



# Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending 14th March 2025

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is very busy at the minute and we are still finding there are some parents not booking their children in. **Unfortunately we will no longer be able to accept children that just turn up without booking.** We have a limit on the number of children we can accept for the safety of your children.



## Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March** for our annual Easter egg raffle! Children are able to purchase tickets from their class teacher at the cost of 50p per strip. The draw will take place at the end of the term, before we break up for Easter.

## Non-Uniform Day for St Joseph's Penny Appeal

Children can wear their own clothes for the day and make a donation to the St Joseph's Penny Appeal. Donations will be collected in class.

Mufti Day - We will have 'Wear your own clothes day!' on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** when children are invited to wear their own clothes to school for the day and in return donate some chocolate or Easter related gift for the Easter Bingo hampers.

## Easter Bingo

The PTA will be holding their annual Easter Bingo on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at **The Club** on Brownedge Road. Your chance to win huge Easter hampers! Not to be missed.



## Parents Evenings

Week commencing **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March**.

The Parents evening **booking system opened on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 8am** and will close on **Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm**. Please use the link below to access. All the details you need will be on the main page. Just click on 'Parent Log In' and enter your details. Please get in touch if you have any difficulties accessing this.

<https://ourladystgerards.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 6 SAT's Boosters: Boosters have started for Year 6: 8.00am Monday & Tuesday every week up to SAT's

## Nursery Places

**It's not too late to apply for Nursery for April 2025 we have some places available.** If you have a child that turns 3 at any point up to **31 March 25** they can start in our school Nursery class at the start of the summer term. We have funded and paid for places available and Tax free Childcare vouchers can be used to pay for paid for sessions. Please contact the school office by email: [bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk) or by calling 01772 335025 for more information.

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**Volunteers – Your School Needs You!** Volunteers are a great help in school, if you or someone you know may be interested in helping out in school for as little or as much time as available, please contact the school office for a volunteer form. Volunteers can help with reading with the children, going on school trips, supporting PTA and sporting events, help in the garden and school grounds .... The list is endless. If you have any spare time, even on an adhoc basis and you have skills to offer please get in touch. All volunteers are required to have a school DBS

**Swimming:** Mondays 9.15am **Class 5J** for Spring term  
Year 4 will start in the Summer Term, after Easter. (Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April)

**Clubs:**

|           |                                                                                                                                   |
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| Mondays   | Drama Club 3.15 to 4.15pm                                                                                                         |
| Tuesday   | Guitar with Miss Galea – Years 3 -6 for those registered.<br>Singing Club with Miss Galea – for those registered.                 |
| Wednesday | Active Clubs 3.15 to 4.15pm<br>Spring 2: Year 2 Multi Skills<br>Summer 1: Year 1 Multi Skills<br>Summer 2: Reception Multi Skills |
| Wednesday | Summer 1: Archery – Year 6 starts 23 <sup>rd</sup> April to 31 <sup>st</sup> May                                                  |
| Friday    | Drumming with Adam for those booked                                                                                               |

### **Easter Holidays**

**School finishes at 3.15pm on Friday 4th April for the Easter holidays.** We will return to school on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**, following the holidays for the summer term.

**There are lots of Easter Holiday activity clubs,  
including some that have free places.  
Please see the end of the newsletter for more information.**

### **Dates for the Diary**

|                                                    |                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Dogs Trust                                                                     |
| Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Dogs Trust                                                                     |
| Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar                         | Non-Uniform Day St. Josephs Penny Appeal                                       |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Mufty Day for Easter Bingo                                                     |
| Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar                           | Easter Bingo                                                                   |
| Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr                            | Liverpool Empire – Drama Performance                                           |
| Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr                          | Easter Egg Raffle                                                              |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr                            | <b>School Closes for the Easter Holidays until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b> |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> April                         | Reception Class place allocations for September 2025                           |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr | Easter Holiday Activities club – Prime Sports @ OLSG                           |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                        | <b>School Re-opens following the Easter Break</b>                              |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> April                         | Tempest Photography – Year 6 Leavers Group Photo                               |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> May   | Key Stage 2 SATs Week                                                          |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                           | <b>School Closes for May Half term until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>     |

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## Easter Holiday Clubs

**Prime Sports** – one of our in school sports partners are running an Easter Holiday Club at **Our Lady & St Gerard's** during the second week of the Easter Holidays

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.**  
**Just £17 for a Full Day 9am to 3.30pm**

Places are bookable via the Prime Sports website or FREE places are available through the HAF Scheme.

