



# Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending: 3rd October 2025

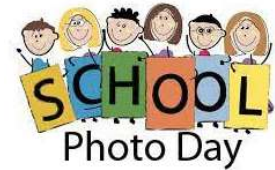
## Breakfast Club Bookings Essential

Booking is now essential as breakfast club is over subscribed for some sessions. We understand that last minute attendance is sometimes required, however this still must be booked in via the school office to ensure we have the capacity to safely look after the children in our care.

Please book and pay for sessions a week in advance via ParentPay. If advance booking is not possible, please call or email the school office to check we have spaces available. We would not want to have to turn children away, however if we are fully booked and we do not have the staff available on site to accept extra children we may have to. If you are having difficulties making bookings please follow the instructions below to assist you.

## School Photo Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Just a quick reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday morning for team photos also individual and family group photos.



## Open Evening – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

We are holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October between 3:45pm-6pm. A member of staff will show small groups around our school and answer any questions you may have, between 3.45pm and 5.15pm. Last tour 5.15pm. If you have any pre-school children, please come along and have a look at our 'Outstanding' Early Years Department.

We also have limited places to view the school during the school day for those who are unable to attend the open evening. Please ring the school office on (01772) 335025 to book in if you would like to book an appointment.



## Sponsored Welly Walk 2025

**Don't Forget Your Wellies!** Please make sure your child has a warm coat as well!

### **The Welly Walk is Back!**

The much loved Welly Walk is back this term. We were unable to hold this event last year due to the works on the field, however now that this has been completed, we can use the field again.

The children will be taking part in a sponsored 'Welly Walk' around the school field on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** to raise money for the Friends of Our Lady & St Gerard's School PTA (Charity No. 1112348). Our school PTA provides lots of extras to enhance our children's school experience, so we thank you in advance for your generous donations. Sponsor forms have been set home. Please collect sponsors for your child. **Please ask UK taxpayers to tick the gift aid column and provide an address on the form. This will allow PTA to claim an additional 25p per £1 donated from the UK government. Please make sure you return the completed sponsor form to school so the gift aid can be claimed.**

Donations can be paid in via the 'Welly Walk 2025' payment item on ParentPay or by cash to school. If sending cash, please place in a sealed envelope with the sponsor form, clearly marked Welly Walk and with your child's name and class on the front and on the form.

**Please return both the sponsor form and the money by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

Once again, thank you for your support.

Friends of Our Lady & St Gerard's School PTA.

## PTA

This terms events: Welly Walk, Christmas Bingo & Christmas Grotto  
The next PTA meeting is on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm in school**

## REMINDER: High School Applications for September 2026 close on 31<sup>st</sup> October

### Making bookings

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 the time of day that you wish to make a booking for (Please choose Breakfast)
5. Select the week to view
6. Select **Make or view bookings**
7. You will then be presented with a booking screen.
8. Make the required bookings
9. Review the booking summary, and select **Confirm booking**.
10. Please make payment immediately or within 2 hours by choosing other payment method and entering your card details. **Please note bank transfer can take a number of days to be requested from your bank.**

### 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.

Autumn 1:	<b>Dodgeball Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Autumn 2:	<b>Athletics Years 5 &amp; 6</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec
Spring 1:	<b>Tennis Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Spring 2:	<b>Fundamentals Years 1 &amp; 2</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Summer 1:	<b>Fundamentals Reception</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr – 13 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer 2:	<b>Multi Sports Years 1 &amp; 2</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Jun – 8 <sup>th</sup> July

There will be additional after school clubs throughout the year – further details to follow.

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

This term these include:

Tuesdays	<b>Guitar</b> with Miss Galea – Tuesday afternoon (1:45, 2:15 and 2:45pm) <b>Singing</b> with Miss Galea – 3:15 to 4pm
Fridays	<b>Drumming</b> Lessons 10.00 – 11.30am



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**See us in Action**  
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Tours available week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> October.  
Scan the QR code to book.

**Book a Tour**  
wldhigh.co.uk > Parents > Tours

## Dates for the Diary – Autumn Term

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Harvest Celebration
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tempest Photography – Individual, Family Groups & Teams
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA Mtg 3.30pm in school
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents Evening
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Y6 Taster Day – All Hallows
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Parents Evening
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Year 6 London Trip Meeting for Parents 5.15pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA – Sponsored Welly Walk
<b>Half Term Holidays</b>	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	School opens following half term break
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5 Robinwood – Parents Meeting 5pm
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tempest Photography –Class Photos
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 London Trip
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Mufti Day for PTA Christmas Bingo
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> to Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Robinwood Residential
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	PTA Christmas Bingo
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity in Church 10am & 1.30pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am & 1.45pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Service in Church 2pm
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All Hallows Christmas Roadshow
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Closes for Christmas




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**Active Camps**

**South Ribble Borough Council**

**Venues:**  
 Cuerden Church Primary School, PR5 6ED  
 Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October  
 Kingsfold Primary School, PR1 9HJ  
 Monday 27th to Thursday 30th October

Halloween Parties, Scooting, Archery, UV Sports, 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

With highly qualified sports coaches and teachers

All children provided with a healthy lunch

Click here to find out more

## South Ribble Active Camps

Active Camps for October Half Term are a great place for children to stay active and be fed during the half term holidays.

We have low cost and funded places available.

The funded places are available for children who access benefit related free school meals. South Ribble Borough Council fund these places and as such there is no HAF Code required to book these places.

Bookings can be made via [www.southribble.gov.uk/activecamps](http://www.southribble.gov.uk/activecamps)

We also have free Gymnastics and Tennis sessions available courtesy of South Ribble Leisure.

## General Information

### School Office Opening Times:

Office opening hours are 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.

### School Admissions

High school applications for 2026 close **31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**.

Reception class applications close **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

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](mailto:bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk)

Nursery children can 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/>