



# LYTHAM CHURCH of ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear families,

There is a time for everything and, after 3 very happy years at Lytham, today is the day for me to move onto a new calling from God.

I know I'm biased, but Lytham CE really is a very special place. It has been wonderful to serve the community here and I am grateful for the support and challenge I have received over my time as the head teacher. It is now time for a new chapter in the school's history.

I'm so very grateful for the lovely words, messages, cards and gifts that I have received. I have lots of memories and, as a staff team, we have been talking about many of these this past week.

Your children will always hold a special place in my heart and I'll always be thankful that I have been able to play a part in their lives.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and wish you every happiness for the future.

With my love and best wishes.

*Amanda Wooldridge*



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Stars of the Autumn term 2024	
Reception	Miriam
Year 1	Zakki
Year 2	Betsy Mc
Year 3	William
Year 4	Gabriel
Year 5	Lexie
Year 6	Dylan

### Snippets from the classrooms

Nursery have had the happiest of times preparing and celebrating Christmas. We acted out our Nativity with joy and confidence. The nursery has been full of paint and sparkle as we crafted lots of Christmas delights. We partied with our Reception friends, singing, dancing, and playing games. It really has been the most magical time of the year!

What a brilliant week we have had in Reception. We were so excited to go on a bus to Lowther and watch the pantomime. Our behaviour was exemplary in the theatre and Miss Harter and Miss Wilko were so proud of us. We loved wearing our own clothes for party day! What an amazing first term in big school we have had.

Year 1 have had an amazing week getting ready for Christmas. We loved our visit to the theatre to see the pantomime and we worked really hard making things to sell on our stall for the Christmas Markets. Party Day was great fun and we showed off our best dance moves at the Reindeer Rave!

Year 2 have had a busy and enjoyable final week of term. We have made marshmallow snowmen, gingerbread man biscuits and rocky road chocolate treats. We even used one of these activities to help us write instructions in our English lesson. We were very pleased to be the winning class in the Christmas Market competition. Mrs Waby needs a special thank you for making this happen. The children have had lots of fun being creative- making crafts, cards and calendars. We loved watching the pantomime at Lowther Gardens. We enjoyed our Christmas party, playing party games in the hall and pass the parcel in the classroom. The children were so well behaved and made it an enjoyable day for everyone. We hope you all have a well deserved break and enjoy the festive season.

What a fantastic term we have had in Year 3. We have done lots of exciting learning and activities, such as leading the harvest service at St John's Church, going to beach on a school trip, designing and making pneumatic toys, conducting an experiment in science, and most recently visiting the panto at Lowther! The children have all worked so hard! Mr Gray, Mrs Young and Mrs Croughan are all extremely proud of all their hard work, and we hope that they have a fantastic Christmas!

Year 4 have been very busy completing lots of different Christmas crafts this week. We have created our very own dog biscuits using just two ingredients! They were very smelly, but it was great fun. We have completed Christmas baubles, cards and calendars it has been very messy in our classroom this week. We have spent some time exploring Anglo-Saxon craftsmanship looking specifically at the artefacts found at Sutton Hoo. In maths this week, we have continued with our focus on timetables. We have explored factor pairs and multiplying by 10. We particularly enjoyed our time spent at the pantomime watching Snow White and the opportunity to have a reindeer rave!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us in year 4!

What a fantastic first term we have had in Year 5. The children have recently been enjoying conducting investigations in Science. They have investigated air resistance, gravity and water resistance. This last week, we have been very creative when making our pop-up books in D.T. It was lovely when we had the chance to read our stories with Year 1. The children have been fantastic all term and I can't wait to see what they achieve in Spring term. We hope you have a lovely Christmas.

Year Six have really enjoyed all of the festivities this week. It has been a pleasure to be around them all, as both in school and out of school at the pantomime, they have been a credit to us. As always, their favourite part has been spending time with their Buddies.

### **Toast – message from the office**

Deadline for payment (£5.80) via Parent Pay for toast (Spring 1) is **Fri 3 Jan**. Thank you.

### **PTFA Christmas Market**

Thank you to everyone who made our first ever PTFA Christmas Market such a huge success! The event raised a magnificent £1236.19! The classes were in competition to see who could make the most profit from selling their goods and Y2 won the Star Prize of £25 to spend on something for their classroom. Competition was fierce so each class also won a £5 runner up prize.

A huge thank you to our PTFA and staff who worked so hard, both on the night and beforehand, to make this such a success.

### **Reindeer Rave in aid of Brian House**

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the Reindeer Rave in aid of Brian House. I'm delighted to let you know that £260.30 was raised and this will make such a difference to the work of Brian House. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

From January there will be a cap on 30 places in Breakfast Club and After School Club and these places will need to be booked in advance as there will not be the option to make bookings on the day. Please ensure that your account is kept in credit as the system will automatically cancel your place if there is an outstanding amount on the account.

### **Uniform Policy**

We have been approached by some parents who are concerned, for a variety of reasons, about their children getting changed for PE in school. Having spoken to our School Advisor about this, I have asked the Lancashire PE Consultant for advice and school will update you with this as soon as it is received.

### **Primary School Applications**

If you have a child in Nursery, you will need to apply for a primary school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

[Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

## A message from our PTFA

Big retailers like Tesco, Amazon, M&S, Booking.com, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Baker Ross, Clarks and 8,000 others want to give back to schools. That's why we have partnered with easyfundraising, so when someone shops online with them, the retailer gives back a percentage of what that online shopper spends to our PTFA; for free. It's like using a cashback site, but instead of the money going to one individual, as a collective – parents, committee members, staff and friends of our school can all raise together.

### How it works

For example you are wanting to buy new school shoes. Instead of visiting the Clarks website, you head to the easyfundraising website or app first then click the Clarks link.

Easyfundraising directs you to Clarks, where you buy a pairs of shoes. Because you started at easyfundraising first, your PTFA will receive a percentage of the spend from Clarks. It's a win-win!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/admin-dashboard/>

Dates for Diaries 2024-2025	Spring Term 1 2025
6 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
31 <sup>st</sup> January	PTFA Fundraising Event – Break the Rules day!
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Competition at Tower Ballroom
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Consultation Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Consultation Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Home Clothes Day (Fundraising for Toilet Twinning)
13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes at 3.30pm

