



Cop Lane C.E. Primary School

A welcoming Christian community, committed to one another, giving our very best at all times.

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Our Christian Value is: peace



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Headteacher's Message

A big well done to some of our Y4 and Y5 children, who represented the school on Wednesday evening at Hutton's Science Quiz. The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and we were delighted that one of our teams won the quiz! A fantastic achievement.

You may have seen that the recent letter written by the school council to the Director of Highways at Lancashire County Council that was published on social media has attracted the attention of the Lancashire Evening Post. Their article about it was published on Wednesday and will be in Saturday's LEP, we've been told. It can be found here:

<https://www.lep.co.uk/news/why-wont-you-give-us-a-zebra-crossing-penwortham-primary-school-childrens-disappointment-at-lcc-5418343>

We have also had a number of parents contact us in support of the work the school council are doing. If you can help the school council in any way, we would be grateful.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Ian P. Ashmore



Dates for your Diary



03.12.25—Y5 Advent worship at 9am—all parents welcome

03.12.25—School nurse drop in for parents, 9am in school

10.12.25—EYFS Nativity Production 10am and 2pm

10.12.25—Christmas Sing Along with Claire Rachel at 4:30pm

11.12.25—KS1 Nativity Production 10am and 2pm.

15.12.25—Carol service in church at 6pm (all welcome)

16.12.25—PTFA pantomime in school AM

17.12.25—Y3, Y4 and Y6 at Chester Zoo

18.12.25—School closed for councillor polling—INSET Day

19.12.25—School closes at 2pm for the Christmas break

PTFA News

See p.5 for information regarding the 'Great Christmas Scratch Off'.



Reflection Time

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

This week in worship, our worship has been ‘finding peace in our lives’. Father Paul Robinson from Leyland St Ambrose led us in our worship on Monday. He talked about Christ the King Day, which was celebrated on Sunday. This marks the end of the liturgical year and invites us to pause and reflect. In a world filled with noise, busyness and uncertainty, it is a chance to focus on Jesus, who brings lasting peace. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict; it is the presence of Christ. When we allow Him to reign in our thoughts, decisions, and relationships, we are calm. This peace begins at home: in the way we speak to one another, in the patience we show, and in the love we share.



This week in our Picture News, we looked at the news that McDonald's has changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said that the new boxes encourage creativity and let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour-your-own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond. The children considered the question: "What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?"

Our 'Picture News at Home' can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Get that festive feeling before the Penwortham markets with our festive sing along. Details below:





Tickets for each weekly draw are on sale from the 1st December via Eduspot, the school office and at playtimes.

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS SCRATCH OFF

How to enter:

Please bring in £2 cash in a named envelope and hand it to your teacher to choose a square

Prize:

Each class have one lucky bag winner!
Plus every entry will receive a small gift

Last day to enter: Friday 12th Dec

The Winning square will be revealed at the Carol Concert on:

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER

All funds raised will support our school.
Thank you for helping make this Christmas magical!

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TO COP LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL!

EVERY THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL

8TH JANUARY - 12TH FEBRUARY 2026



SIGN UP NOW OPEN!

Limited places available, click the
website link or scan the QR code to
reserve your space!



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To explore theatre further register for a FREE TASTER DAY at our Saturday School on the link below. Experience a full morning or afternoon acting, singing and dancing at the Playhouse Theatre or Preston College!

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Explore the Arts...

Our after school clubs are carefully created to ensure that each individual plays an integral part. Whilst our main focus is teaching the vital skills of Acting, Singing and Dancing, we direct lots of attention to building confidence, communication and creativity through the wonderful world of Performing Arts.



The next course will be our technique course where pupils discover a new skill each week! These bespoke, dynamic sessions are designed to boost confidence, strengthen public speaking, and build core theatrical techniques. Students will not only master essential skills but also develop their own unique performance style.

This course is the perfect opportunity for both our current students and those aspiring to join our team of young performers. The cost of the full course is £54.00. (Payment details given on sign up form.) Limited places available, sign up now to reserve your place by completing our online form on the website link below.



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THURSDAY 4TH
DECEMBER
SPUD-TACULAR
SPECIAL LUNCH



CHOICE OF FILLINGS:
BAKED BEANS
CHEESE
BEANS AND CHEESE
TUNA MAYO
CHICKEN MAYO AND
SWEETCORN
CHILLI
THREE BEAN CHILLI

If your Junior child usually brings their own packed lunch and would like to have the SPUD-TACULAR Special Lunch, please pay £2.90 via the Eduspot link.

Deadline for payment 3.30pm **WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER**
N.B. If your child usually has a school lunch, they will automatically have the Special Lunch

If your Infant child has a packed lunch and would like the Special Lunch, just contact the office and they can be added on.

No payment is required for children in Rec., Yr. 1, Yr. 2 as all infants qualify for universal free school lunches.

Festive Grab Bags: 10th and 11th December

Due to the hall being used for the nativity performances, lunches will be eaten in classrooms on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December.

Therefore, on the 2 days of the nativity, there will be FESTIVE GRAB BAGS for all children who are on school dinners.

If your Junior child(ren) usually brings their own packed lunch, and would like to have the Special Festive Grab Bag on both or just one of the days, please pay £5.80 or £2.90 via the Eduspot link. Deadline for payment Friday 5th December.

If your infant child has a packed lunch and would like the Special Festive Grab Bag on both or 1 of the days, just contact the office and they can be added on. No payment is required for children in Rec, Y1 or Y2 as all infants qualify for universal free school lunches.

Choice of filled sandwiches:
tuna/cheese/ham

Vegetarian/sausage roll

Crisps/tortilla chips

Vegetable sticks

Christmas biscuit

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Our class attendance figures this week are:

EYFS	93.1%
YR 1	97.3%
YR 2	97.4%
YR 3	95.8%
YR 4	94.5%
YR 5	96.4%
YR 6	95.6%



Well done to Y2 this week!

Attendance Matters



Is your child in
school today?

Did they arrive at school on time?

Did you know?

If your child misses only one day a week for their whole time in school they would miss the equivalent of two years' schooling.

That would be like not starting school until you were 7 or leaving school at 14.

Being late for school can mean missing vital work and seriously disrupts lessons for everyone.

Remember the law treats lateness
and non-attendance
in exactly the same way!

*Help your child to make the most
of their education - get to school on time!*

TAKE HOME



What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

In the news this week

McDonald's changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said the new boxes encourage creativity and let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour-your-own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Share your thoughts – do you think it's a good idea? Share what you might draw on the box.
- One of the aims of the campaign is to encourage children to express themselves. Do you believe it achieves this aim? Can you think of any other ideas?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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