**South Ribble** – one of our in school sports partners are running Easter Holiday Clubs at **Cuerdon Church Primary and Kingsfold Primary** during the Easter Holidays

Free places available for children on benefit related free school meals through HAF Funding with LCC. Parents of eligible children will receive their HAF codes Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Places are bookable via the QR Code with FREE places available through the HAF Scheme.

[www.southribble.gov.uk/activecamps](http://www.southribble.gov.uk/activecamps)



**PRIME SPORTS**

# KIDS EASTER CAMP

**FREE HAF PLACES AVAILABLE**

**Activities**

- Football
- UV Dodgeball
- UV Golf
- Axe Throwing
- Soft Archery
- Cricket

**9:00AM - 1:00pm**

**9:00AM - 3:30pm**

**Full Day £17**

**14TH APR  
15TH APR  
16TH APR  
17TH APR**

**Ages 4-12**

**Location:**  
Our Lady & St Gerard's Primary School, Lostock Hall

**South Ribble**  
Official Partner

Contact Us: 07497160152 | [www.primesportsacademy.co.uk](http://www.primesportsacademy.co.uk) | @primesports23



# Active Camps

**South Ribble Borough Council**

**Venues:**

Cuerden Church Primary School, PR5 6ED  
Monday 7th April - Thursday 10th April  
Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April

Kingsfold Primary School, PR1 9HJ  
Monday 7th April - Thursday 10th April  
Monday 14th April - Thursday 17th April

Dance, Cycling, Scooting, Football, Dodgeball, and so so much more....

**Cost per day: £14.00**  
**Cost per block: £52.00**

**For booking Visit:**  
[southribble.gov.uk/activecamps](http://southribble.gov.uk/activecamps)

Drop off 8.30am - 9am  
 Pick up 4.30pm - 5pm

**Funded places available through HAF**

Dodgeball, dance, scooting, cycling, glow sport, soft axe throwing, archery and much more!

All staff enhanced DBS cleared, also safeguarding and first aid trained

All children provided with a healthy lunch

With highly qualified sports coaches and teachers

Click here to find out more

## St Catherines Prom Dress Sale

St Catherine's are having a second 'Prom Dress' sale at the Mill Shop on the grounds of St Catherine's Hospice.

The shop is only going to be set up until 4.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March.



# PROM DRESS SALE

Dresses from £10.00

Shoes £5.00

Bags £3.00

**The Mill Shop**

Monday 10th March to Thursday 20th March

Monday to Saturday 9.30am-4.30pm  
 Sunday 10am-4pm

Changing rooms available

**Holiday activities and food**  
PROGRAMME  
**Easter 2025**

**Look out for your HAF Vouchers  
they are being sent to parents  
on the 10th March**

lancashire.gov.uk

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County Council

**HAF is for children and young people who are:**

- In reception class to year 11.
- Entitled to benefits related Free School Meals
- Not on FSM but who but have another kind of vulnerability, ask school about this.
- At Easter you will be able to book 4 days (minimum of 4 hours) of activities and they will get a meal included.

**Holiday Activities and Food Vouchers**

- There is no application process, vouchers are automatically sent to parents if their child is eligible
- Schools order vouchers for all their FSM pupils – they don't send them.
- Schools identify and order the vouchers for children with other vulnerabilities
- Other professionals working with families can order vouchers



- Vouchers are sent to parents by email and text from **Hello@holidayactivities.com**
- If you have not received a voucher and believe you should have, please ask at your child's school.
- The vouchers have a link to the booking system.
- The vouchers are linked to the district your child attends school in – if you live in another district -contact **CFW-HAF@lancashire.gov.uk** and this can be transferred
- If you transferred a voucher in the previous holiday period, the transfer will stay in place and vouchers will be issued in that districts for the next holiday.



We have limited places at all our **clubs** and they book up very quickly.

Please only book a place at a HAF club if you intend to use it and cancel your booking if you change your mind –

Please be kind - if a place is booked up by your child it stops another child attending

**Contact:**  
Talkzone: **0800 511 111**  
Text: **07786 511 111**  
Email: **talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk**

Webtalk services:  
**lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone/get-in-touch** or **facebook.com/LancashireYZ**