

# SCHOOL MATTERS



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WEEK ENDING FRIDAY  
8TH DECEMBER 2023

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Fortnightly Newsletter of Poulton St Chad's CE Primary School

LOVE LEARNING. LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

## Headteacher's Message

### Home Learning Policy

Thank you to the parents who responded to our home learning survey in September. We have a revised policy now on home learning which is available to view on the school website.

### Building Work Update

We are delighted to have our hall toilets in use now. They are already making a difference at playtimes and lunchtimes, with KS2 children spending less time getting to/from the KS2 toilet and having more time to play! (please see the pictures on page 3)

We are also really pleased with our new sensory room. It has been designed to help children who need time to regulate themselves and have their sensory needs met in a safe space. We still have some items to add but we are pleased to say it is already making a positive difference in school.

### Parent Conduct Towards Staff

At Poulton St. Chad's we continue to promote positive and respectful relationships, especially between staff and parents. Our parents in general are wonderful to work with. However, on a number of occasions, a minority of parents have been extremely unpleasant or verbally abusive towards me and my staff. We understand that there are times when situations are difficult or frustrating, but to confront hard-working and dedicated members of St. Chad's staff and vent those frustrations is unacceptable.

If there is something you need to let school know, or you would like to have your concerns heard, please contact us at the earliest opportunity so that we can help. I would like to remind everyone that we are doing our best every day for your children and your family. Abusive emails, phone calls, confrontations or speaking disrespectfully about staff/school on the school playground or in WhatsApp groups will not be tolerated at any time.

### Staffing Update

We would like to let you know that Mrs Shrewsbury will be retiring at the end of this term. We thank her for her many years of service to the children and families at St Chad's and wish her a very happy retirement.

Mr Blackburn will be starting with us full time in January as Deputy Headteacher after being at St Chad's on a very successful secondment. Mr Blackburn will teach in Year 5, alongside Mr Cross and Mrs Swales. He will be holding a Meet the Teacher for Year 5 parents on Tuesday 16th January at 2:45-3:15 in the Year 5 classroom. We are all looking forward to having Mr Blackburn with us full time and extend a warm welcome to him from us all at St Chad's.

### OOSC Payments

We would like to remind parents that from 29/2/24 OOSC fees will need to be paid a month in advance, no longer a month arrears. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Cameron, OOSC Manager.

*Mrs Bitsakaki*



Designated Safeguarding Lead

MRS BITSAKAKI

Deputy Safeguarding Lead

MRS WOODWARD  
& MISS SOBRINO

Governor Safeguarding Lead

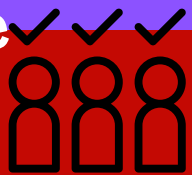
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Christian Value for Autumn 2



**SERVICE**

Attendance  
Update



Our current attendance

figure is **95%**

Our school target is **96%**

EYFS	Year 4
91%	95%
YEAR 1	Year 5
96%	96%
YEAR 2	Year 6
94%	95%
YEAR 3	
96%	

# STARS & LEARNERS OF THE WEEK!

## Week 1

24/11/23

### Stars of the Week

R: Luna  
Y1: Charlie  
Y2: Georgia  
Y3: Abi  
Y4: Sophia  
Y5: Ameerah  
Y6: Harrison  
Creative Corner: Jack

### Tidiest Class Award

KS1 Diamonds  
KS2 Year 3

### Teacher of the Week

Mrs Archer

### Learners of the Week

R: Arlo  
Y1: Jack  
Y2: Alexander  
Y3: Jenson  
Y4: Max  
Y5: Harry  
Y6: Mya  
Creative Corner: Thomas

### Support Staff of the Week

Mrs Hirst



## Week 2

01/12/23

### Stars of the Week

R: Ellie  
Y1: George  
Y2: Lily  
Y3: Alex  
Y4: Reeve  
Y5: Brooke  
Y6: Isabella  
Creative Corner: Elijah

### Tidiest Class Award

KS1: Year 2  
KS2: Year 4

### Teacher of the Week

Mr Graham

### Learners of the Week

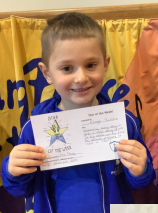
R: Hayden  
Y1: Cleo  
Y2: Zachary  
Y3: Charlotte  
Y4: Missy  
Y5: Eddie  
Y6: Miriam  
Creative Corner: Joshua

### House Point Winners

Blue Elephants

### Support Staff of the Week

Miss Wardman





# JUNIOR SNACKBAR

Reminder that our Junior Snackbar is open . Fruit is available at playtime each day for KS2 children, ranging from 20p-40p and there will be toast on Friday!



## Dates for the diary!

### December



7th Y3/4 Multiskills

11th KS2 Carol Service

12th Y5/6 Boys Football

13th Buddy Christingle

15th Santa Dash

18th Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day

19th Year 5/6 Football



### January 2024



8th School Opens for Spring Term

9th 5/6 Boys Football

Y3/4 Cricket

16th Y5/6 Boys Football

Meet the Teacher - Y5 Mr Blackburn

18th Y3/4 Cricket



## TOILET TRIUMPH!

Our new toilets are open in hall. There's has been some great feedback from the pupils already! They get extra time to play because you are not walking through school!



