

Weekly Newsletter

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17th October 2025

Happy Friday!!

Oak Class Worship

Oak Class led our class worship this week, focusing on the Christian value of *Community*. They made thoughtful links to Anne Frank, the Bible, and the beginnings of the Church, showing a deep understanding of how communities support and strengthen one another. The children worked brilliantly together to deliver a very important and inspiring message — well done, Oak Class!



RE

Elder have been extra creative with their RE this week. Our Creative Minds bags have given the children an opportunity to show their RE knowledge in a creative way by using the Lego to build and create things linked to their topic of Judaism. Elder class had to build, create and challenge one another. What a fantastic morning with superb speaking and listening opportunities. What will we create next?







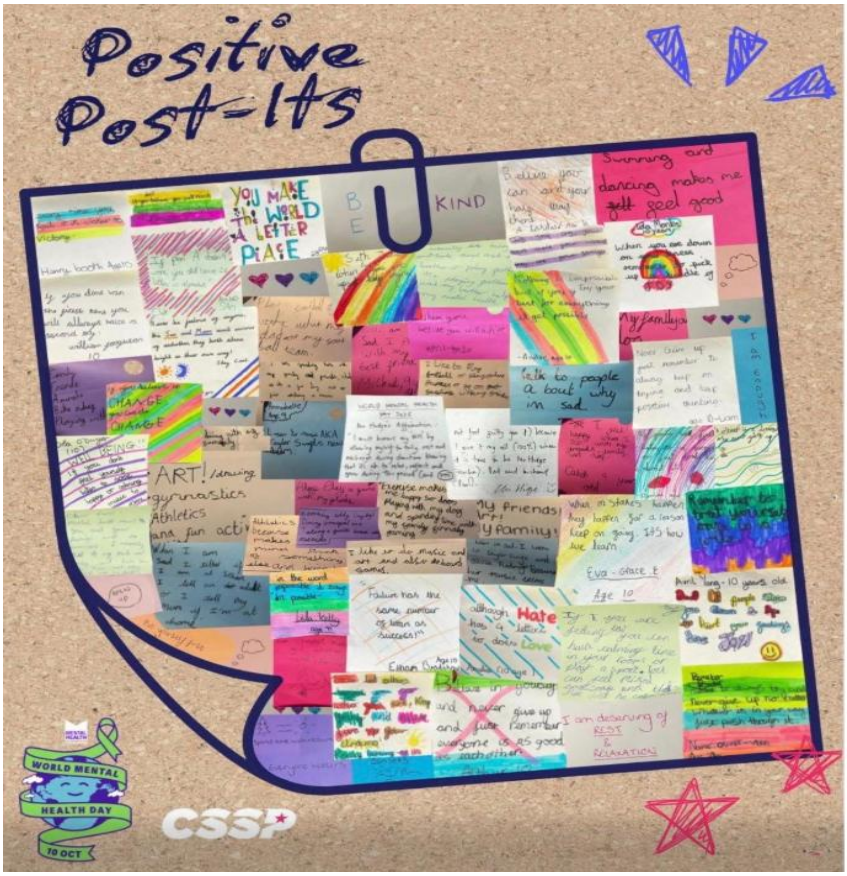
Church Mission Weekend



Our school choir will be performing in church on Sunday, 19th October 2025. It would be wonderful to see as many of our school children and families there as possible to support them. We look forward to sharing this special occasion together.

World Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October

Oak class wrote a 'Positive Post-it' and sent it off to Chorley School Sports Partnership. Well done Oak Class - here are some of the examples:





Parents Evening

We look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening next week. If you haven't made an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher.

Beech Class

Beech Class did a wonderful job at representing school this week at St Peter's weekly Eucharist.



When I Grow Up Day



On **Friday, 24th October 2025**, we invite all children to come to school **dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up**.

This is a wonderful chance for pupils to share their dreams and aspirations while celebrating creativity and imagination.

We can't wait to see doctors, artists, astronauts, teachers, scientists, athletes – and many more future stars – walking through our doors!

Chorley Sports Partnership







BBC 500 Words 2025!



