



Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending: 3rd April 2026



School finishes on Thursday 2nd April at 3.15pm for the Easter holidays.

We will return to school on Monday 20th April, following the holidays at 8.45am. Have a Happy Easter everyone.



PTA Easter Bingo

A Big Thank You to everyone who supported the PTA Easter Bingo by sending in hamper items or attending our Bingo night. As always it was a FULL HOUSE with lots of lucky winners! We raised **£1104!**

Egg Raffle

A big thank you to all the children (and parents) that bought raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle held in school. It was a great success and there are lots of very happy children coming home with Easter Eggs. All money raised goes to the PTA for the children. We raised **£590!**

PTA

We wouldn't be able to do all these events and fundraising for school without our PTA Team! Since September through fundraising events we **have raised over £5000**. This has been through events such as:

- Welly Walk
- Christmas Bingo
- Refreshments Raffles & Tuck Sales
- KS2 Disco's
- Pancake & PJ Day
- Easter Bingo
- Easter Egg Raffle

So far this school year, PTA have funded:

- The Christmas Grotto and Christmas Books from Santa for every child in school.
- Leavers Hoodies and T-Shirts for all Year 6 children

Next term they will:

- Part fund some of the school trips and,
- We hope to buy a couple of **class sets of iPad's** to improve our technology resources in school.

Tree Planting

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with planting today! They planted 500 plants in 2 hours!! Our hedgerow will hopefully attract new wildlife and support our observation and investigative skills in science. We hope it will also soak up some excess water to improve drainage and provide some privacy to visitors to the graveyard.

We have taped the area off and we ask that everyone stays out of the taped areas to give the plants time to grow. Some of our volunteers even decided to stay to plant the primroses in our Peace Garden! We are so blessed to have this kind of support from our families! As they say, 'it takes a village to raise a child'! Working together in this way paves the way for a brighter future for our children!

Love, Inspire, Shine

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

St Joseph's Penny Appeal

We will let you know after the holidays how much we raised in school for the St Joseph's Penny Appeal for Caritas. Thank you to everyone who contributed through the collection boxes.

Year 6 SAT's Boosters continue right up to SATs in May!

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



Summer Lunch Menu & Price Increase

The price of a school meal will be increasing in the Summer term to **£3.00 per day**. The price increase follows Lancashire County Council's price increase from £2.90 per meal to **£3.00** from April this year.

The school lunch menu will change after Easter to the Summer menu. Please see the new menu options attached as a PDF.

Booking will be open from lunchtime Friday 3rd April to book for the summer term.

Earth Day Lunch

Wednesday 22nd April, the school lunch team will be preparing a special lunch menu – please see the flyer for further information.

This will be the only options served on this day and if you would like your child to participate, just book them in for a lunch on the 22nd April.

Easter Holiday Club

Prime Sports – one of our in school sports partners are running an Easter Holiday Club at **Our Lady & St Gerard's** for 8 days during the Easter Holidays

Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th April and

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th

Full Day 8.30am to 5pm or Free HAF Places available from 8.30am to 1pm

Places are bookable via the Prime Sports website or **FREE** places are available through the HAF Scheme.



Dates for the Diary

Thurs 2 nd Apr	School Closed for the Easter Holidays until Monday 20th April
Tues 7 th to Fri 10 th	Easter Holiday Activities club – Prime Sports @ OLSG
Mon 13 th to Thurs 16 th	Easter Holiday Activities club – Prime Sports @ OLSG
Thurs 16 th Apr	Reception Class of 26 – Place allocation
Mon 20 th Apr	School Re-opens following the Easter Break
Wed 29 th April	Tempest Photography – Year 6 Leavers Photos
Mon 4th May	School Closed May Day Bank Holiday
Wed 6 th May	Reception & Nursery – Parents Induction Evening for September 2026 Starters
Mon 11 th to Fri 15 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Fri 22nd May	School Closes for May Half term until Wednesday 3rd June
Wed 3rd June	School Re-opens after Half term
Mon 8 th to Fri 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check Week
	Year 1 Phonics Screening week
Thurs 18 th June	Provisional Date for EYFS & KS1 Sports Day – save the date
Fri 19 th June	Provisional Date for KS2 Sports Day – save the date
Fri 3 rd July	Provisional Date for Summer Fair – save the date
Wed 8 th – Thurs 9 th July	Year 6 York Residential
Thurs 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Production
Fri 17th July	School Finishes for the Summer Holidays

