



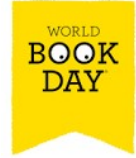
# Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending 7th February 2025

**School Break's up next week for the half term holidays.  
We are back in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

## Book Fair

The book fair will be arriving in school on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** and stay until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Dress up day for World Book Day will be on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**.



## 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.

## Girl Guiding – World Thinking Day for Brownies & Rainbows

Every year on **22<sup>nd</sup> February**, the guiding community celebrate World Thinking Day.

World Thinking Day is a chance for them to connect with 10 million Girl Guides across the globe and to shout about the amazing things they do.

**As the 22<sup>nd</sup> February falls in our half term children will not be able to wear their Girl Guiding uniform to school.**

## 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

## Dates for the Diary

Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Reopens after Half Term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SATs Boosters start for Year 6 8.00am Monday & Tuesday
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair Arrives in School
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 Trip to Turton Towers
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NCMP Reception & Year 6
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day Dress up
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dogs Trust
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dogs Trust
Thur 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 Closed for the Easter Holidays until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr</b>

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**Love, Inspire, Shine**

**United in Love and the light of Jesus, we inspire one another to learn, grow and shine**

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**Study Smart** - are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. Teaching Assistants, SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

We have online Fully Funded, School Support Courses starting soon. With online guided learning webinars, with our friendly tutors.

**Full Time - 6 Weeks - Intensive Course**

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1 & 2 with fully funded progressions available for 3 level - starting on **24th February 2025**.

**The deadline to enrol is Tuesday 18th February!**

Aspire Education Academy's courses run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

All you need is access to the internet and a computer, laptop or tablet.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you will be eligible to apply for a fully funded (free) place on our course.

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available. Please go to: [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online) for more information.

**STUDY SMART**  
Free Online Courses

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**Fully Funded School Support Course**

**Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3**

\*Please go to our website for more detailed information.

**6 Week Course Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

**www.studysmartuk.online**

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Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.

These are 6 week courses, full time, intensive courses, with online guided learning sessions within school hours. If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.

**Active Camps**

South Ribble Borough Council

**Venues:**  
Dance - Northbrook Primary Academy  
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February  
Scooters & Bikes - Cuerden Church School  
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February  
Multi-Sports - Kingsfold Primary School  
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February  
Scooters & Bikes  
Weds 19th and Thurs 20th February

**Cost per day:** £14.00  
**Cost per block:** £25.00 (2 days)

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

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

Bursary places are available

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

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

With highly qualified sports coaches and teachers

All children provided with a healthy lunch

**South Ribble Active Camps – Half Term Activities**

On [www.southribble.gov.uk/activecamps](http://www.southribble.gov.uk/activecamps) parents can see a full timetable of activity, as well as funded activities provided but South Ribble Leisure

South Ribble Leisure has a range of activities available this February Half Term including Raquet Sports, Swimming and Intensive Swimming Lessons.

For bookings and more information please see link below.

[School Holidays | South Ribble Leisure](#)

What's On.....

# Family Fun Night

In The Parochial Centre  
Friday 28th February  
start 7:00pm

**BINGO** compere Lee McNulty

**DISCO FUN & GAMES**

**Adult Tickets £5**  
Max 2 Children per Adult **Children Free**  
Children Must Be Accompanied By An Adult

Children Free Hot Dog  
Adults Bacon & Sausage Barms

Tickets Available from Church and the  
Parish Office 01772 335387

PENWORTHAM FOOTBALL ACADEMY

**PFA FOOTBALL COACHING CAMP**

WEDNESDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

9AM - 3PM  
(WITH WRAP-AROUND AVAILABLE)

Calling all Year 1 - 6 players...  
Do you love playing football & learning new skills?  
Join us on the PFA Football Camp at Penwortham Priory Academy. With a daily price of £20 a day or £50 for 3 days, it promises to be an action packed few days with focussed practices, 3v3 pitches, tournaments and skills challenges each day!

- ✓ Skill Development Practices
- ✓ Ability-Set Tournaments
- ✓ Small-Sided 3v3 Games
- ✓ Fun-Filled, Active Days!!

