



# Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending: 6th February 2026

## Number Day 2026

Thank you to all of you who have taken part in Numbers Day today and made a donation to the NSPCC Number Day appeal 2026

If you still would like to donate the payment item will remain live on ParentPay until next week.



### PTA Disco

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Years 3 & 4 3.45 - 5pm

Years 5 & 6 5.15 - 6.30pm

Tickets are still available on ParentPay for the Disco's on Monday. Tickets cost £5 each and include a snack and a drink.

### Year 6 SAT's Boosters:

#### Year 6 SAT's Boosters start on Monday!

- 3.15 to 4.15pm Monday's & Tuesday's for Maths
- 8.00am Tuesday's for SPAG

### Half Term Holidays

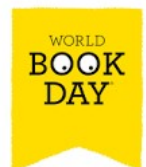
We break up for the February Half term holidays next **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** and return to school on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

### Book Fair

The book fair will be arriving in school on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** and stay until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

There will be an option to pay on ParentPay or in cash.

Dress up day for World Book Day will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> **March**. Dress up as your favourite book character for the day.



### Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** for our annual Easter egg raffle! Children are able to purchase tickets from their class teacher at the cost of 50p per strip. The draw will take place at the end of the term, before we break up for Easter.

**Mufti Day** - We will have 'Wear your own clothes day!' on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** when children are invited to wear their own clothes to school for the day and in return donate some chocolate or Easter related gift for the Easter Bingo hampers.

### Easter Bingo

The PTA will be holding their annual Easter Bingo on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Your chance to win huge Easter hampers! Not to be missed.

This year we are holding the Bingo back in the school hall and therefore tickets are essential for fire regulations and will be available beforehand via ParentPay. Drinks and refreshments will be on sale. All proceeds go towards the PTA Fundraising Fund.



### Parents Evenings

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3.30 to 5.30pm each day

Bookings for appointments will open approximately two weeks before. Please look out for the communications via dojo and the newsletter.

### Dates for the Diary

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTA School Disco
	SATs Boosters start for Year 6 Monday & Tuesday
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bike Fix – Yr 6
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>School finishes for half term</b>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>School Reopens after Half Term</b>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair Arrives in School
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 Trip to Turton Towers
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NCMP Reception & Year 6 – National Child Measurement Programme
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day Dress up
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mufti Day for Easter Bingo
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Easter Bingo!
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Easter Egg Raffle
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	<b>School Closed for the Easter Holidays until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>

### Swimming – Monday Mornings 9am

Spring	Year 5 Johnson
Summer	Year 4 – half a term each

### After School Clubs

Tuesdays      Cooking Club Yrs 5 & 6 3.15 to 4.15pm (6 weeks – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb to 31<sup>st</sup> Mar)

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.

Wednesdays      Year 4 Tennis – 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

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

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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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## The Harris Half Term Programme

From Saturday, 14 - Friday, 20 February 2026, The Harris will be hosting a week of engaging family-friendly activities, including Creative Chemistry workshops, Lego and coding sessions, Mad Science shows and immersive planetarium experiences. Many activities are free or low-cost, making them accessible for families, you can find full event details [on our website](#).

## Brownedge Rainbows Group

Brownedge Rainbows Group has spaces for girl's aged 4-7years for immediate start. We meet in Lostock Hall , just off Brownedge Road on Friday nights 5.30-6.30pm (term time only) and we do lots of arts/crafts, singing and games. It's £15 per month.

It's a great opportunity to build confidence and make new friends.

Register a child | Girlguiding <https://share.google/JzLOrd6LYO4QsrpjV>

You can also use this link to register for local brownies and guides groups or to become a volunteer with us.



## South Ribble Holiday Club

Low-cost and funded provision for February Half Term.

There is no voucher code required to book the funded provision, as these places are funded by South Ribble Borough Council.