Exciting news! 500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run until **Friday 7 November 2025**

As a school, we are hoping to get as many entries as we possibly can from KS1 and KS2 so that we can show the incredible writing skills we have here at St Peter's in Chorley. **Last year, one of our school entries reached the final stage of the competition which was an incredible achievement**. In class, children will be watching a video launching the writing competition with authors who have shared their writing tips. The competition is externally judged and entries must be submitted online. This does mean that all entries must be typed and requires parental consent.

The 500 Words competition wants children to have fun writing their stories, be as creative as they can and make the judges laugh, cry or just be blown away by what they are reading. **This year children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves.** Over the years there have been incredible stories submitted.

There are very few rules on 500 Words but a few points to remember:

All the stories must:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or poem

Stories must not:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)
- Be created, written or developed by AI

All stories will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Characterisation**
- **Plot**
- **Originality**
- **Language**
- **Enjoyment**

Submissions are now open for the competition. **Please note all stories must be typed and can only be submitted by an adult. It must be all the children's own work.**

The link below will allow you to submit your child's entry via the BBC website:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/login

If you are unable to submit the entry yourself, please email your child's entry to Mrs Tillotson's email address Jayne.Blackburn@stpeters.lancs.sch.uk and she will submit it. Please include your child's name and age so that I can submit it to the correct age group within the categories. This year, the two age categories will be 5–7 year-olds and 8–11 year-olds.

Please note, if you send the writing via email to me you are consenting to your child's work being submitted and to the terms and conditions of the competition. Please ensure that you have read these.

The closing date for the competition **is 9pm on Friday 7 November 2025.** Entries after this date cannot be accepted.

Good luck everyone!

Reading Around the Christmas Tree



Admissions

We are just saying hello to our new starters and it is time to think about September 2026! Admissions for next year is now open via the LCC website. If you are interested in a place for your 4-year-old for next September, please do get in touch with us with any questions or to arrange a visit and a tour of school with Miss Brown.

High School Open Evenings

Please remember all High School places must be applied for by Friday 31st October 2025 at the latest.

Please ensure that you carefully read the High School's admission policies which you will find on the individual school websites.

Mini City Role Play Day

We're excited to host a *Role Play Mini City Day* on **Tuesday 13th January 2026** for children in our **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2**. Pupils will explore fun role play zones, taking on community roles while building key social and communication skills.

To support this event, we kindly ask for a **£2.50 donation per child** via ParentPay by **Monday 24th November 2025**. The event relies on contributions to go ahead — thank you for your support!

Junior Parents Reminder

Please pay for the Elf musical as soon as possible via ParentPay. Thank you!

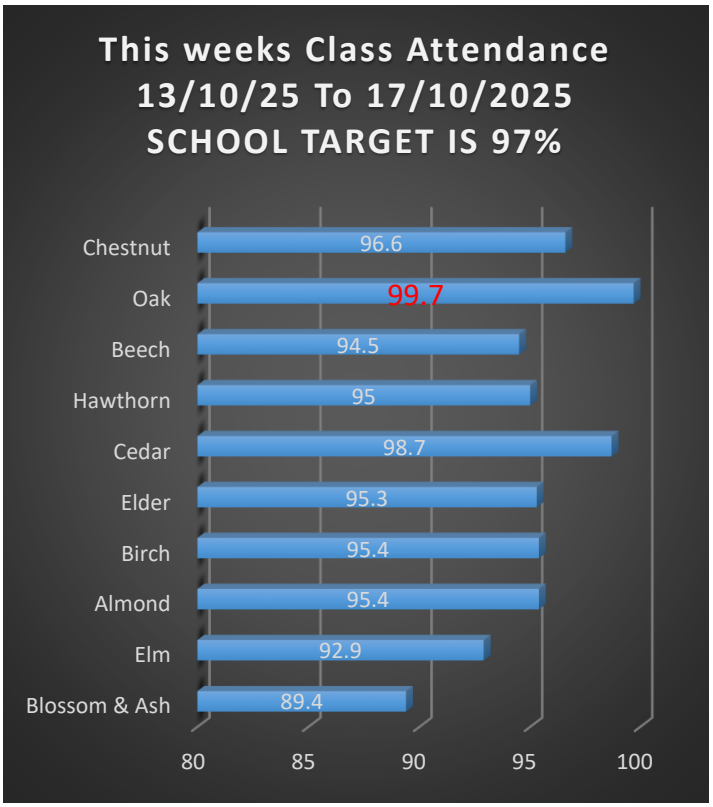


Merit Winners

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:









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 spent his life teaching and sharing God's words. Just like a healthy tree grows sweet and tasty fruit, we can 'grow' good things in our hearts — like kindness, honesty, and love.