Swimming – Monday Mornings 9am

Year 4 will start in the Summer Term, after Easter. (Monday 27th April)
Class 4E will start on Monday 27th April for Summer 1
Class 4P will start on Monday 8th June for Summer 2

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.

Wednesdays	Archery Year 6 – Starting 22 nd April
Thursday	Drama Club
Fridays	Year 4 TT Rock Stars (6 th Mar – 19 th June)

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

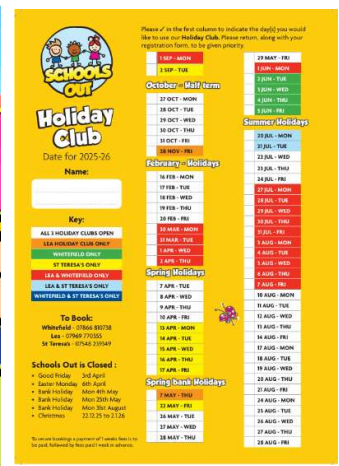
What's On Over the Easter Holidays



Bookings for Easter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) are now open!
HAF provides free, fun, and enriching activities for children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals or meet the wider criteria. Sessions include a healthy meal, a wide range of activities and a safe, supportive environment during the school holidays.

This Easter's activities include kickboxing, swimming, sports, skateboarding and scooters, arts and crafts and lots more across South Ribble!

For more information please see flyer and link: southribble.gov.uk/haf



The Great Preston Fairtrade Egg Hunt

Is Back!



Back for a third year.

Come and join our great Fairtrade Egg hunt and win some Fairtrade chocolate.

- There are 12 knitted eggs located at different businesses in the city centre - all businesses that support Fairtrade. A knitted egg will be on display at each of these - either visible from outside in the window or inside in the counter area. Each egg will display a letter.
- Print off the map/entry form or collect one from the Harris Library or from one of the following: Lush, Holland & Barrett, Body Shop, Central Methodists, Oxfam, Waterstones.
- Write the letter found at each location on your entry form.
- When you have found all the letters, use them to find the hidden phrase.
- Finally leave your completed form at the Harris Library or in Central Methodists letter box and wait to hear if you have won some tasty Fairtrade chocolate.

You can do this any time between Saturday 28th March and Saturday 11th April. Have a Happy Fairtrade Easter!

Fairtrade is about better prices, working conditions and fair terms of trade for the people who grow the products we love (coffee, tea, cocoa, bananas). It also ensures high environmental standards - all guaranteed by the Fairtrade Mark. Fairtrade products exploit neither the environment nor the people who produce them and buying them has a direct impact on the lives and well being of producers and their communities. www.fairtrade.org.uk

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The Great Preston Fairtrade Egg Hunt.

Go to the * marked places to pick up a map, & find the knitted eggs on display in windows or on counters. Each egg will display a letter. Write the letters on your entry form in the phrase they make. Drop off your finished sheet at Central Methodists' Letter Box or the Harris Library for the chance to win some eggcellent prizes in our chocolate draw!

SHOP NAME	
1 Lush *	
2 Holland and Barrett *	
3 Greggs [Fishergate]	
4 Sainsburys	
5 Greggs [St George's downstairs]	
6 Body Shop [N Fishergate entrance] *	
7 Central Methodists' Letter Box Drop Off	
8 Greggs [Orchard Street]	
9 Oxfam *	
10 Preston Health Food Store	
11 Waterstones *	
12 Co-op bank	
13 Harris Library* Drop off Point	



Now you have all the letters, work out the eggcellent phrase that they make and write it in the space below.



My Name is.....

Competition runs from 28th March to 11th of April.



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