



Our Lady and St. Gerard's News

Week Ending 25th April 2025



Welcome Back to School We hope you had a lovely Easter Break



Prayers for Pope Francis

You will be aware of the sad passing of Pope Francis. In recent years, we have spoken a lot about the role of Pope Francis and how he leads the Catholic Church. His encyclical 'Laudato Si' has inspired our work in school and the improvements to our outdoor spaces. In school this week, we have prayed for Pope Francis and thought more about the impact of his leadership. In mass on Friday, we will reflect further on this and pray together as a whole school community.

Sports Days – Save the Date

We have set provisional dates for sports days as follows.

Thursday 3rd EYFS & KS1
Friday 4th July KS2



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

Parking

Please can we remind you to respect our neighbours and park considerately when dropping off or collecting children from school. We continue to receive complaints from our local residents about driveways being blocked.

In particular please do not block the private driveway which is access to the back of houses on St Gerard's Road. This private driveway is used by many residents as their parking spaces are at the rear of the properties.

PLEASE can we also remind you that the small carpark at the front of school is for authorised staff, deliveries and authorised visitors ONLY.

This carpark is not to be used for parents to drop off and collect at the start and end of day or for Breakfast Club or After School Club.

This area should not be used as a pedestrian cut through either. This carpark is a small space and there are many vehicles that use this space including for deliveries, school transport as well as visitors and staff. There is no space to drive in and out therefore all vehicles are required to turn around or reverse in this area.

There is a new wide pedestrian path just to the side of the carpark, please use this path to access the school offices.

Tempest School Photos

Next Wednesday 30th April is the Year 6 Leavers Group Photo. Please can we ask that all Year 6 children come in smart full uniform.

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School Meals

Apologies to all who were frustrated at not being able to book on for school lunches this week. There was an issue with the swop over to the new menu which did not allow bookings. The problem was promptly rectified on Tuesday and the booking system is now fully open again. Meals can now be booked right up to the summer holidays. As the deadline for this week and next week (w/c 28th April) had been missed, the school office have booked in all children who have free school meals for these two weeks. If you pay for meals, as per the dojo sent out earlier this week, please contact Mrs Pickering to book if you have not already done so.

Summer Lunch Menu & Price Increase

The price of a school meal has increased for the Summer term to **£2.90 per day**. The price increase follows Lancashire County Council's price rise from £2.70 per meal to £2.90 from April this year.

The school lunch menu has also changed after Easter to the Summer menu. Please see the new menu options below.

 Menu <i>Serving Fantastic Lunches Everyday</i> - All menus are planned to comply with School Food Standards and all new dishes are tested by children. Our meat is Red Tractor Farm Assured, our fish is MSC certified and we also use a number of Free Range products throughout the menu. There is always fresh fruit and salad, bread and locally produced yoghurt available daily.						
Week 1 Week Commencing 28th April 19th May 9th June 30th June 21st July 1st September 22nd September 13th October 3rd November	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	
	Traditional Main Course	Oriental Style Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Mixed Rice or Noodles	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)	Roast Gammon or Vegetarian Meatballs with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Booths Beef or Vegetable Burger with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Alternative Choice	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Vegetable Tikka Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread (v)	Summer Picnic Lunch Buffet Sausage Roll Assorted Sandwiches Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Dessert Choices	Sticky Toffee Cupcake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Ice Cream & Dessert Sauce Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Cookie Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
Week 2 Week Commencing 5th May 26th May 16th June 7th July 28th July 8th September 29th September 20th October	MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	
	Traditional Main Course	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Herby Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (v)	Southern Style Chicken Goujons & Dips with Mild Chilli Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Booths Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cooks Choice of Chicken or Vegetarian Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
	Alternative Choice	Loaded Vegetable & Baked Bean Taco with Rainbow Vegetable Rice (v)	Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Mixed Salad (v)	Spaghetti Arrabbiata with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Cheese Fian with Baby Potatoes Baked Beans or Mixed Salad (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (v)	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Dessert Choices	Marble Traybake & Chocolate Sauce Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Crackers Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lemon Biscuit & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cocoa Krispie Cake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
Week 3 Week Commencing 21st April 12th May 2nd June 23rd June 14th July 15th September 6th October 27th October	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	
	Traditional Main Course	Booths Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Hot Dog & Tomato Ketchup with Potato Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Golden Crumb Salmon or Vegetable Fingers with Paprika Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Alternative Choice	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Loaded Pizza Panini with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Ploughman's Picnic Lunch with Homemade Crusty Bread & Mixed Salad	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Dessert Choices	Oaty Biscuit & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Mousse Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Summer Treat Dessert Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