Parents and guardians can book via [www.southribble.gov.uk/activecamps](http://www.southribble.gov.uk/activecamps)

A colorful poster for Active Camps. It features the South Ribble Borough Council logo in the top right. The main text says "Active Camps" in a playful font. Below this, it lists venues: Cuerden Church Primary School, PR5 6ED and Kingsfold Primary School, PR1 9HJ. The dates are Monday 16th to Thursday 19th February. Activities listed include Football, Tennis, Scooting, Archery, UV Sports, Dodgeball, and so much more. The cost per day is £14.00 and the cost per block is £56.00. For booking, it says to visit southribble.gov.uk/activecamps. Drop off is 8.30am - 9am and pick up is 4.30pm - 5pm. A note says "Funded places available through HAF". There are several circular images showing children participating in various activities like dodgeball, cycling, and archery. A QR code is in the bottom left with the text "Click here to find out more". Other text includes "All staff enhanced DBS cleared, also safeguarding and first aid trained" and "All children provided with a healthy lunch".

A pink and white poster for Fun Fest Holiday Club. It says "Choose fun at" and "Fun Fest HOLIDAY CLUB". The dates are "16th-20th February 2026" and the time is "7:30am-6:00pm". It mentions "A menu of 50+ activities" and "Ofsted Registered". The event is for "February Half Term 3-12 years". Locations listed are "ST LEONARD'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL, Walton-le-Dale, Preston, PR5 4JL" and "EUXTON PRIMROSE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL, Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6BA". At the bottom, it says "Book online at www.fun-fest.co.uk" and provides contact information: "Enquiries to 07392 790727", "waltonledale@funfestholidayclub.co.uk", and "chorleyoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk". There are three white daisies at the bottom.

## Total Taekwondo

### **Free Martial Arts Taster Class for ages 4+ – Total Taekwondo**

Total Taekwondo is offering local children a *free martial arts taster class*. Any students who choose to join after the taster will also receive a **free Taekwondo suit and belt**.

A great way to build confidence, focus, and fitness in a fun and supportive environment.

For more information or to book, please visit: [www.total Taekwondo.co.uk](http://www.total-Taekwondo.co.uk)

## Westholme School Football Camp

Westholme School will be hosting a Football Camp during the February half term, led by UEFA-qualified coach Charlie Jackson.

The camp is open to children aged 7–15 and will focus on developing skills, confidence and enjoyment of the game in a professional environment. For full details, please see the attached flyer.

I would be very grateful if you would share this opportunity with your school community. Families can book by scanning the QR code on the flyer or by visiting this link: [Football Camp](#)



**WESTHOLME FOOTBALL CAMP**  
16 - 19 FEBRUARY 2026  
In partnership with Matrix Soccer Academy

**WHY CHOOSE US?**  
Led by UEFA-qualified coach Charlie Jackson - Founder of Matrix Soccer Academy & currently works at Manchester City Junior Academy.

**DETAILS**

- COST**  
£120 per week or £32 per day
- OPEN ENTRY**  
For ages 7-15, both Westholme & non-Westholme pupils welcome
- TIMINGS**  
9:00am - 2:30pm (optional late collection available for additional charge of £8)
- SKILL LEVEL**  
Suitable for all abilities, from grass roots to elite footballers

Scan to register 

Westholme School, Wilmar Lodge, Pleasington, BB2 6OU



### Holiday List 2025 - 2026

#### Autumn Term 2025

<b>INSET</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025</b>
School Opens	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 (Years 1 to 6. Reception start Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Half-term:	
Close	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025,
Reopen	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Spring Term 2025

School Opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half term:	
Close	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Reopen	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
School closes for Easter	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026

#### Summer Term 2025

School Opens	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
School closed for Bank Holiday	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>
Half-term:	
Close	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
<b>INSET</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>
<b>INSET</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026</b>
Re-open	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026
School closes for Summer	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
<b>INSET</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>
<b>INSET</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>

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#### Spring Term 2027

<b>INSET</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027</b>
School Opens	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
Half term:	
Close	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
Reopen	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027
School closes for Easter	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027

#### Summer Term 2027

School Opens	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
School closed for Bank Holiday	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027</b>
Half-term:	
Close	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
<b>INSET</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027</b>
Re-open	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
School closes for Summer	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2027
<b>INSET</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027</b>

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