**SAVE THE DATE**

Easter Camp 7th-11th April

[Book on here](https://www.penworthamfootballacademy.co.uk)



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Choose fun at

WALTON LE DALE

**fun fest**

HOLIDAY CLUB

Ofsted Registered

17th - 21st February

7:30am - 6:00pm

A menu of 50+ activities

3-12 years

**HALF TERM**

St Leonard's C of E Primary  
Walton Green  
Walton-le-Dale  
PR5 4JL

Book online at [www.fun-fest.co.uk](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk)  
Enquiries to 07392 790727 or  
[waltonledale@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:waltonledale@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)

# February Half-Term

17th - 21st February 2025  
PRESTON - Walton-le-Dale

HOLIDAY CLUB	AM	PM
Mon	Crafty Creations	Football Camp Playful Painting Sports Action
Tues	Down in the Jungle 3-7 Bonkers Bingo 8-12	Sports Action Jewellery Making Wacky Races
Weds	Movie Magic	Fun Fit 3-4 Benchball 5-12 Mystical Creatures Sports Action
Thurs	Imagineering 3-7 Dream Makers 8-12	Sports Action Around the World Fun Fit 3-4 Dodgeball 5-12
Fri	Lego Adventure Movie Magic	Fun Day Friday

**Calling all go-getters.**

**Are you ready to try something new?**

[scouts.org.uk/join](http://scouts.org.uk/join)

**#SkillsForLife**

Did you know 1st Farington Scout Group has been inspiring young minds for over 50 years? We're proud to celebrate this incredible milestone, but we need your help to ensure the adventure continues for future generations! Scouting is about fun, friendship, and new experiences—from building dens and campsfires to learning teamwork and life skills. It's a chance for boys and girls to grow their confidence, explore the outdoors, and make memories that last a lifetime.

We're actively welcoming new members from all age groups to join our local scouting family. Whether your child dreams of trying new activities, making friends, or just having a great time outside of school, 1st Farington Scout Group is the perfect place to start! Come and be part of our history keep the spirit of scouting alive in our community for another 50 years!

**When**  
1st Farington Scout Group meet every Monday and Wednesday  
Beavers (6-Byrs) meet Wednesday - 18:15 to 19:15  
Cubs (8-10½yrs) meet Monday - 18:30 to 19:45  
Scouts (10½-14yrs) meet Monday - 19:45 to 21:15

**Where**  
St Paul's Church Hall, Church Lane, Farington Moss, PR26 6RD

**Contact**  
Contact Karen Bell on [karenbell60@hotmail.com](mailto:karenbell60@hotmail.com)



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**Scouts**  
1st Farington (St Paul's)

**NINJAS**  
**FREE TRIAL AND FREE SUIT AND BELT**

Ninjas Program (Ages 3-6)  
Tuesday: 4:30 to 4:50 pm  
Wednesday: 5:30pm & 6:00 pm  
Fri Day & Sunday: 4:00 to 5 & 4:30 to 5

**NINJAS AGES 6-3**

WWW.TOTALTAEKWONDO.CO.UK  
UNIT 4, OXHEYS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, GREENBANK ST, PRESTON, PR1 7PH

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR TRIAL OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE

**TAEKWONDO**  
**FREE TRIAL AND FREE SUIT AND BELT**

Taekwondo (Ages 7+)  
Tuesday, Friday & Saturday: 4:30 to 5 pm  
Wednesday: 6:30pm & 7:15pm

Adult Only Taekwondo (Ages 18+)  
Fri Day: 8:30 to 9

**TAEKWONDO AGES 7+**

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**Chorley Panthers**

**GIRLS! Want to try Rugby League?**

We at Chorley Panthers are hosting open training sessions for school years 5, 6, 7 & 8. Our club along with support from the RFL & various Womens Super League teams are looking to promote girls rugby league in our local area.

Spread the word because the Pink Panthers are back!

Our first session is Saturday 15th February 10:00-11:00 @ Panther Park

If you're interested, or have any more questions please email [play-for-us@chorley-panthers.co.uk](mailto:play-for-us@chorley-panthers.co.uk) for more details

Chorley Panthers RLFC are looking to promote girls' rugby league in our local area.

Chorley Panthers RLFC is a community sports club run by volunteers.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to email the address on the advertisement which is [play-for-us@chorley-panthers.co.uk](mailto:play-for-us@chorley-panthers.co.uk)

**BRIDGE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT**

**FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT**  
**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS**

**4-5PM & 5-6PM SLOTS AVAILABLE**

- UEFA LICENCED COACHING
- INDIVIDUAL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PLANS
- GROUP AND ACADEMY THEMED SESSIONS
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- FIRST SESSION FREE!

BRIDGING THE GAP FROM GRASSROOTS TO ACADEMIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE HEAD COACHES ON: [BRIDGEFOOTBALLDEV@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRIDGEFOOTBALLDEV@GMAIL.COM)  
CRAIG - 07552901196  
RYAN - 07780367044

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