



'Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16

Weekly Newsletter

13th March 2026



Ducklings

The children thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful experience of watching ducklings hatch live at school. There was great excitement in the classroom as they patiently waited for each egg to crack and a tiny duckling to appear. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to see the early stages of life and learn about how animals grow and change.

Once the ducklings had hatched, the children were delighted to spend time with them. They loved having gentle cuddles with the baby ducklings and carefully holding them, learning how to handle them kindly and respectfully. The classroom was filled with smiles and laughter as the children watched the ducklings waddling around the school and exploring their surroundings.

The experience sparked lots of curiosity and conversation, with the children asking questions and sharing their observations about the ducklings' behaviour, their predictions for what might be in the eggs, and the funny noises they made. It was a memorable and special experience for everyone involved.

Although we were all very sad to see the ducklings go, we were happy to know that they have now gone to live on a local farm, where they will have plenty of space to grow and thrive.



Belated World Book Day

We had a wonderful day on Tuesday 9th March 2026 when we celebrated our belated World Book Day in school. The children loved coming to school dressed as their favourite story characters, and it was lovely to see so many creative costumes.

During the day we shared stories, talked about our favourite books and celebrated the joy of reading together.

As one simple and lovely quote says: *"A book is a dream you hold in your hands."* – Neil Gaiman. More photos available on the school website and dojo.



Reception Trip

On Wednesday 11th March 2026, our Reception children had a wonderful adventure on their first ever school trip beyond the local area. The children all had a brilliant day at Smithills Farm in Bolton. They enjoyed getting up close to lots of different animals and learning more about farm life.

The tractor ride was a big highlight of the day, and the children also loved their picnic lunch, feeding animals, holding animals, watching the cows being milked and the donkey rides. There were lots of smiles, excitement and memorable moments throughout the trip.

The children were very well behaved and represented the school beautifully. It was a fantastic experience for everyone full of lots of wonderful WOW moments.

A huge thank you to the parents and carers for supporting the trip, and thank you also to the staff and volunteers who helped on the day.





Comic Relief

On Friday 20th March 2026 we will be supporting Comic Relief as part of our commitment to helping others and showing kindness to those in need.

We invite all children to come to school wearing their own clothes in return for a small donation to the charity. All money raised will go towards supporting vulnerable people and communities.

“As it is written: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ – Acts 20:35

Thank you for your continued support.



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March 26

JOIN OUR SCHOOL
EASTER SERVICE
MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2026
ST PETER'S CHURCH

2pm

The whole school except Reception will be attending this service.

ST PETER'S PARENTS & CARERS COFFEE CLUB!

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE WELCOME TO OUR NEW COFFEE CLUB WHERE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A BREW, CHAT AND TO MEET NEW FRIENDS!

12th Feb
26th March
8.45am - 10.00am

Join us in the community room! A uniform hub will be available

Keep a look out for more dates too!

Parents Evening

It is nearly time for our Parents Evening you can book a slot on the system by following this link:

<https://stpeterschorley.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> on either Tuesday 24th or Wednesday 25th March 2026. You can book either a face to face or a telephone appointment.



If you select a call as close to your allocated time as possible you will receive a call from a **withheld number/unknown number**. **Please enter the number you wish to be called on in the notes section when you book an appointment.** Your child's class teacher will contact you **please don't contact the school**. If you miss the call you will be required to re-organise a call with your child's class teacher via class dojo.

The teacher will discuss with you, how they did in their spring assessments and what their current targets are in class. **Bookings will close on 20th March 2026 at 6pm.**



School Trips

At the moment we are very fortunate to have lots of exciting school trips to look forward to. Letters about the various trips have been sent out by class teachers. We would appreciate payment for the trips as soon as possible on Parent Pay.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies



Following the success of Year 6 Leavers Hoodies last year, we have decided to offer these again this year. All the Year 6 children's first names will be included in the number 26. You can order one on Parent Pay for **£19.00**.

Orders close on **Friday 1st May 2026**.

Family Forest School Sessions
Wednesday 10am-12pm
Term Time Only

Book your place now:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/lancashire/st-peters-c-of-e-primary-school>

Weekly Family Forest School Sessions
Only £4 per family per session. Includes a drink and snack

Please ensure you dress for the weather!

Benefits of Forest School
Physical: Builds gross and fine motor skills, improves strength, coordination, and agility, while also boosting stamina and overall health.
Cognitive & emotional: Encourages creativity and problem-solving through hands-on learning. Builds confidence by taking safe risks and exploring nature. Sparks curiosity, supports mental well-being, and inspires a love of learning.
Social & emotional: Helps children work together, share, and communicate. Build social skills, empathy, and a sense of community.

