



Our Advent Journey

What a wonderful way to mark the first day of Advent - with a flying visit from Mrs Rongong, the headteacher from St Michael's High School, on her 24 mile run! She was carrying a prayer of blessing from each church school to the next in the Chorley area. Her school's choir also joined us to sing a beautiful rendition of 'O Little town of Bethlehem.' Following this we had our Rock Steady concert with four of our very own rock bands performing. Well done everyone!



It's starting to look a lot like Christmas!

Our huge Christmas tree looks splendid with all the home-made decorations - full of individual creativity! Thank you for your support with these at home. Our Christmas Fayre was a great event too. We will let you know how much was raised next week. Thank you to everyone who helped with this - especially to our PTA in the preparations beforehand, in running the stalls and of course to everyone who attended. Thank you to everyone who queued so patiently to see Father Christmas too. I think he was exhausted by the time he left to fly back to the North Pole!



School Nurse Drop-in session

in school on

Wednesday 10th December at 2pm

This is open to all parents/ carers who'd like some advice on any aspect of their child's health. No need to make an appointment - just come to the main office and chat to our school nurse in the Chameleon Room.



Gold Medal Winners

Our Key Stage 2 Panathlon Team took part in the annual Panathlon competition against 7 other schools this week. The team took part in several different tasks including bowling, parachute challenge, beanbag throw, basketball, boccia, throwing event, curling and table cricket.

All the children competed fantastically and showed a fantastic team spirit, supporting and cheering each other on. There were some brilliant performances by all in the different events which was excellent to see, and to top it off we were crowned KS2 Panathlon Champions!! Well done all!! Mr Molloy and Miss Bolton

Worship

This week, we explored a new character in The Brain House: Problem-Solving Paul. We looked at situations both in school and at home where we might encounter challenges. The children were able to identify different ways to solve problems across a range of scenarios. We shared an important message: it's essential to stay calm and remember that any problem can be fixed. All we need to do is talk to a grown-up.



We also lit the first candle on our advent wreath and thought about the hope that Jesus offers to our world. We are using an online advent calendar in school and families may wish to use this at home too. Click here - Joy to the World Advent Calendar.



Introduction to Brass

Following on from our visit last week we have another invitation from the Lancashire Music Service - This is one of our instrument days that caters for all abilities from absolute beginner (literally never held an instrument before) right through to Grade 8 and above. There's no cost for this: just sign up through the QR on the poster here. We had 111 young brass players attend last year and we want to break the record!

SIGN UP!



FREE TO ATTEND

LIVE LIFE MUSIC

VENUE
ST MICHAELS CE HIGH SCHOOL ASTLEY RD, CHORLEY PR7 1RS
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SATURDAY 17 TH JANUARY 2026
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10AM-3:30PM

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Reindeer Dash

Sponsor forms have been sent home this week. We realise that this can be an expensive time of year but we know how much St Catherine's depend on community fundraising and lots of our own families have been supported by them over the years. Please support this amazing, local charity if you can.

Join our fundraiser

What: **Reindeer Run**

When: **12th December**

How: **running round school**

St Catherine's Hospice

Food Bank Delivery

Due to everyone's generosity we had so many cakes left over from the Christmas Fayre and some toiletries donated for the Secret Santa room. Usually we give out the left over cakes at playtimes but we thought it would be a good opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer to others by donating them to the Living Waters foodbank in Chorley. Some of our Year 5 class dropped off the parcels today and they were very gratefully received. The children had a behind the scenes look at how the project is organised.

Courteous Parking

Please make sure your own parking does not cause dangers for others. Some people are parking directly in the entrance/exits to the car park which makes it difficult for people to enter and exit safely. We have lots of young children using the car park and they cannot always be seen easily as they are little. Let's look after them together.

Well done Mabel!

Mabel has completed the challenge to craft everyday during November. She has raised £290 for Motor Neurone Disease Association. That's fantastic! Thank you to everyone who supported her.

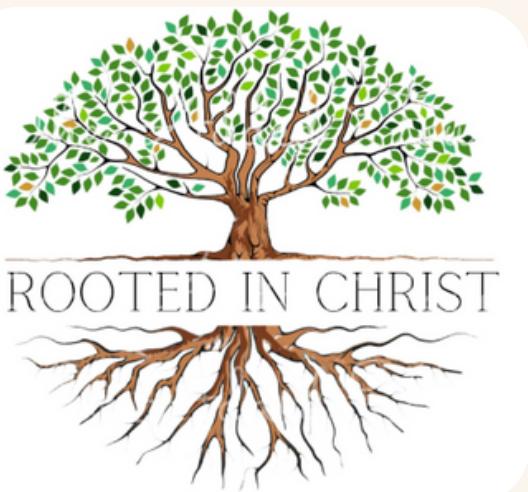


Whole School Attendance this Week
93.2%
Late marks - 19



Our Vision

Together we inspire one another to live life to all its fullness, rooted and built up in Christ, so that every member of our school community can learn, develop and flourish, to live in the world as the unique individuals God created us to be.



Diary Dates for December

Tuesday 9 th	KS2 (Years 3 to 6) Theatre Trip - Oliver Twist at Burnley
Friday 12 th	Christmas Jumper Day/ Reindeer Dash/ Dinner
Monday 15 th	EYFS/KS1 visiting theatre 'Battle of the Kings'
Monday 15 th	Choir singing at <u>Willowbank</u> Care Home
Tuesday 16 th	9.30am and 2.15pm Nativity - EYFS and KS1 together
Wednesday 17 th	2.15pm Nativity - EYFS and KS1 together - extra date
Wednesday 17 th	Evening Candlelight Service in church
Friday 19 th	End of term