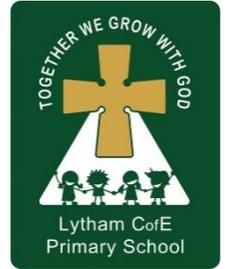




LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

*Together We Grow With God*

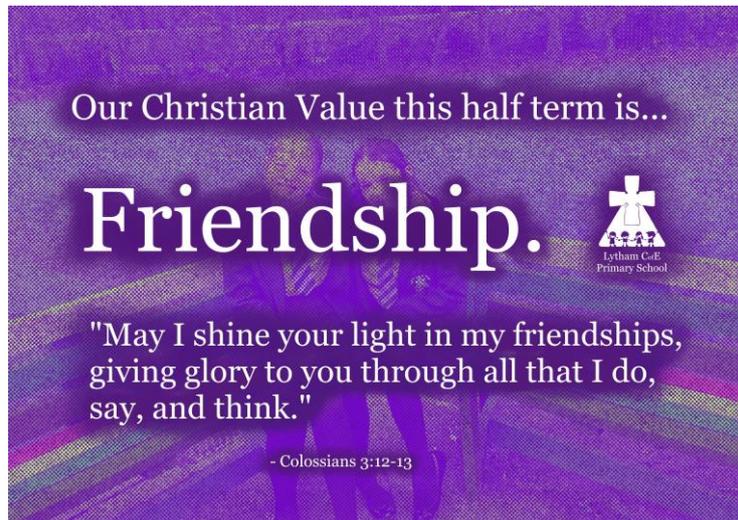


**20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship*

*Our Chosen charity is Brian House (we took part in the Elf Dash)*

*Our Parable of the Talents Award will be awarded to children who have shown courage in risk taking in their work.*



Headteacher's Message:

We began our day today with a Gate Disco and blasted out some Christmas tunes. It was a fabulous way to start the day and we were lucky that the rain held off whilst we boogied away!

We then held our End of Term Worship where we celebrated achievements and also reflected on the wonder of the Christmas Story.

It has been a joyful period of Advent in school and we are thankful for your continued support and for the many good wishes for this Festive season.

Have a lovely Christmas with your children and families and we look forward to welcoming you back on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

*Mrs Wooldridge*



## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December



Reception	Jude
Year One	Aurora
Year Two	Arlo
Year Three	Emi
Year Four	Hannah
Year Five	Ava
Year Six	Freddy D



## Our Stars of the Term



Reception	Oliver
Year One	Sienna
Year Two	Monty
Year Three	Nova
Year Four	Violet
Year Five	Lilly D
Year Six	Ethan



## Our Christian Values Superstars

December	Chloe	Betsy M	Sienna
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### *Risk taking in learning* - week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December

Reception	Noah
Year One	Noah
Year Two	Mia
Year Three	Dion
Year Four	Myles
Year Five	Louie
Year Six	Harper

### Snippets from the classrooms

Year 1 worked so hard to remember the songs and their lines for the Nativity. Everyone was brilliant during the performances in front of their families! Year 1 would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

In Year 3, we have been working hard in English to create beautiful imagery using similes and metaphors. Based on our text *The Tear Thief*, we have been discussing the different things that make people cry, and what colour different types of tears would be if they represented different emotions. In D&T, we have completed our cooking unit by making apple pastry tarts and fruit crumbles. We have learned valuable life skills by safely using sharp knives and peelers. Lots of us have also learned the rubbing in method. We loved tasting our final products and can't wait to help with the Christmas dinner preparations!

Year 4 have had a great term. They have all tried so hard with their swimming and it is amazing how much progress they have made. It has been lovely to see how confident the children are and how much they all engaged with each session. We were so proud of them all for their performance in the Dance Festival and all the hard work they put in during the rehearsals

### [Absence Messages](#)

Please ensure that any messages regarding absences or appointments go to the Office as class teachers don't always have time to check their dojo messages during the school day. Thank you.

### [PTFA Hot Chocolate Event](#)

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in this lovely event. There were some very chocolatey faces in school as the children were determined to get the last marshmallows out of the cups! Thank you so much to our PTFA members for running this event and thank you also to those families who sent in an extra pound or two in case anyone had forgotten their pound or could not spare the money at this time of year. This was such an unexpected gesture of kindness – thank you for demonstrating love and compassion in this way.

### [KS2 STEM Club](#)

Our newest members of STEM Club are now halfway towards completing their CREST Award. So far, the children have investigated the strongest shapes for bridge design and the most effective materials for rafts. They have also been lucky enough to be the first in school to explore our new Microbits, which have been sent to us for free by the BBC - the children soon discovered that there are so many coding possibilities with these tiny pieces of equipment! This week, we have ended the term with a Christmas party planning activity which required budgeting for different-sized groups of people with quite specific requirements!

### [British Science Week 2024](#)

In the new year, we will begin thinking about our plans for British Science Week, which is taking place in school during w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March. This year's theme is 'Time', and Mrs Patterson already has a whole school project in the works which will require the support of all

members of STEM Club... watch this space! We would love to get more parents involved in Science Week this year. If you work in an area of Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths and you would be willing to speak to our children about your job, please get in touch with Mrs Patterson in person or via the office email address: [office@lytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@lytham.lancs.sch.uk)

### [School Admissions](#)

Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school in September 2024 opened on Friday 1 September 2023.

Parents can apply online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

- Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

For guidance on school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

***Children return to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024***