St Peter's Primary School, Eaves Lane, Chorley, PR6 ODX

Easter BINGO

AT 3:45PM IN THE HALL

DATE 17TH MARCH 2026

TICKETS REQUIRED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE ON PARENT PAY

£3.00 PER PERSON LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE CHILDREN AGED TWO AND UPWARDS MUST HAVE A TICKET



KNOWING JESUS BISHOP PHILIP'S LENT COURSE

St. Laurence's and St. Peter's are jointly running Bishop Philip's Lent Course: *Knowing Jesus*

The sessions will commence the first full week of Lent: Mondays at 2.00 pm in St. Laurence's Refectory
Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in St. Peter's Church

Week One: The Ascended Jesus

Week Two: The Sending Jesus

Week Three: The Suffering Jesus

Week Four: The Servant Jesus

Week Five: The Triumphant Jesus


Ways to book:

- Scan the QR code
- Complete the online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/35mzdvPKJ>
- Contact the Parish office



St. Laurence, Union Street, Chorley, PR7 1EB
office@stlaurencechorley.co.uk | 01257 231360

St. Peter, Harpers Lane, Chorley, PR6 0HP
chorleystp.office@gmail.com

LEGO CHURCH

A brilliant hour where your little ones can build, play, and discover Bible stories with heaps of Lego!

We'll tuck into a light breakfast together, and parents are warmly invited to stay, chat, and join the creativity.

Happening every fortnight – perfect for busy families!

We can't wait to see your masterpieces!

Time 9am – 10am

Dates for the next Lego Church

Saturdays
14.2.2026
28.2.2026
14.3.2026
28.3.2026

We meet at St Peter's Church, Harpers Lane, Chorley. PR6 0HP





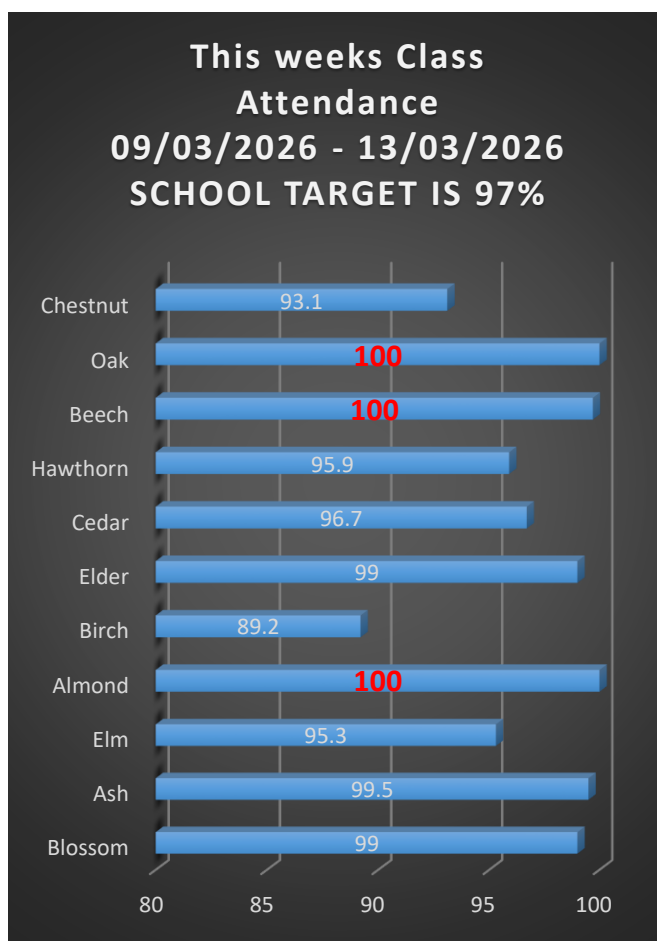
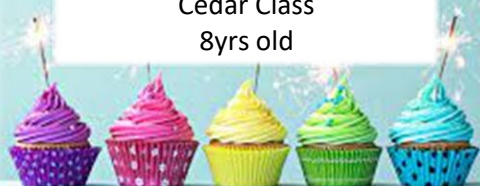
Merit Winners

Every week one child from each class gets their name in the 'Golden Book' for excellent effort and hard work. This week, the children who received a merit certificate are:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jasmine & George
Cedar Class
8yrs old





Reading Rucksack "*I'm wondering what to read next.*"

Matilda, Roald Dahl

The Reading Bears are looking forward to going on new adventures. Don't forget to share a photograph with us.



Reflection Time

Jesus goes into the temple in Jerusalem and finds people buying and selling there. The temple was meant to be a special place for prayer and worship, so Jesus turns over the tables and tells them that God's house should be a "house of prayer." This story reminds us that places of worship should be treated with respect and used for prayer, kindness, and drawing closer to God.

Jesus wanted us make our hearts places of prayer, kindness, and love.

*It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer
Matthew 21:12*

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend!

