

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

This week, we have enjoyed our nativity performances from both EYFS and KS1. The children were an absolute credit to the school and we are all very proud of them! Well done to everyone involved.

Our Christmas singalong was a great success on Wednesday evening. Claire Rachel was excellent and got us in the festive spirit with some great Christmas classics. Thank you to all those who came along and to Mrs Bradley for organising it.

This morning, Bishop Philip visited the school and led us in collective worship. It was a pleasure to have him in school and to show him around classes, meet the staff and some of the governing body.

Don't forget our carol service is on Monday 15th December at 6pm. Please do come along and join us if you can.

Finally, can you help St Mary's Church? They need as many responses to their survey as possible. See p.3 for more information.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Ian P. Ashmore



Dates for your Diary



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

More information on PTFA upcoming events coming soon.



Reflection Time

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

This verse reminds us that Jesus is God's gift to the world. A gift of peace, love, and joy. During Advent, we light candles to show that, even in the darkest days of winter, God's light is coming. Each candle is a sign of hope that grows brighter as Christmas gets closer.

Waiting can be hard, but Advent teaches us that good things are worth waiting for. Just like we count down the days to Christmas, we can also think about ways to bring light to others. For example, by being kind, helping at home, and sharing joy with friends.



This week in our Picture News, we looked at the news that an adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for charity and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve. The children considered the question: "How might challenges help us to grow?"

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

Please help us

St Mary's Church has recently been given permission to renovate and extend the existing extension at the church

We have money to help pay for this work but that will not cover the whole cost of building and fitting the replacement extension

As part of the application process, we need to show that the whole community have an interest in us doing this work to help us to make the church a sustainable building, that will preserve and publicise important heritage in Penwortham and provide a resource for the community

As a result, we are making an application to try to get funds from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to cover the difference.



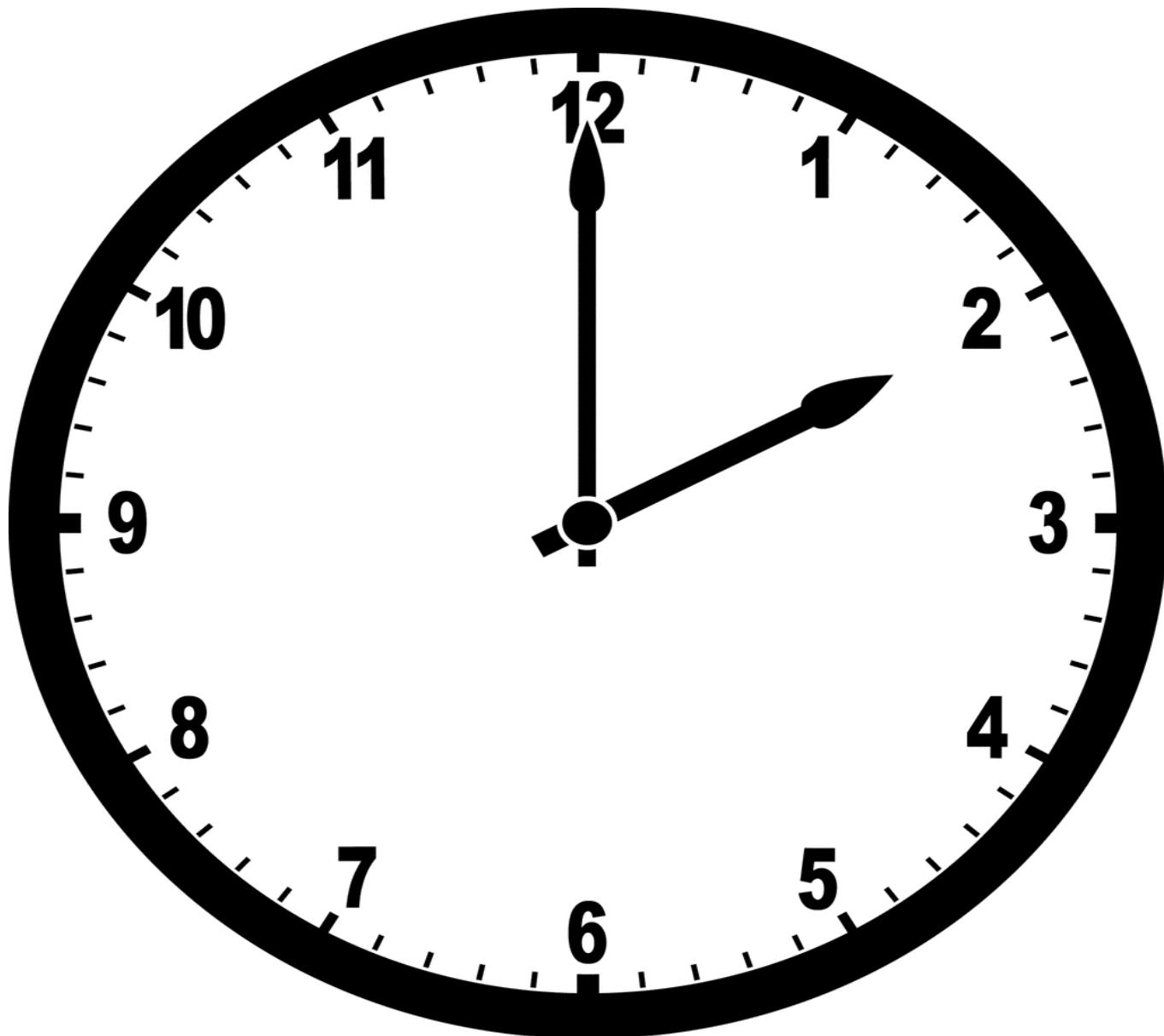
St Marys Penwortham Building Project Survey



