Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending: 25th September 2026

Primary School Admissions - Reception Intake September 2027

If your child is in their final year of pre-school or nursery*, you can now apply for their primary school place for September 2027 at:

☞ www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The application process is quick and easy, and you'll receive an email confirmation once submitted.

✓ You must apply even if your child already has siblings attending the school.

✓ If you live in Lancashire, you can include out-of-area preferences on your online application.

🗓 The closing date for applications is **23:59 on 15 January 2027**.
This includes children who already attend our nursery class.

Applications for Primary and High School admissions for September 2027 are open from 1st September 2026.



High School Admissions – September 2027

If you have a child in year 6 who will be moving up to high school next September, the **deadline to apply** for your child's high school place is **31st October 2026.**



OLSG EYFS Open Evening

Tuesday 6th October 2026
3:45 to 5:45pm

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 so that you can apply from birth.

It's not too late to apply for Nursery we still have some places available for school year 2026-2027. If you have a child that turned 3 at any point up to **31 August 26** they can start in our school Nursery class **NOW** or if they turn 3 **between 1st September and 31st December** they can start in **January 2027**.

We have funded and paid for places available and Tax free Childcare or vouchers can be used to pay for paid for sessions. Please contact the school office by email: bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk or by calling 01772 335025 for more information.

Tempest Photos – Mon 5th Oct

Tempest our school photographer will be in school on Monday 5th October to take Individual and Family group photographs.



Love, Inspire, Shine

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



PTA – All Welcome – Monday 28th September 3.30pm

We have a very active 'Friends of OLSG' group who regularly raise funds to ensure our children benefit from exciting resources and experiences. If you are interested in being involved, please contact school and we can provide further details. Your involvement could be by helping out at events when you can, or attending meetings to help with fundraising ideas – every little helps! **The next PTA meeting is on Monday 28th September at 3.30pm in school**

Breakfast Club & Dinner Booking Reminder

Please remember to book school meals and breakfast club via the ParentPay app at least a week in advance as bookings close. **Bookings for week commencing 5th October close on Monday 28th**

We will be sending out a new **Breakfast Club Policy** to all parents that currently use Breakfast Club. There is lots of information within the policy and a form for parents to complete. Please complete the form if you have been sent it as soon as possible.

Space Day Lunch – Thursday 1st October

We will be holding a themed lunch day on Thursday 1st October. Please see flyer for the menu. This will be the only menu served on this day. If you would like your child to pareticipate on the Sepecial Lunch Day, and have not yet booked on, please email: admin@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk to book. If your child is in years 3 to 6 and you pay for school meals, you will also need to pay £3.00 on the school meal payment item on ParentPay to cover the cost before next Thursday.



Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Free School Meals have been expanded over the summer to include more families such as those in receipt of Universal Credit. If your circumstances have changed recently it is worth checking if you are now eligible for Free School Meals and 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.

Sacramental Programme 2026/2027

Information packs for the 2026-2027 Sacramental Programme will be distributed to Year 3 pupils during the next week. Forms can also be collected from the Church office. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Church office.

Allergy Awareness

The school office have sent out medical forms via dojo following the introduction of Benedict's Law.
The information provided will help us identify any health needs, assess whether an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) is required, and ensure appropriate support is in place. **Benedict's Law** places a duty on schools to ensure staff are aware of and appropriately trained to support children with severe allergies and anaphylaxis. It is therefore essential that all medical information is shared with the school and updated if circumstances change. All information will be treated confidentially and stored in accordance with data protection requirements
To help us keep your child safe and ensure we can meet any medical needs whilst they are in school, please complete this form accurately.

Severe Allergy Alert



We have children in school with severe allergies.
These allergies are caused by both touching and consuming certain foods.
I am sure you will agree, that we need to work together to do everything possible to ensure the safety of any child who may become seriously ill as a result of being in contact with certain food products.

We need your help to keep these children safe and healthy and you can do this by not sending food that contains the following in your child's lunch box:

- **Any food item containing nuts**
- **Chickpeas (including hummus).**
- **Sesame seeds - these are also found on bread buns.**

We would really appreciate your support in this matter and we ask that you do not send the above food items in even if your child is in a different class. **This allergy is life-threatening.**

To ensure that school is as safe as possible for our children, we would like to get everyone into the habit of sending food that doesn't contain nuts, chickpeas or sesame seeds. We appreciate your support in this matter.

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

Mondays 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. Further information to follow.

