



Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending 11th October 2024

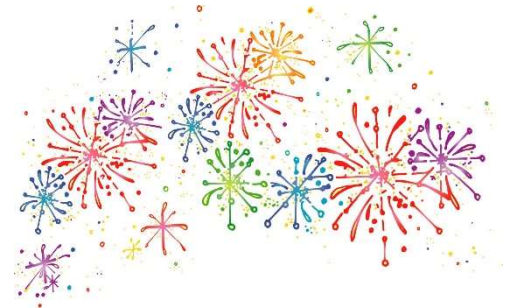
NEW School Times Reminder: Gates open 8.35am, Registers taken 8.45am



A Huge Thank You to all the families that supported our Harvest Collection, The New Day Church Food Hub were delighted to receive our donations

Roundtable Firework Display & Bonfire

Advance tickets are on sale from the school office for £5 (under 5's free)
Admission on the night is charged at £7 per person. Please place money in an envelope marked clearly bonfire tickets, the number of tickets required and your child's name.
School receive commission for every ticket sold!



Wacky Hair Day!

To mark the end of the half term we will be having a **Wacky Hair Day on Friday 25th October.** Unfortunately this year we will not be able to have our annual sponsored welly walk due to the work continuing on the school field, so we will have a Wacky Hair Day instead as a fun way to end the half term so we hope everyone gets involved.

We are asking for donations of £1 per child. Please wear school uniform with your wacky hair!

Let's see who has the best Wacky Hair for the day.



Love, Inspire, Shine

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

[Flu Immunisations – whole school - Thurs 14th Nov](#)

The link to the consent form was shared on Dojo on the 16th September and has now closed. If you missed the consent or anything has changed since the form was completed, please contact the Lancashire Immunisation Team on 0333 358 3397, Option 2 – Option 1.

[School Admissions](#)

Applications for Primary and High school admissions for September 2025 are open from 1st September 2024. If you have a child in year 6 who will be moving up to high school next September, the deadline to apply for your child's high school place is **31st October 2024**. If you have a child who is due to start Reception class in September 2025 the deadline to apply is **15th January 2025**. **This includes children who already attend our nursery class.**

To apply for a school place for your child visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

High School Applications close on the 31st October 2024

[Breakfast Club & Dinner Booking Reminder](#)

Please remember to book school meals and breakfast club via the ParentPay app at least a week in advance as bookings close. **Bookings for week commencing 21st October close on Monday 14th October**

The new **winter menu** for after half term will be available on ParentPay next week and copies will be sent home. **Bookings will be opened up so you will be able to book up to February half term.**

[St Teresa's Holiday Club](#)

St Teresa's are running a holiday club for week commencing 28th October from 7.30am to 6pm as a lot of schools are on half term the week before and most holiday clubs are not open for our half term week. If you are interested and would like some further information please contact **07548239349**.

[Rock Kidz!](#)



Rock Kidz will be back in school on **Tuesday 19th November**, to mark **Anti-Bullying week**.

On this day, **all our children and staff will dress up as rock stars!** We will have a day of fun and learning. Children will also be able to purchase Rock Kidz merchandise.

More information to follow - but get your costume ready! Jeans, a t-shirt and a pair of shades is fine or go the whole way and have funky hair and a rock outfit! Air guitars essential!

[Polite Reminders:](#)

Smoking or Vaping: Smoking or vaping is not permitted in the school grounds. Please also be considerate when around the school gate areas when dropping off or collecting children.

Dogs: Please remember that dogs should not be brought onto school premises. If you do bring your dog to school please be mindful that dogs tied to the railing outside can obstruct the narrow pathway and should not be left unattended as they can become distressed. Please consider that not everyone is a dog person and some are allergic or fearful of dogs.

Parking: Please be considerate when parking to drop off / collect your child from school. Please do not park across or obstruct residents drive ways, even if it is only for a minute or two. Parking enforcement will be called. The school office regularly receives complaints from residents about parking. Please be considerate.

Mobile Phone Use: The use of mobile phones is not permitted in the school grounds. This is to safeguard children and parents.



Pre Loved Uniform

Thank you for all your donations, however we have stopped collecting for now. Once all the donations have been sorted we will hold a Pre Loved Sale. Date to be confirmed. Please look out for information via the newsletter and dojo.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our PTA, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.



The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools
 2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode – PR5 5TB
 3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop
- Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most. This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

Swimming – Monday Mornings 9am

Autumn	Year 5P and Year 6 Catch up – group will be notified
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	Y5 & 6 Football - Autumn 1 half term (Sept & Oct) Year 3 Dodgeball – After half term (Nov & Dec)
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We also have additional paid for clubs and activities run by external providers.