## Coffee and Chat with Miss Sobrino

Miss Sobrino is offering a drop in session for parents on Fridays from 9-10am in The Hub, starting on 15th December. Anyone is welcome to come for a chat, a brew and chance to discuss anything at all. This will be a weekly event so please come along!

## THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD!



Well done to KS1 for the amazing Nativity they performed this week! A big thank you to staff for getting them 'Show Ready' and to parents for your support!





# SPORTS NEWS CRICKET

Well done to James in Y6 for winning the Under 11's Palace Shield with his Cricket Squad.



Blackpool Salvation Army  
Church & Community Centre

Captains John & Naomi Clifton  
Corps Officer

The Salvation Army  
Raikes Parade  
Blackpool  
FY1 4EL

Telephone: 01253 626114  
Email: [blackpool@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:blackpool@salvationarmy.org.uk)

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Mrs Woodward,

We would like to say thank you to the children of Poulton St Chad's school choir for participating in the carol concert at The Salvation Army last week.

You sang the carols beautifully and your faces really showed us the joy of Christmas. Lots of people have told us that hearing the choir sing was their highlight of the evening. We are so glad that you were part of the concert.

Together we have raised over £3,100 for The Salvation Army's Bridge project. This will help us to keep supporting people who are homeless with a warm place to go during the day where there is good food to eat and access to showers and laundry facilities. It also means we can keep providing clothing and toiletries for people who need this help, as well as giving them access to health care and support to find new homes.

Thank you for being a part of making a difference in our local community!

We'd also like to say thank you to all the children's families and school staff who made it possible for the choir to come, as well as giving so generously to support the appeal.

We hope that you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May God bless you,

*Naomi & John*

Captains Naomi & John Clifton

Corps Officers, Blackpool Salvation Army

The Salvation Army - Blackpool Citadel, Raikes Parade, Blackpool, FY1 4EL

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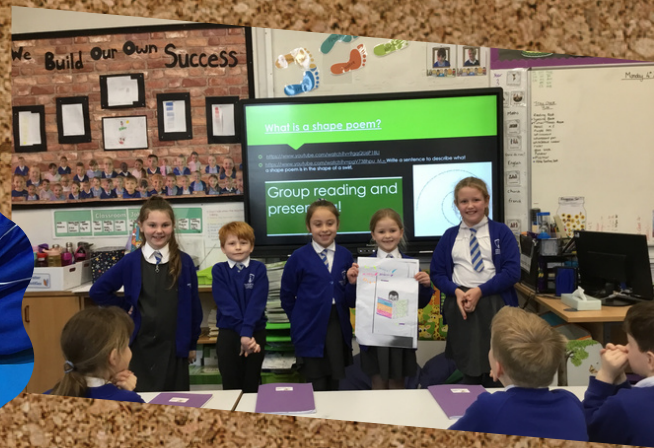
## Choir in Fine Voice!

The choir have been spreading the festive cheer, appearing at the Salvation Army Concert (below letter), Poulton Christmas Festival and the Blackpool Fire Station Christmas Evening!





# WONDERFUL WORK



Year 3 did an active learning lesson, presenting poems to the class and having an adjective race!



Creative Corner have been painting in the style of Henry Rousseau and Tropical leaf printing!



Some Emeralds children made masks with their time in Creative Corner!







**POULTON ST CHAD'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Proceeds will go to  
Brian House  
Children's Hospice.

# \* **SANTA DASH!** \*

## **FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

**THIS AFTERNOON EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOL TIME.**



**FRIENDS WILL PROVIDE  
THE CHILDREN WITH  
HOT CHOCOLATE AND  
SWEET TREATS AT THE  
FINISH LINE.**

**£1 DONATION  
WEAR A SANTA HAT,  
HEADBAND OR HEAD  
DECORATION.**



# POOLFOOT FOOTBALL CAMP

(WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY - FRIDAY 5th JANUARY)



**Poolfoot Farm (FY5 4HX)**

**£12.50 PER DAY:**

**TIME: 09:00-16:00**



- Football, Games & Activities
- Fun Competitions Every Day
- Daily Prizes
- Daily Themed Sessions
- Themed Activities

**BOOK HERE >**

OR SEE WEBSITE BELOW



We are pleased to be offering places for families eligible for free school meals – please follow:

**[www.wyre.gov.uk /holidays-clubs-kids](http://www.wyre.gov.uk/holidays-clubs-kids)**

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT: **[FLEETWOODTOWNFCCT.COM/SHOP](http://FLEETWOODTOWNFCCT.COM/SHOP)**  
FOR ANY INFORMATION CONTACT: **[COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM](mailto:COMMUNITY@FLEETWOODTOWNFC.COM)**  
OR CALL: **01253 208 442**





**POULTON ST CHAD'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SCHOOL ADMISSION OPEN FOR 2024



If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you need to apply for a primary school Reception (EYFS) place for September 2024. (Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024.)

You can apply for a school place in Lancashire with their on-line application system at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk). The on-line system offers a quick and secure means of applying for places.

More information is available from

[enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk) or you can call 0300 123 6707

Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm

**CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR EYFS SEPTEMBER  
2024 - 15th JANUARY 2024**

Applications received after the closing dates will be processed after all those which are received on time. If you apply late this may reduce your chance of an offer for one of your preferred schools.