Whilst every effort is made to produce the published menu, please note that they may vary occasionally subject to availability and individual school requirements. All our menus are checked using a recognised programme to analyse nutrition. We also work with Lancashire Healthy Schools and support the Healthier Families campaign. The result is a menu your child will enjoy and that will prepare them for learning in the afternoon.

F+ Spring Summer 2025

Swimming: Class 4E will start on Monday 28th April for Summer 1
Class 4P will start on Monday 9th June for Summer 2

Clubs:

Mondays

Drama Club 3.15 to 4.15pm

Football (Prime Sports) Years 1 & 2

Tuesdays

Guitar with Miss Galea – Years 3 -6 for those registered.

Singing Club with Miss Galea – for those registered.

Football (Prime Sports) Years 3 & 4

Wednesdays

Active Clubs 3.15 to 4.15pm

Summer 1: Year 1 **Multi Skills**

Year 6 **Archery** - 23rd April to 31st May

Summer 2: Reception **Multi Skills**

Thursdays

Football (Prime Sports) Years 5 & 6

Fridays

Drumming with Adam for those booked

School Trips

Thursday 15 th May	Year 5	Science Trip to UCLAN
Friday 6 th June	Year 2	Imagine That – Liverpool
Thursday 19 th June	Year 4	Cuerden Valley Park
Mon 30 th Jun to Wed 1 st Jul	Year 6	Residential to York
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 3	Sea Life

Dates for the Diary

Mon 28 th April	PTA Meeting – All Welcome. 3.30pm
Wed 30 th April	Tempest Photography – Year 6 Leavers Group Photo
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Thursday 15 th May	Year 5 Science Trip to UCLAN
Fri 16 th May	Year 3 Lowry Salford Singing project
Fri 23 rd May	School Closes for May Half term until Wednesday 4th June
Friday 6 th June	Year 2 Imagine That – Liverpool
Wed 4 th to Fri 13 June	Year 4 Multiplication Check period
Mon 9 th June	4P Start Swimming lessons
9 th – 13 th June	Phonics Screening Check week
19 th June	Year 4 Trip to Cuerden Valley Park
Mon 30 th Jun to Wed 1 st Jul	Year 6 Residential to York
Thurs 3 rd Jul	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day – option 1
Fri 4 th Jul	KS2 Sports Day – option 1
Mon 7 th Jul	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day – option 2
Tue 8 th Jul	KS2 Sports Day – option 2
Tue 15 th Jul	Leavers Mass – whole school
Wed 16 th Jul	Transition Day
Fri 18 th Jul	School finishes for the Summer holidays 3.15pm

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What's On.....



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KTB Music Class

Music Class, suitable for ages 6 – 16 years old.

Rehearsals start Monday 12th May for our Last Night of the Proms concert which is an outdoor concert taking place at Walmer Bridge Village Hall in September. This is the perfect time to welcome new members.

Lancashire Science Festival 2025

An exciting, free family event, hosted by the University of Central Lancashire.

The public day takes place on **Saturday 17 May**, between 9am and 4pm at our Preston Campus. As always, we have a fantastic, packed programme of jaw-dropping live shows, eye-popping demonstrations and hands-on workshops led by some of today's leading lights in the STEM fields designed to ignite curiosity and inspire all ages.

Lancashire Science Festival 2025

Public Day



Saturday 17 May, 9am - 4pm

University of Central Lancashire, Preston

We are back with a bang!

Join us for a free, one-day festival of all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The day is full of live shows, workshops, drop-in activities, and exciting hands-on activities on our science show floors. So much fun and learning awaits!

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