Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending: 9th October 2026

Nursery Applications – January Intake

We still have some limited places available for school year 2026-2027. If you have a child that turns 3 at any point up to **31 December** they can start in our school Nursery class in **January 2027**. If you have a child that turns 3 between 1st January 27 and 30th March 27, they can start in April.
If you have a child that is already 3 years old at another nursery, due to start Reception in September 27 and you would like them to start their pre-school transition to St Gerard's, please enquire via the bursars email below.
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.

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.**

Parents Evenings:

Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October. Please see dojo post on how to book your appointments
https://ourladystgerards.schoolcloud.co.uk/

British Legion Poppy Appeal



The British Legion Poppy Appeal will start in school on **Monday 12th October**

- Paper Poppys & Stickers suggested donation: 50p
- Reflectors suggested donation: £1
- Snap Bands & Wristbands suggested Donation: £1.50

PTA – All Welcome

Next Meeting Monday 9th November 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! Next Event: Welly Walk!



Welly Walk

The welly walk is back for 2026 on Thursday 22nd October to mark the end of this half term, children will be taking part in a sponsored welly walk around the field. The children will also be able to wear their own clothes on this day in return for raising some sponsorship money. All money raised goes to our school PTA and in return they use this money to support / fund activities for our children in school.
Sponsorship forms have been sent home this week and there is a copy at the end of this newsletter. Please don't forget to fill in the sponsor form if you or any of the sponsors are UK tax payers. PTA can claim an additional 25p for every £1 donated!

Love, Inspire, Shine

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

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

From September 2026 all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income, will qualify for free school meals, under the expanded Free School Meal Programme.
If you receive Universal Credit please apply by filling in the online form at https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/

Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

If you receive Universal Credit and your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2 receiving Universal / Infant Free School Meals), it is still worth checking if you are now eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium under the new scheme. If you claim certain benefits you may also be entitled to free school meals PLUS Pupil Premium which provides additional benefits such as Holiday Club places and additional support. School also benefit from the additional school funding that comes with Pupil Premium, so it's worth checking.

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

Dates for the Diary – Autumn Term



Thurs 15th Oct	Year 6 London Trip Meeting for Parents 4pm
Mon 19th Oct	Parents Evening
Wed 21st Oct	Parents Evening
Thurs 22nd Oct	PTA – Sponsored Welly Walk 'Mufty Day' Wear your own Clothes & Wellies
Thurs 22nd Oct	School Close for the Half term holidays
Fri 23rd Oct	**INSET DAY**
Half Term Holidays	**Fri 23rd to Fri 30th October**
Sat 31st Oct	**DEADLINE – High School Applications**
Mon 2nd Nov	School opens following half term break
Mon 9th Nov	PTA Meeting – School 3.30pm
Thurs 12th & Fri 13th	Y6 London Trip
Fri 13th Nov	Children in Need – Wear Something Spotty
Fri 13th Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Wed 18th Nov	Tempest Photography –Class Photos
Mon 23rd to Wed 25th	Y5 Robinwood Residential
Fri 27th Nov	PTA – 'Mufty Day' Wear your own clothes + Donate items for Christmas Bingo
W/c 30th Nov	PTA Christmas Grotto
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
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 18th Dec	School Closes for Christmas

















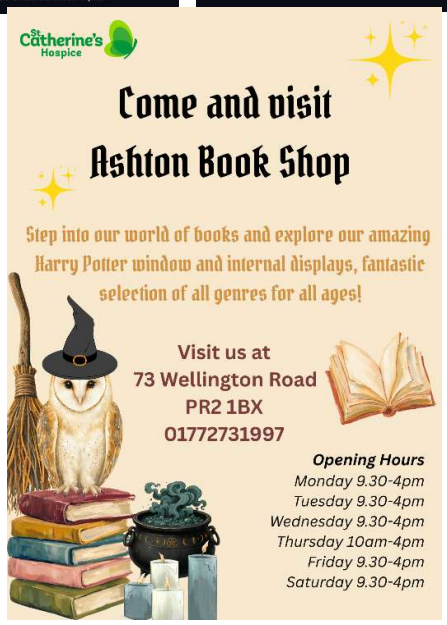
October Half Term Activities













Child's Name:		Child's Class:

Welly Walk 2026

Our children will be taking part in a 10 lap sponsored 'Welly Walk' on Thursday 22nd October to mark the end of the half term and raise money for the Friends of Our Lady & St. Gerard's School PTA (Charity No. 1112348) which provides lots of extras to enhance our children's school experience.

If you are a UK taxpayer please ensure that you tick the "Gift Aid?" column and provide your home address below.

This will enable us to claim an additional 25p for every £1 donated.

	Sponsor's Full Name (first name and surname)	Sponsor's Home Address (only needed if you are gift aiding your donation)	Postcode	Donation	Date paid	Gift Aid? "✓" *
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I have read this statement and want the charity named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed above, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax / or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.* **Please make sure you return this sponsor form to allow PTA to claim the gift aid.

Money raised should be sent into school or paid in via ParentPay - 'Welly Walk 2026' payment item by Friday 6th November.

Thank you for your generous donations.