Take care and stay safe and remember you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Kind regards

Miss Brown

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March 2026

16th March – Assessment Week Begins

17th March – Rocksteady Concert

17th March – Chocolate Easter Bingo

18th March – Number Blocks Day – Reception

19th March – Elm Class Worship

19th March – Year 5 and 6 School Trip to Manchester Museum

23rd March – Holy Week Begins

23rd March – Easter Church Service – St Peter's Church – Parents Welcome to Join – Years 1 to 6

24th March – Parents Evening

25th March – Parents Evening

25th March – Oak and Chestnut Year 6 to attend Church

27th March – Dojo Tea Party

27th March – House winners own clothes day

27th March – School Closes for the Easter Holidays at 3:20pm
(After school club finishes at 5:30pm)

April 2026

13th April – School Re-opens to all children

17th April – Class Newsletters Sent Home

21st April – Parent Coffee Morning

21st April – Lancashire Dance Finals

23rd April – Year 3 and Year 4 Eureka Liverpool Trip

23rd April – Almond Class Worship

27th April – Reception and Year 6 National Child
Measurement Programme

30th April – KS1 Blackpool Trip

May 2026

4th May – School Closed for Bank Holiday Monday

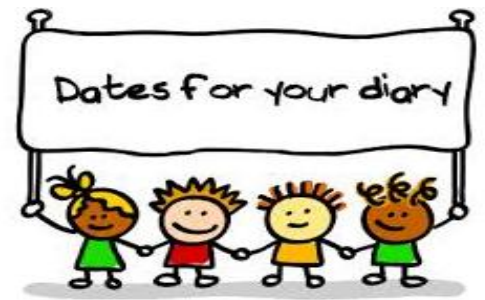
11th May – SATS week begins for Year 6

19th May – Riddles and Rhymes

21st May – Birch Class Worship

22nd May – Class Sing Off Event

22nd May - School Closes for the May Half Term at 3:20pm (After school club finishes at 5:30pm)



A promotional poster for a "Brand New Dodgeball Club". The poster features a cartoon duck character in a blue uniform and cap, pointing towards the text. The text includes: "BRAND NEW DODGEBALL CLUB", "Get Ready to Dodge, Duck, Dive - Where the Fun Thrives.", "Looking for a sport that's fast, exciting, and packed with laughs? Come and play Dodgeball - the ultimate game of teamwork, speed, and skill!", "If your child is aged between 8-12, then this session is perfect for them.", "Why Dodgeball? Make new friends, Stay active and healthy, Build confidence and teamwork, Most importantly... have loads of fun!". There is a QR code for booking. The sessions are "EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM - 7PM" at "St George's Church Hall, Halliwell St Chorley, PR7 2AL (Next to St George's Church)". The cost is "£4 each per session". There is a "JOIN NOW" button and a phone number "07716324974". The email address is "TheSittingDuckDodgeball@outlook.com". The slogan is "DON'T BE A SITTING DUCK!". There are also social media icons for Facebook and Instagram.

June 2026

2nd June – School Reopens to children

2nd June – All about Me Month Begins

2nd June – New Parents Welcome Evening – 5:45pm

2nd June – Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check Begins

4th June – Rock Kidz Workshops – all children to come to school dressed as Rock Stars

8th June – Mercy Ships Visitor for Key Stage Two

8th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test Week Begins

8th June – 4pm Virtual Parent Meeting for the Year 6 Residential

9th June – Olympian Visit

12th June – Bishop Philip Visit to celebrate 100 Years of Blackburn Diocese and St Peter's C of E Primary School

15th June – Year 5 Bushcraft Residential

16th June – Year 5 Bushcraft Residential

22nd June – Year 6 Cinema Trip

23rd June – TriKidz House Competition – Years 1 to 6

24th June – Year 6 Residential

25th June – Year 6 Residential

26th June – Year 6 Residential

July 2026

3rd July – Sports Day

7th July – Year 6 Production 2pm and 6pm

10th July – 100 Year Games

13th July – Leavers Service – 2pm St Peter's Church

14th July – Rock Steady Concert

15th July – Water Day Event – Whole School

16th July – House Winners own clothes

17th July – School Closes for summer – Full school uniform for all children - School Closes at 2:30pm and Stay Late Club Closes at 4:30pm

LOVED TRIKIDZ AT School?


KEEP THE FUN GOING WITH THE CITY OF PRESTON TRIATHLON CLUB FOR JUNIORS!

TUES 6-7PM	RUN CLUB, KIRKHAM GRAMMAR
THURS 6-7PM	RUN CLUB, KIRKHAM GRAMMAR
SAT 2-3PM	TRI CLUB, UCLAN SPORTS ARENA

WHO CAN JOIN?
AGE 8 - 18
CAN RIDE A BIKE
(NO STABILISERS)
NO SWIMMING ABILITY
REQUIRED
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Ready, Tri, Go!

BOOK A TRIAL
@CITY_OF_PRESTON_TRIATHLON



CHILDREN'S
**EASTER BONNET
PARADE**

Easter Sunday • 11.30am
Walled Garden, Astley Park



*Celebrate Easter in true Victorian style!
Decorate your bonnet and join our joyful parade.*

Age Categories:

- 4 years and under
- 5 to 10 years
- 11 and over

Prizes for the best in each class

Judged by the Mayor and Mayoress of Chorley

*Everyone welcome — bring your creativity and
enjoy a beautiful spring morning in the Walled Garden!*