



# Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending 22nd November 2024



**Rock Kidz!** - What an amazing day. A big thank you to PTA who are funding this event for the children. We appreciate all the donations from parents sent in on the day, this helps towards covering the cost. Without donations and fundraising we would not be able to continue to book these events.

## Equipment

Throughout each day, we regularly have parents visiting the office to drop off various items such as water bottles, flutes, PE kits etc. Although we appreciate that these things are occasionally forgotten, we would like your help in reducing this. Many children are upset when their items are forgotten and this often disturbs their learning until the items arrive. Lessons are also disrupted when items are constantly being dropped off. Please encourage older children to take responsibility for their own equipment, possibly getting ready the night before.

## Coming up soon

25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 Robinwood Residential
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mufty Day for Christmas Bingo (Own clothes day)
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Christmas Bingo
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Year 2 Trip – Aladdin
Tue 10 Dec	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity – 9.30am & 1.45pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert in Church 9.30am & 1.30pm
	Year 3 Salford Singing Carol Service @ St. Mary & St. Benedict's –6pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Hallows Christmas Roadshow – Musical Roadshow
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 5 Christmas Flute Performance – 1.15pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Closes for Christmas



## Own Clothes Day / Mufti Day – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Children are invited to wear non-uniform for school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November **and in return bring an item for the PTA's Christmas Bingo Hampers.**

This can be anything you would like to find in a **Christmas food / gift hamper**, such as chocolate, biscuits, drinks, crackers, Christmas puddings – the list is endless.

## Christmas Bingo

This year's Christmas Bingo is on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 'The Club' (formerly The Conservative Club) on Browndedge Road. Tickets are to be purchased on the door on the night.

## School Admissions

Reception class applications close **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Apply online: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>



**Love, Inspire, Shine**

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

## Save the date – Christmas Productions



**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.30am & 1.45pm

Doors open at 9.15am & 1.30pm respectively

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert in Church

9.30am - Doors open at 9.15am

1.30pm - Doors open at 1.15pm

Tickets are **NOT** required for Year 1 & 2 Carol Concert in church.

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Year 3 Salford Singing Carol Service @ St Mary & St Benedict's 6pm

Tickets will be sent home next week – w/c 25<sup>th</sup> November for the Nursery & Reception performances in school. Due to fire regulations tickets will be limited to two tickets per child per performance. Feel free to swap your tickets between yourselves so you have more tickets for either performance. Please be aware that the office cannot facilitate this.

**Doors will open 15 minutes prior to each performance as refreshments and raffle tickets will be on sale.**



## Nursery Induction Afternoon – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 – 3.00pm

We are holding an induction afternoon for the children who are due to start Nursery in January or April. If you have a child who has just turned 3 or is about to before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and you are interested in our school Nursery, please feel free to come along and meet the Nursery class staff. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested in a place.

## All Hallows Christmas Roadshow - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch will be the only meal served on the day, so to participate, just book for a school meal for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and your child will be included in the school Lunch. All meals cost £2.70.

If your child does not want the Christmas dinner, they can still bring a packed lunch and sit with their friends in the dinner hall as usual.



**To take part please book on ParentPay by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.**

1. Go to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log in
2. Select the child to make bookings for
3. Select **Bookings > Make or view bookings**
4. Select lunch
5. Select the week to view
6. Select **Make or view bookings**
7. You will then be presented with a booking screen.
8. click on the required day
9. Review the booking summary, and select **Confirm booking**.



## Anya Signed to Manchester United Girls!

On October 25th, after four weeks of intense trials, Anya was officially signed to Manchester United Girls!

*"This opportunity has been a dream come true for her, and it's a testament to her hard work, perseverance, and passion for football. We're incredibly proud of her dedication and thrilled to see her take this next big step."*

'Danielle Prescott'

Fantastic news Anya! Well done from all of us at OLSG.



## Swimming – Monday Mornings 9am

Autumn Year 5P and Year 6 Catch up  
 Spring Year 5 Johnson  
 Summer Year 4 – half a term each

## After School Clubs

Wednesdays are the Active Club days.

Each half term, a different year group will be given the opportunity to attend a sports/active club led by a sports coach.

Further information to follow.

Wednesdays Year 3 **Dodgeball** – Nov & Dec  
 Thursday Year 1 **Art Club** – Starts 14<sup>th</sup> Nov for 5 weeks up to 12<sup>th</sup> December

We also have additional paid for clubs and activities run by external providers.

This term these include:

**Guitar** with Miss Galea – Tuesday (1:45, 2:15 and 2:45pm)

**Singing** with Miss Galea – Tuesday 3:15 to 4pm

**Drumming** Lessons - Fridays 10.00 – 11.30am

## St Gerard's Club Christmas Parties.

**Tickets available now from the club.**

14<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 & under - just for the younger ones

22<sup>nd</sup> December – Kids of all ages welcome



### Holiday List 2025 - 2026

#### Autumn Term 2025

**INSET**  
 School Opens  
 Half-term:  
 Close  
 Reopen  
 School Closes for Christmas

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
 (Years 1 to 6. Reception start Wed 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025,  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Spring Term 2025

School Opens  
 Half term:  
 Close  
 Reopen  
 School closes for Easter

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

#### Summer Term 2025

School Opens  
 School closed for Bank Holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Half-term:  
 Close  
**INSET**  
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 Re-open  
 School closes for Summer  
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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026**  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026**

190 days

**HOLIDAYS/ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME ARE NOT PERMITTED EXCEPT IN "EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES" AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HEADTEACHER**



# Whats on.....

## Fun Fest – Holiday Club – Christmas & New Year

St Leonard's C of E Primary School, Walton-le-Dale for children 3-12 years.

Extended opening hours of 7:30am - 6:00pm with no extra charge.

Open over Christmas and New Year - 23rd & 24th December and 2nd & 3rd January.

The club is Ofsted Registered with childcare vouchers, tax free childcare accepted. Also able to provide invoices to those on lower incomes and in receipt of Universal Credit, allowing claims of up to 80% of the cost.

**Fun Fest HOLIDAY CLUB**  
**Christmas & New Year**  
 Preston - Walton-le-Dale  
 23rd & 24th December 2024

	AM	PM
<b>MON</b>	Crafty Creations Mince to Mix It!	Puppet Making Sports Action
<b>TUES</b>	Creative Cooks Mission Impossible	Christmas Party!

**2nd & 3rd January 2025**

	AM	PM
<b>THURS</b>	Picturesque Painting Sports Action	Winter Gardens Fun Fest Boot-Camp
<b>FRI</b>	Lego Creations Fun Fest's get Talent	Fun Day Friday!

Limited spaces available so please book early  
[www.fun-fest.co.uk](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk) **Choose Fun**

**Choose fun at**  
**fun fest** WALTON LE DALE  
**HOLIDAY CLUB**  
 Ofsted Registered

23rd & 24th December 2024  
 7:30am - 6:00pm

2nd & 3rd January 2025  
 3-12 years

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

A menu of **50+ activities!**

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)

**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](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

Available in the following levels:

Level 1:	CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace
Level 2:	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Level 3:	Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

Please go to our website address above, for more information.  
 \*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.

★ Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1, 2 & 3 starting on 2nd December!

Sessions will be available with our employment engagement officers after course completion! ★

We 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 laptop or tablet.

These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

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 are eligible for a funded place.

\*Please see more details about our eligibility on our website. [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

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