This term these include:

Wednesdays	Mad Science 3:15 to 4:15pm – Starting 11 th September for 6 wks
Tuesdays	Guitar with Miss Galea – Tuesday afternoon (1:45, 2:15 and 2:45pm) Singing with Miss Galea – 3:15 to 4pm
Fridays	Drumming Lessons 10.00 – 11.30am

General Information

School Office – Opening Times:

Office opening hours are now 8.15am until 1pm and then from 2.45pm to 3.45pm Monday to Friday during term time. The school office will close every afternoon from 1pm to 2.45pm. Please contact admin@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk for appointments, absences and general enquiries.

School Admissions

High school applications for 2024 close **31st October 2024**.

Reception class applications close **15th January 2025**.

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

Nursery Applications

Our School nursery accepts children from the term after they turn 3, therefore we have an intake in September, January and April. We operate a waiting list that you can apply from birth. Please ask at the office for an application form or email: bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk

Nursery children can now attend from 7.30am to 5.45pm with our wraparound childcare provision.

30 hours funded childcare

30 Hours of free childcare available for 3 & 4 year olds. Please click the link: [30 hours childcare](#)

Tax Free Childcare

You may be entitled to further financial support from the government such as Tax Free Childcare

Find out more at: [Help paying for childcare - Lancashire County Council](#)

Free School Meals

We would strongly encourage you to check your eligibility at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

Dates for the Diary – Autumn Term

16 th & 17 th Oct	Flat Stan – First Aid
17 th & 18 th Oct	Year 6 London Trip
Tue 22 nd Oct	Y6 Taster Day – All Hallows
Wed 23 rd Oct	Yr1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo
Fri 25 th Oct	Wacky Hair Day
Half Term Holidays	Mon 28th October to Fri 1st November
Mon 4 th Nov	School Opens – Autumn 2 Half Term
11 th – 15 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week
Thurs 14 th Nov	Flu Immunisations – whole school
Mon 18 th Nov	Parents Evening – whole school
Tues 19 th Nov	Rock Kidz
Wed 20 th Nov	Tempest Photography –Class & Group Photos
Wed 20 th Nov	Parents Evening – whole school
25 th – 27 th Nov	Year 5 Robinwood Residential
Fri 29 th Nov	Mufty Day for Christmas Bingo
Mon 2 nd Dec	Christmas Bingo
Tue 3 rd Dec	Year 2 Trip – Aladdin
Tue 10 Dec	Reception Nativity – 9.30am & 1.45pm
Wed 11 th 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 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
	All Hallows Christmas Roadshow
Thurs 19 th Dec	Year 5 Christmas Flute Performance – 1.15pm
Fri 20 th Dec	School Closes for Christmas



What's on..... & Information

Free taster



9:00-10:00 year 1-3
13:00-14:00 year 4-6

Lourdes avenue
LostockHall
www.enpointepreston.co.uk



ORANGE SOCCER ACADEMY

Additional weekly coaching sessions and half term Soccer Schools, for Boys and Girls aged U6-U11 of all playing experience!

To register your interest please visit:
www.angesoccer.co.uk

Or for more information please contact jash@angesoccer.co.uk

EUREKA!

SCIENCE + DISCOVERY

<https://discover.eureka.org.uk/event/october-half-term-fire-and-light/>



Spooky season is here!

Join us from **October 26 to November 3** to celebrate Halloween and the autumnal season!

'**Fire and Light – Let's Glow Crazy!**' is a mesmerizing fusion of fire performances, light manipulation, and hands-on glow-in-the-dark fun!

Fire show!

Get ready to feel the heat this October half term as **Bring The Fire Project** lights up the stage in an event that promises to dazzle and amaze the entire family!

A spectacular fusion of traditional **fire theatre**, jaw-dropping **pyrotechnics**, and mesmerizing **light manipulation**.

St Gerard's Club Christmas Parties.

Tickets available now from the club.

14th December – Key Stage 1 & under - just for the younger ones

22nd December – Kids of all ages welcome

ST GERARD'S
KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTIES
JOIN US FOR A JOLLY GOOD TIME!

14TH DEC - 1:45 - 4PM
22ND DEC - 2:45 - 5:30PM

TICKETS £5 EACH AVAILABLE NOW

1st Party for Key Stage 1 & Under with Taz
2nd Party for Kids of all ages with DJ Slugs

A visit from Santa at both Parties and a selection box gift for every child.

HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW