



Our school value this half term is: **"Compassion"**

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 3.12



Goodbye Mrs Rawsthorne

As you may know, Mrs Rawsthorne has decided to retire at Christmas. She has been an integral part of our school community for 22 years, supporting and teaching hundreds of children. Her dedication is to be commended. To work in any industry for so long is an incredible achievement and the care, support and happiness she has brought to the children of our community will always be remembered; she will be greatly missed. We would like to thank Mrs Rawsthorne for her commitment and we wish her every happiness on the next step of her journey.

KS2 Church Service (Monday 16th)

Our KS2 children are leading a Nativity service in church on Monday 16th December at 6:00pm. All KS2 children should return to school at 5:30pm in winter uniform in order to prepare for the service.

Following the service, at approximately 6:40pm, children will then return to school and parents can collect their children from the front doors of school. This is to ensure a safe handover of the children.

Class Christmas Parties (Tuesday 17th)

Children are invited into school wearing their own clothes on Tuesday 17th December for a Christmas party in the hall and festive activities in the classroom.

Church, Christmas Dinner & Reindeer Visit (Wednesday 18th)

AM—Each class will be walked over to Christ Church during the morning for some reflection time.

Lunch—Christmas Dinner in the hall.

PM—Two of Father Christmas' reindeers will make a visit before the big day. Children will have the opportunity to go and say hello.

3:00pm -The school choir are singing carols for their families. Letters with reply slips have been sent home about this event.

Santa Dash (Thursday 19th)

In the afternoon we are holding our Santa Dash to raise money for our sponsor children in Uganda. The children in each class will run a combined distance of:

- 1:15pm EYFS - Half marathon - 94 laps
- 1:30pm Year 1 -Half marathon - 94 laps
- 1:45pm Year 2 - Half marathon - 94 lap
- 2:00pm Year 4 - Marathon - 188 laps
- 2:15pm Year 3 - Marathon - 188 laps
- 2:30pm Year 5 - Marathon - 188 laps
- 2:45pm Year 6 - Ultra Marathon - 222 laps



Children can attend this day in festive clothing, particularly any Santa hats or Christmas headwear they may have. At the event we will have a giant start/finish arch and music to encourage the children on their route. We ask all children to wear trainers on this day. We are holding this event to raise funds for our sponsor children in Uganda. We kindly ask each child to raise a small amount of sponsor money and bring it in on the day.

Staff Panto & Early Finish (Friday 20th)

There will be the usual staff panto in the morning and the school choir will start off a special worship in the afternoon to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. School will close at the earlier time of 2:00pm.

PHA Christmas Stockings

Each year the PHA ask the children to bring in a small gift for their class Christmas stocking to help raise funds for our school. They will be raffled off at the Christmas parties on Tuesday 17th December. Children may bring in a small item until Monday 16th December. Items usually include sweets or small/inexpensive novelty toys. These do not need to be wrapped. Children will be able to buy raffle tickets for £1 each with the winning ticket winning all the gifts in their class stocking.

PHA Grand Christmas Raffle

Tickets have been sent home and should be returned by Monday 16th December at 12:00pm for anyone wishing to participate. Extra tickets are available from the school office. A draw will be made on Tuesday 17th December. Prizes include:

Liver building experience, Tropic hamper, Christmas hamper, vouchers for local businesses and more!

Primary Admissions for September 2025

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2025. Even if your child has a sibling in school, you will still need to make your application online in order to secure a place in primary school. Applications must be made via Lancashire County Council Admissions.

Holiday Dates 2025/2026

Term and holiday dates for next academic year have been finalised and uploaded to our school website. They can also be accessed by clicking [here](#).

*School will close on
Friday 20th December
at the earlier time
of 2pm.*

*We will reopen at
8:45am on Monday
6th January*

2025

