



# Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending 27th June 2025

## Summer Fair – Save the Date

We will be holding a School Summer Fair on the afternoon of  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July until 4.30pm.**

## Sports Days – Save the Date

We have set provisional dates for sports days as follows.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> EYFS & KS1

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July KS2

Further details to follow via dojo, regarding the venue and times

The following Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> have been allocated as alternatives if the weather is poor.



## Muft Day for the Summer Fair

We will be holding a Muft Day / Own Clothes day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**, when children can wear their own clothes to school for the day. In return we are asking for **donations for our Summer Fair** being held the following week. We would like donations for our Tombola – Chocolate, Gifts, Bottles and Bottles for our Bottle Toss game.



Congratulations to Mrs Pilkington and the Drama Club for putting on such a fantastic show on Tuesday. All the hard work and dedication paid off and the results were amazing!

An extra thank you to all those who helped behind the scenes getting costumes, props & venues organised.



## Year 6 – End of Year Play

Tickets for the Year 6 Leavers' Play – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July (2pm and 6pm) will be sent home next week. Tickets are limited to two tickets per child per performance due to fire regulations. Tickets can be swapped between yourselves so you have four tickets for one performance, however the school office will not be able to facilitate this.



**Refreshments and raffle tickets will be on sale before the performance starts so doors will open approximately 15 minutes before each performance.**

There are lots of events and trips coming up. Please take a look at the diary dates and make a note of those which your children are involved in. Thank you

## Beginner Guitar / Ukulele

Miss Galea has been in school this week showing the year 2 children all about the guitar / ukulele lessons which they will be eligible to start in September.

The beginner's ukulele / guitar group will start in September on Tuesday's at 1.45pm. Carmel Galea teaches at many local Primary and High Schools.

Beginner's guitar / ukulele letters have gone out to the present pupils in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. There is also a copy at the end of the newsletter. Should anyone require extra letters please email [carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk](mailto:carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk) or ask at the school office.

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Our Lady & St Gerard's Primary School, Lostock Hall

**Weeks:**  
 Week 1: 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July  
 Week 2: 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August  
 Week 3: 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August  
 Week 4: 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August


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## School Trips

Mon 30th Jun to Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Year 6	Residential to York
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3	Sea Life

## Dates for the Diary

Mon 30th Jun to Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	<b>Year 6</b> Residential to York
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	<b>Reception</b> Induction Session 3 - 1.15 to 2.45pm
	<b>Nursery</b> Induction Session 1 – 1.15 to 2.45pm (with Parents)
	<b>Year 5</b> Greek Day
Wed 2nd Jul	<b>First Holy Communion</b> Celebration Breakfast
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	<b>Year 6</b> Priory Academy Induction Day
	<b>Year 6</b> All Hallows Transition Day

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1</b> Sports Day – option 1
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>KS2</b> Sports Day – option 1
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1</b> Sports Day – option 2
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>KS2</b> Sports Day – option 2
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>Reception</b> Induction Session 4 - 1.15 to 2.45pm <b>Nursery</b> Induction Session 2 – 1.15 to 2.45pm (with Parents)
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>Year 3</b> Trip to Sea life
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	GIFT Event Mufty Day / Own Clothes Day – Donations for summer fair
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Leavers Mass – whole school 9am Art Exhibition – School Hall after school
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Transition Day
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6</b> Leavers Production 6pm in school
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	School Summer Fair – 2.30 to 4.30pm
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>School finishes for the Summer holidays 3.15pm</b>

### Clubs:

Mondays	<b>Drama</b> Club 3.15 to 4.15pm <b>Football</b> (Prime Sports) Years 1 & 2
Tuesdays	<b>Guitar</b> with Miss Galea – Years 3 -6 for those registered. <b>Singing</b> Club with Miss Galea – for those registered. <b>Football</b> (Prime Sports) Years 3 & 4
Wednesdays	Active Clubs 3.15 to 4.15pm Summer 2: Reception <b>Multi Skills</b> Year 3 - <b>Judo</b>
Thursdays	<b>Football</b> (Prime Sports) Years 5 & 6
Fridays	<b>Drumming</b> with Adam for those booked

### School Meals for Year 2 children moving to Year 3

If you have a child currently in year 2 moving into year 3 in September, please remember that they are not automatically entitled to a free school lunch when they move up into key stage 2 (Year 3 – 6). Universal free school meals are for Reception to Year 2 only.

### Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

If you claim certain benefits you may be entitled to free school meals for the whole of your child’s journey through primary school. To check you eligibility please go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/> school will be informed automatically if you become eligible. You can check eligibility at any time via this link.

### Uniform

Please ensure your child has correct uniform each day, including black shoes (not trainers). We are seeing increasing amounts of jewellery which teachers are having to remove from children as they can present a safety risk and are a distraction to learning. Necklaces and bracelets are not allowed.

### Earrings

**Please note that earrings should not be worn in school.** The only exception to this is when ears have just been pierced (within 6 weeks); small plain studs are allowed for a short period during the healing process. Children will be asked to remove earrings and school cannot accept responsibility for any losses. We want our children to be safe and smart at all times. Thank you for your support with this important matter.

### Water bottles

Children are allowed to bring a small water bottle filled with water, which has a push down lid. Children can fill up these bottles during the day if needed. We are seeing water bottles of all different shapes, colours and sizes but

many of the bottles are so big, we are struggling to store them. We are also having lots of spillages as the bottles coming in are not the specified push-down cap.

## Nursery Places

**It's not too late to apply for September we still have some places available.** If you have a child that turns 3 at any point up to **31 August** 25 they can start in our school Nursery class at the start of the school year 25-26. We have funded and paid for places available and Tax free Childcare vouchers can be used to pay for paid for sessions. Please contact the school office by email: [bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk) or by calling 01772 335025 for more information.

## Bus Passes for those moving up to High School



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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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# □ Strum Into Learning: Guitar & Ukulele Adventures 2025! □

Dear Parent/Guardian,

🎸 Exciting News – Guitar & Ukulele Lessons Are Starting Soon! 🎸

Is your child ready to strum, sing, and shine? Starting Tuesday, 9th September at 1:45 pm, we're kicking off an exciting new group for beginner guitar and ukulele lessons – and we'd love your child to be part of it!

Each lesson is just 30 minutes long, packed with fun and tailored for beginners. The term fee is only £55, which includes 12 lessons, music materials, and unbeatable value compared to private tuition outside school.

But that's not all...

🎵 Our young musicians perform in school assemblies, concerts, and even busk at Christmas and summer fairs! These performances are fantastic confidence boosters and a great way for children to share their progress with friends and family.

🎓 Learning an instrument doesn't just build musical skills – it boosts concentration, creativity, and self-esteem. Many of our students continue playing through high school, college, and even university!

If you'd like more information, feel free to contact me at 07920 056721 or email [carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk](mailto:carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk).

🎸 Need an instrument? I can supply high-quality guitars and ukuleles:

- Encore guitars – £59 (available in Natural, Black, Red, Blue)

- Ukuleles – £20 including soft case (available in Butterscotch, Natural, Red or Blue)

If your child is ready to begin their musical journey, please complete and return the form below to school, or email me by Friday, 11th July. Let's make music together!

Miss Carmel Galea, L.L.C.M. (Guitar Teacher)



🎸 Please return this slip to school or email by Friday 11th July 🎸

I wish my child to join the beginner guitar/ukulele group.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Guitar Colour (above) **Your Choice** (please circle one): Red Black Blue Natural

Ukulele Colour (not shown) **Your Choice** (please circle one): Butterscotch Natural Red Blue