Autumn 1 Half Term – Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball

We also have additional paid for clubs and activities run by external providers.
This term these include:

Tuesdays	**Guitar** with Miss Galea 1:45, 2:15 & 2:45pm
	Singing with Miss Galea – 3:15 to 4pm
Fridays	**Drumming** with Adam 10.00 – 11.30am



Dates for the Diary – Autumn Term



Mon 28th Sept	PTA Mtg 3.30pm in school
Mon 5th October	Tempest Photography – Individual & Family Group Photos
Mon 19th Oct	Parents Evening
Wed 21st Oct	Parents Evening
Thurs 15th Oct	Year 6 London Trip Meeting for Parents 4pm
Thurs 22nd Oct	School Close for the Half term holidays
Fri 23rd Oct	**INSET DAY**
Half Term Holidays	Fri 23rd to Fri 30th October
Mon 2nd Nov	School opens following half term break
Thurs 12th & Fri 13th	Y6 London Trip
Fri 13th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 18th Nov	Tempest Photography –Class & Group Photos
Mon 23rd to Wed 25th	Y5 Robinwood Residential
Mon 7th Dec	KS1 Nativity in Church 2pm
Tue 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity in Church 10.30am
Wed 9th Dec	Reception Nativity 9.30am
Thurs 10th Dec	Reception Nativity 2pm
Fri 11th Dec	Nursery Christmas Sing-along
Fri 18th Dec	School Closes for Christmas





Holiday List 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET	**Tuesday 1st September 2026**
School Opens	Wednesday 2nd September 2026 (Years 1 to 6. Reception start Thurs 3rd)
Half-term:	
Close	Thursday 22nd October 2026
INSET	**Friday 23rd October 2026**
Reopen	Monday 2nd November 2026
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 18th December 2026
INSET	**Monday 4th January 2027**
School Opens	Tuesday 5th January 2027
Half term:	
Close	Friday 12th February 2027
Reopen	Monday 22nd February 2027
School closes for Easter	Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

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

Community Roots

NHS
Lancashire & South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

Living With ADHD

This course is designed for those with ADHD, their family, friends and carers and anyone looking to learn more about the condition.

- **What ADHD is**
- **Diagnosis information**
- **How the condition affects daily living**
- **Small ways to manage the condition**

We will discuss what ADHD is, the different ways that it can present and how you can get diagnosed. We aim to try and understand the impacts ADHD can have on daily living and go on to discuss ideas on how to manage the challenges it can present, whilst living a happy and fulfilled life.

Details:

Where - RAFA Club, Westby House, Golden Hill, Leyland PR25 3NN

When - Thursday 1 October 10.30am to 12.30pm



Bringing wellbeing to you in ways that suit you best.

Community.roots@lscft.nhs.uk **01772 695 365**

Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing

NHS

Free Monthly Parent Webinars from the School Nursing Team

We are pleased to offer a series of **free monthly online webinars** for parents and carers commencing October 26, providing practical advice and support on a range of children's health and wellbeing topics:

Sleep – Tips for establishing healthy sleep routines and managing common sleep difficulties.

Continence – Information and support to help children develop healthy bladder and bowel habits. * if a child has symptoms such as pain when using the toilet, blood in their urine or poo, repeated infections, unexplained weight loss, severe constipation please seek advice from your GP before joining the webinar.

Healthy Lifestyles – Advice on nutrition, physical activity, screen time, and building healthy habits for the whole family.

Behaviour and Emotional Health – Understanding behaviour, supporting emotional wellbeing, and helping children build resilience.

All webinars are delivered online by members of the School Nursing Team and are free to attend. **No referral is required**. Parents and carers can book directly onto any webinar using the registration links available on our website.

To book a place, visit: https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/

Or Scan the QR Code

Lancashire SEND Roadshow

2026/2027

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.



NHS · Lancashire Family Hub Network · Lancashire SEND Partnership · Lancashire Parent Carer Forum · Lancashire County Council

Lancashire SEND Roadshow

Dates across Lancashire are:

23rd Sept 2026 9:30 – 1pm	Burnley Family Hub and The Zone, Burnley
23rd Oct 2026 1:30 – 4:30pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and the Zone, Skelmersdale
13th Nov 2026 9:30 – 1pm	Nelson Family Hub and The Zone, Pendle
17th Nov 2026 9:30 – 1pm	Kirkham Family Hub and The Zone, Kirkham
9th Dec 2026 9:30 – 1pm	West Paddock Family Hub and The Zone, South Ribble
27th Jan 2027 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub, Accrington
11th February 2027 9:30 – 1pm	Inspire Youth Zone, Chorley
25th Mar 2027 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Clitheroe Family Hub and The Zone, Clitheroe
21st April 2027 9:30 – 1pm	Lune Park Family Hub, Lancaster
12th May 2027 9:30 – 1pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and The Zone, Rawtenstall
8th June 2027 9:30 – 1pm	Fleetwood Library and Family Hub, Fleetwood
7th July 2027 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Family Hub and The Zone, Preston

Please scan the following QR codes for more information:

Local Offer · Family Hubs