A good person brings good things out of the good stored up in their heart."
Luke 6:43–45

This verse reminds us that just as a tree is known by the fruit it produces, our words and actions reflect what's in our hearts. The 'fruit' we share with others makes our community stronger and more joyful.

To understand that if we follow Jesus teaching we will bring good things.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

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

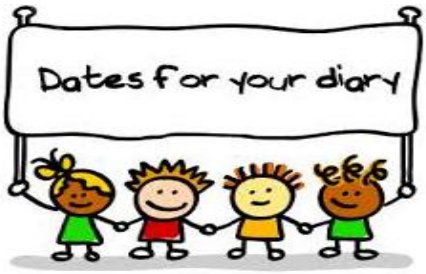
Kind regards

Miss Brown

'Let your light shine'



October 2025



19th October – School Choir to Sing in Church – everyone welcome to Church for Mission Weekend

20th October – House Winners Non-Uniform Day

22nd October – Elder Class to attend Church

22nd October – Parents Evening

22nd October – Super Dojo Tea Party

23rd October – Parents Evening

23rd October – Junior Careers Fair

24th October – When I grow up day – come to school dressed as what you dream to be when you grow up

24th October – School Closes for Half Term



November 2025

4th November – School re-opens to all children

7th November – Reception Autumn Woodland Picnic

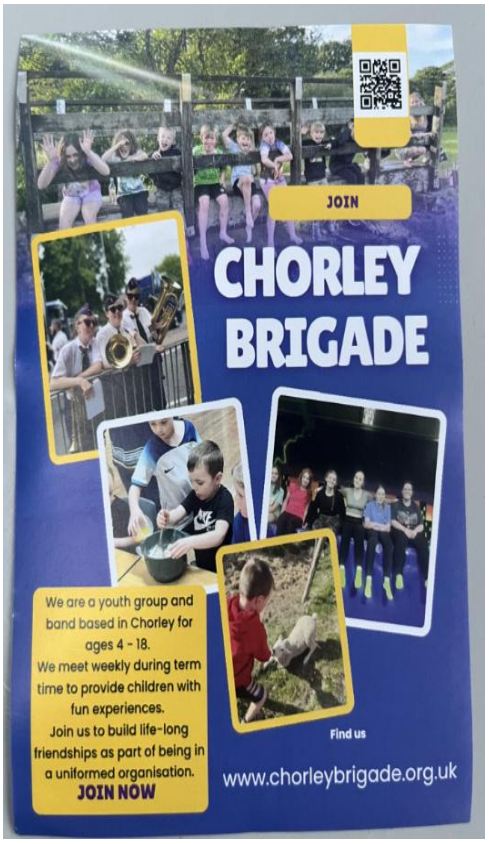
12th November – Hawthorn Class to attend Church Service

18th November – Reception Parents/Carers Magic Moments (8:45 – 9:30am)

19th November – Cedar Class to attend Church Service

26th November – Chestnut Year 5 to attend Church Service

27th November – Sustainably Afternoon



December 2025

1st December – Assessment Week Begins

1st December – Bring to school a homemade decoration for School Christmas Tree

3rd December – Year 6 to attend Church Service

5th December – Reindeer Run for the homeless

10th December – Elf the Musical – Junior Classes

11th December – Infant Nativity to their families – 2pm and 6pm

12th December – Super Dojo Tea Party

12th December – Reading Around the Christmas Tree – 2:30pm

12th December – World War 2 Event Day – Year 5 and 6

15th December – Infant Christmas Lunch

15th December – Christingle Service (Years 2 – 6 Performing) – 2pm at St Peter's Church

16th December – Junior Christmas Lunch

17th December – Bishop of Burnley visiting school

17th December – Reception Christmas Play to their families (2pm)

18th December – St Peter's Penny

18th December – Retelling of the Christmas Story as a school

19th December – Christmas Party Day

19th December – School closes to children at 2:30pm - Stay Late club closes at 4pm



