

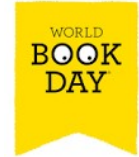


Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending 28th February 2025

Book Fair

The book fair is in school **until Tuesday 4th March.**



World Book Day – Dress up Friday 7th March. There's no theme this year. Please don't feel you need to buy outfits – sometimes the simplest of ideas are really effective!

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.

NCMP for Reception and Year 6

The Nurses will be in school on **Tuesday 4th March** to conduct the National Child Measure programme for Reception and Year 6. A letter has been sent home with further information. Every child in these year groups will have their height and weight checked as part of this process. Should you wish to opt out please see the letter sent home.

Year 6 Pupil Questionnaire

The year 6 pupils will complete a health questionnaire in school. Letters have also been sent home regarding the questionnaire and its purposes.

Parents Evenings

Week commencing **Monday 31st March.**

The Parents evening **booking system will open on Monday the 3rd March at 8am** and close on Sunday the 30th 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: Booster's have started for Year 6: 8.00am Monday & Tuesday every week up to SAT's

Swimming: Mondays 9.15am **Class 5J** for Spring term
Year 4 will start in the Summer Term, after Easter.

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

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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 or by calling 01772 335025 for more information.

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



Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 17th 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.

Mufti Day - We will have **'Wear your own clothes day!'** on **Friday 28th 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 31st March** at **The Club** on Browndedge Road. Your chance to win huge Easter hampers! Not to be missed.



Easter Holidays

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

Dates for the Diary

Mon 3rd March Year 6 Offers Day – High School Places announced for September.
Tue 4th Mar NCMP Reception & Year 6
Wed 5th Mar Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass
Fri 7th Mar World Book Day Dress up
Mon 17th Mar Dogs Trust
Tue 18th Mar Dogs Trust
Thurs 20th Mar Non-Uniform Day St. Josephs Penny Appeal
Fri 28th Mar Mufty Day for Easter Bingo
Mon 31st Mar Easter Bingo
Tue 1st Apr Liverpool Empire – Drama Performance
Thurs 3rd Apr Easter Egg Raffle
Fri 4th Apr **School Closed for the Easter Holidays until Tuesday 22nd Apr**
Wed 16th April Reception Class place allocations for September 2025

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Holiday activities and food

PROGRAMME
Easter 2025

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

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Lancashire 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

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lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone/get-in-touch or [facebook.com/LancashireYZ](https://www.facebook.com/LancashireYZ)