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**DON'T FORGET SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2PM
ON FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER!!!!**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!!





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



PTFA FESTIVE FUN BAGS!

**Only
£5!**

A bag full of festive goodies, including:

-  Gifts
-  Treats
-  Seasonal surprises!

Delivery:

Bags will be delivered directly to classrooms the week before the Christmas break.

Order Now – Limited Availability!

Scan the QR code or use the link:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QE9NAWF2>



Once they're gone, they're gone — order soon!

Governor Update

A meeting of the full governing body was held on the 9th December 2025. The impact of the meeting was:

- Governors discussed the budget and reviewed future projections.
- Governors discussed feedback from recent school visits to support the curriculum and the benefits the children get from these activities.
- Governors discussed and reviewed the School Improvement Plan for 2025/2026 and received an update on progress so far.

Governors lived out the Christian vision by discussing and making decisions in the best interests of all our staff and children to ensure continuing progress and growth for our school and all its stakeholders.

Carol Service Reminder



Advent Appeal

Penwortham Food Bank

We are collecting the following items for Penwortham Food Bank:

- Tins e.g. beans, rice pudding, tuna
- Dry food e.g. pasta, cereals
- Jars e.g. sauces

Please send any donations into classes with your child(ren).





BRASS DAY 2026

SIGN UP!



FREE TO ATTEND

VENUE

ST MICHAELS CE HIGH SCHOOL
ASTLEY RD, CHORLEY PR7 1RS

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SATURDAY 17TH JANUARY 2026

TIME

10AM-3:30PM



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Our class attendance figures this week are:

EYFS	93.7%
YR 1	99.3%
YR 2	97.3%
YR 3	86.8%
YR 4	97.2%
YR 5	100%
YR 6	96.3%



Well done to Y5 this week!

TAKE HOME



How might challenges help us grow?



In the news this week

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think Darren will feel at each stage of his challenge (before, during, and after)?
- What kinds of challenges do you think can help you grow the most – something physical, emotional, or trying something new?
- Can you recall a challenge you have set yourself and achieved? Ask others at home about their experiences.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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