



# Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending 13th 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 from 2.30pm 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.



## Uniform for September

Thank you to all those who have placed and paid for their uniform orders. We are currently out of stock of most items however we are keeping a list of all the orders coming in. If you haven't already done so, please pay for your order via ParentPay.

We are currently waiting on two orders from the supplier, these are taking around 6 weeks at present to come in, but are due in soon. We will process and send out paid for orders as soon as the delivery arrives.

**Uniform orders for September were due by this Friday (13<sup>th</sup> June). If you still haven't placed your order, please do so as a matter of urgency.**

## Induction Sessions for Nursery & Reception

The September reception class children will start their inductions sessions next week on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. There are four sessions booked in on consecutive weeks. (Tuesday's 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday's 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July). Each session will start at 1.15pm and end at 2.45pm.

Nursery induction sessions are to be held on Tuesday's 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July 1.15 to 2.45pm. Please come along with your child for the afternoon and explore the nursery provision together.



## Annie Jr. the Musical

The OLSG Drama Club are delighted to announce their performance of Annie Jr. the Musical. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 5.30pm at the Parochial Centre on Brownedge Road. Admittance is via ticket only. Tickets will be available to purchase (£2.50 each) on ParentPay by parents / carers of the children in the performance from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June and are limited to 4 per child performing.

## 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

## School Trips

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4	Cuerden Valley Park
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> 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

Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Year 1</b> Vision Screening Check <b>Reception</b> Induction Session 1 - 1.15 to 2.45pm
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Year 4</b> Trip to Cuerden Valley Park
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	St Gerards Church Summer Fair 11.30am until 1.30pm
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Drama</b> Club - Annie Jnr the Musical 5.30pm Parochial centre <b>Reception</b> Induction Session 2 - 1.15 to 2.45pm
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>Year 5</b> Taster Day @ All Hallows Mad Science Assembly
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Leavers Mass – whole school 9am Art Exhibition – School Hall after school Transition Day
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul	<b>Year 6</b> Leavers Production 6pm in school
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	School Summer Fair – 2.30 to 4.30pm
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	
<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 your 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.

**Welcome to Our Lady & St. Gerard's**  
15 & 30 Hour Funded Places Available for 3 and 4 Year Olds

Breakfast Session Available 7:30-8:45

After School Places Available Until 5:45

Contact us: 01772 335025 - [bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk)

**Love, Inspire, Shine**

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

**Our Lady & St Gerard's Church  
Summer Fair at the Shields Centre Gardens  
Sunday 22nd June 11:30am to 1:30pm**



**Fun for all the Family & lots of amazing  
prizes to be won!**

**Raffle Prize Draw, Stalls, Games &  
Activities & More!**

# Stay safe this summer




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# Staying safe on holiday

- Don't be caught off guard: Many incidents happen on the first or last day of a family holiday when parents are distracted
- Remember to use the same caution on your holiday that you do at home
- Be alert to any water nearby



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# BBQ safety

A BBQ and the ground underneath it can stay hot enough to cause a serious burn for a long time after it's been used.

So, stay alert and keep children well away from the cooking area until it's completely cooled.



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## Open windows warning

- Keep low furniture away from open windows so that children can't climb up and fall out
- Install window catches (to limit how far they can open) and locks if you can
- If you opt for a lock keep the keys somewhere you can find them in case of emergencies

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# Trampoline safety

- Most trampoline accidents happen when there are two or more bouncers at the same time.
- The biggest risk is when users have different weights. So, let children take it in turns and avoid adults and children jumping together.
- Teach children the trampoline rules.



## Use a net to prevent falls

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# Padding pool safety

- Little ones can drown in just a few cm of water
- Actively supervise children when they're in or around the water
- Empty the padding pool after use
- Store or turn over the padding pool when it's not in use to stop it refilling



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## ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

### STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

### STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

### CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.

### FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Enjoy Water Safety

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills. Visit [www.rls.org.uk](http://www.rls.org.uk)

# Drowning is silent

- A drowning child doesn't splash about or cry for help. They slip quietly under the water, often unnoticed.
- Keep little children in arm's reach whenever they are in or near water.
- Check for ponds, pools and hot tubs if you're visiting new places.
- Talk to older children about the dangers of open water like strong currents, very cold water that can cause shock and objects lurking under the surface.

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