



Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending: 14th November 2025

Children in Need – Friday 14th November – Wear something spotty! In return for a donation to BBC's Children in Need Appeal. Feel free to wear Children in Need merchandise if you wish, make your own – colour your own spotty t-shirt or add stickers, or just a pair of spotty socks!



Own Clothes Day / Mufti Day – Friday 21st November

Children are invited to wear non-uniform for school on Friday 21st 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 1st December** at 'The Club' (formerly The Conservative Club) on Brownedge Road. Tickets are to be purchased on the door on the night.



School Admissions – Reception Class September 26

All places in Primary school need to be applied for online – this includes children who already attend our school Nursery class.

Reception class applications close **15th January 2026.**

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

Save the date – Christmas Productions



- Thurs 11th Dec** Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.30am & 1.45pm
Doors open at 9.15am & 1.30pm respectively
- Wed 10th Dec** KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity **in Church**
10.00am - Doors open at 9.30am
1.30pm - Doors open at 1.15pm
Tickets are **NOT** required for KS1 Nativity in church.
- Mon 15th Dec** KS2 Carol service in Church 2pm

Tickets will be sent home w/c 24th 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.



Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 17th December

Christmas lunch will be the only meal served on the day, so to participate, just book for a school meal for **Wednesday 17th December** and your child will be included in the school Lunch. All meals cost £2.90.

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 8th December at the latest.

1. Go to 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**.



Dates for the Diary – Autumn Term

Wed 19 th Nov	Tempest Photography –Class Photos
Thurs 20 th & Fri 21 st	Y6 London Trip
Fri 21 st Nov	Mufti Day for PTA Christmas Bingo
Mon 24 th to Wed 26 th	Y5 Robinwood Residential
Mon 1 st Dec	PTA Christmas Bingo
Wed 10 th Dec	KS1 Nativity in Church 10am & 1.30pm
Thurs 11 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 9.30am & 1.45pm
Mon 15 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service in Church 2pm
Tue 16 th Dec	All Hallows Christmas Roadshow
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
Fri 19 th Dec	School Closes for Christmas



LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO THIS WINTER?

ARE YOU OR IS YOUR CHILD IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS?
HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME 2025
 WINTER IN LANCASHIRE: EAT, PLAY, REPEAT!

#HAF 2025

Scan me to find out more, or call in to your local Family Hub.

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lancashire.gov.uk/events

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

In aid of Fire Fighters Charity

Charity Fun Run
 at Chorley Fire Station
 Sunday 14 December

Race Schedule

10:00am: 1 km children's race (up to 14 years)
 11:00am: 5 km adult race

Prizes for first place and best dressed!

Book your tickets:
www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/christmas-gallop



Chess in Schools and Communities is delighted to offer a series of **free online chess webinars**, running weekly from 18 November to 11 December. The sessions are aimed at children in Years 4–8, but **anyone is welcome to join**.

There are three levels of webinar to choose from: beginner, intermediate and advanced. To join the beginner webinar, children need only know the basic rules of chess. Parents can choose which level their child should attend. Each level will be repeated twice a week for ease of attendance. Alongside the webinars, children will have the opportunity to learn through [ChessKid](#), a safe platform designed for primary school children.

At the end of the webinar series, some participants will be invited to attend a series of ten online masterclasses starting in January 2026. Places will be awarded on the basis of attendance of webinars and completion of weekly homework tasks on ChessKid.

Parents who want their child to take part in the webinars should follow [this link](#) and complete the registration form. We would be very grateful if you could forward this information to the parents at your school. You can download a flyer to insert into a school newsletter [here](#)

CSC is a nationwide charity that teaches chess in over 350 schools each week. As well as running after-school chess clubs, we also deliver chess lessons to full classes of children during the school day. In total, CSC has supported chess activities at 3,000 schools across the country. You can read more about our Schools' Programme [here](#).

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 2:	Athletics Years 5 & 6	5 th Nov - 3 rd Dec
Spring 1:	Tennis Years 3 & 4	7 th Jan – 4 th Feb
Spring 2:	Fundamentals Years 1 & 2	25 th Feb – 25 th Mar
Summer 1:	Fundamentals Reception	22 nd Apr – 13 th May
Summer 2:	Multi Sports Years 1 & 2	10 th Jun – 8 th 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	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

Love, Inspire, Shine

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