



'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'

Monday 13th October 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

YEARS 3 - 6 HARVEST SERVICE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH - Tuesday 21st October 2025

Following the success of previous years, we are holding our Harvest Festival celebrations again this year. To make sure everyone has an opportunity to be involved, this year's Harvest Festival will be split into two celebrations:

The Children in Years 3 – 6 will be attending St Mary's Church where the children will be performing a poem that they have learnt and, in many cases, written themselves.

Pupils in Reception - Year 2 are having an assembly in school, details of which have been sent out in a separate letter.

The Years 3 – 6 service will take place on **Tuesday, 21st October 2025**. We will be **leaving Priestley at approximately 9.00 am and will return by 11.00 am**.

During the period leading up to the Harvest Festival, we are asking any children who are able to bring in items of food which will be donated to the local community.

We fully understand that times are hard for many, in our community and beyond, so would really appreciate any of the items from the list below. (Please make sure that everything has a 3-month shelf-life.)

In order for us to display the food during our Harvest Assembly, it would be great to receive any donations by **Friday, 17 October 2025**.

Here is a list of suggested items of food:

Breakfast cereal or porridge oats	Tinned or packet soup
Tinned meat	Tinned fish
Tinned potatoes or instant mash	Tinned vegetables
Tinned tomatoes	Baked beans
Pasta or rice	Pasta sauce
Tinned fruit	Other packet sauces
Tinned puddings (eg rice, sponge)	Biscuits
Snack bars (eg chocolate)	Tea bags
Instant coffee	Long life milk
Sugar	Long life fruit juice

The celebration of Harvest has been very successful in the past, so we would like to thank you, in advance, for your generous donations.

For the walk to Church, please make sure your child has suitable footwear and a coat in case of inclement weather, as could be the case in October. The children will have adequate supervision and will not be crossing any busy roads.

As the number of children attending Priestley Primary School is ever growing, there is limited space within the church. As much as we would love everyone to join us for the service, there is just not the space. We only have space for the children, Staff and any volunteers who help walk the children to the church.

Should you like to join us in the church, then your voluntary help would be much appreciated. Please **only** return the slip below to your child's class teacher if you can help. We will contact you nearer the time to confirm this.

Permission for this visit has been given via your child's signed Home School Agreement. **Only sign and return** your slip by **Wednesday, 15th October 2025** if you would like to confirm that you will be able to help walk the children to the church.

You DO NOT need to return the below slip if you are not volunteering to help.

Yours sincerely

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Mr L Coles
Headteacher

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RETURN TO CLASS TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER 2025.

VISIT TO ST MARYS CHURCH – OFFER OF HELP

Child's Name:..... Class:.....

☐ I will be available to help, if required. I understand that we will be leaving Priestley at 9.00 am and returning by 11.00 am

Name (PRINTED):

Name (*Signed*):

Relationship to Child:
(Named Above)

Date: