will be held on **Friday 1st December**. Please put this date in your diaries and come along to support this fantastic event! It promises to be a lovely start to the Christmas festivities.

Chocolate Tombola

Our PTFA would be grateful for donations towards the Winter Wonderland chocolate tombola.

Any chocolate items you can bring to school to support this event would be much appreciated. Thank you.



Shoeboxes for Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in a filled shoe box to support this worthy cause.

It's not too late to get involved, though, as we will be collecting boxes throughout November, in preparation for them being sent to Ukraine in early December.

If you would like to help out but feel you couldn't fill a whole shoe box, we would be happy to receive individual items, which can then be grouped together to form extra boxes. Thank you!



Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2023

All year we have been working hard to send aid to Ukraine. This Christmas we are sending shoebox parcels of goodies so that people who have lost a lot during the conflict there, can have something for Christmas that might be useful and enjoyable. If you are able, please consider filling a wrapped shoebox of goodies and donating it to us at the 'Ukraine Unit' in Chorley town centre. The box and lid needs to be wrapped separately and closed with a rubber band around it. Please then label it to show if the contents are for a Girl, Boy, Man or Woman. If it is for a child, please also add the age group the parcel is appropriate for.



We will do the rest and make sure it gets to the people of Ukraine so they can enjoy during Christmas and the New Year.

Contents could include: gloves, scarf, hat, chocolate, sweets, toy, toiletries, etc... perhaps even a drawing or Christmas card ☺

*Don't worry if you can't fill a box. If you donate what you can, we will make up the rest.



For more details, please follow our group on Facebook: **Chorley & District Support for Ukraine**. Alternatively, please email: sackiewow@yahoo.com

Please feel free to share this appeal with anyone or any group that you feel might be able to join in with the effort.

Thank you for your support.

Stuart A. Clewlow - Group Co-ordinator.

Please note: We are also still accepting all other kinds of donations such as clothing, shoes, blankets, toiletries, baby products, medical equipment, etc.

Admission to Primary School 2024 is now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2024

You should apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.

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

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please send the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport: Needs to be requested! Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search school transport at lancashire.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2024

lancashire.gov.uk Lancashire County Council

Upcoming Dates

Monday 20th November	3.15pm	PTFA Uniform Sale (please come along)
Monday 27th November	All Day	INSET Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 28th November	am/pm	Debt Awareness Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 28th November	9-9.30am	Bears and Prayers YN & YR
Thursday 30th November	All Day	Sean Perkins Author Visit
Friday 1st December	4-6.00pm	Winter Wonderland
Monday 4th December	9.10 am 10.30am	Worship led by Rev Jo Journey to the Stable (Y3 & Y4)
Tuesday 5th December	9.10am	Ben Green Worship
Thursday 7th December	9.00am	Shoe Boxes Collected (from school)
Friday 8th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day

Letters Home

Whole School—Winter Wonderland Raffle Letter

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Construction Club KS1	3.15-4.00pm
Tuesday	Dodgeball KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club Yrs1-6	8.00-8.50am
Wednesday	St Marys Singing Sensations	3.20-4.20pm
Thursday	Multi-Sport Skills KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

PERFORMANCES
BY THE SINGING
SENSATIONS AND
THE GUITARISTS



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GROTTO



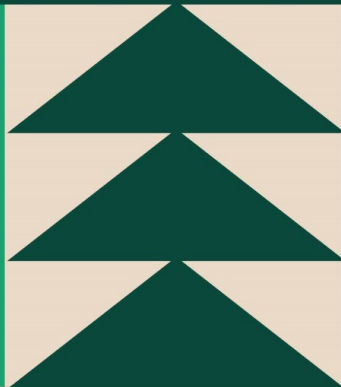
REFRESHMENTS



WINTER WONDERLAND



CLASS
ENTERPRISE
STALLS



ECCLESTON ST
MARY'S CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



GAMES FOR
CHILDREN

FRIDAY 1ST
DECEMBER
GATES OPEN
AT 4PM

RAFFLE FOR
CHRISTMAS
HAMPER.
DRAW TO
TAKE PLACE
AT 5.30PM.



ALL
WELCOME



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.



REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

