

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

29.09.2023

*'Let your light shine before people so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5: v.16)*



## DIARY DATES

### Monday 2nd October

**1:15pm Harvest Service in St Michael's Church (parents/ carers welcome)**

**1:30pm Girls Football Tournament**

### Tuesday 3rd

3pm Hymn Practice

**8:30am Individual photographs**

### Wednesday 4th

3pm Key Stage Worship

### Thursday 5th

3pm Key Stage Worship

**Educational Visit: Reception @ Little Lancashire Village**

**3:30pm Hockey league (5 matches)**

### Friday 6th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to our **STARS** who have let their lights shine this week.

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Charlie S and Summer C**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Hattie L and Archie B**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Lucy G and Kai L**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Sophia L and Leo C**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Ben W and Charlotte B**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Charlie C and Ruby W**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Amber R and Ellis T**

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 18th September)

**SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET:**

**96.4%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.9%**

Reception: 94.7%

Year 1: 99.3%

**Year 2: 96.8%**

**Year 3: 100%**

Year 4: 98.7%

Year 5: 97.9%

**Year 6: 98.2%**

## Primary and Secondary Admissions

Online applications for reception class and year 7 admissions are now open on [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

If completing the 'Supplementary Faith Request Form', please return to school for reception class.

The closing date for returning forms for reception is 15th January 2024. Closing date for secondary applicants is Tuesday 31 October 2023.

**Our 'Show Rounds' are on Thursday 12th October at 1:30pm and Wednesday 8th November at 9:30am.**



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## SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels' on Instagram

'Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School' on Facebook.



## Jesus is Baptised

This story is found in the gospels, at the beginning of the New Testament, in the Bible. The gospels are written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

### **Why is the baptism of Jesus so important for Christians?**

Bishop Phillip said,

‘at the baptism of Jesus, people started to believe just how extraordinary Jesus was but it still took them ages to believe in it.’ John the Baptist lowers Jesus into the waters of the river Jordan. God the Father is there speaking, saying, ‘this is my Son, the beloved.’ Then the Holy Spirit hovers above Jesus, like a dove and Jesus, the man, is lowered into the water.

Christians believe that God is one God but three in one; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Bishop Phillip explained that God is more than just a man, He is a teacher and a prophet. When He is baptised, we see that Jesus is part of the Trinity. God the Father, speaking, God the Son being lowered into the water and God the Holy Spirit, present as a dove.

In Jesus, God has sent His Son to rescue us. It is an Epiphany. The word ‘epiphany’, means ‘showing forth’. At the baptism, Jesus shows forth His identity as God. He shares His life and we can share ours.

Did you know that many Christians still go to the river Jordan to be baptised?

### Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Just before you started your ministry, you were baptised in the river- a new beginning.

After this, you began your special job.

We ask that you will be with us today to guide us, so we know what special jobs and special work you have for us to do in our lives.

Help us to be good friends with one another.

Help us to be full of love, hope and kindness and share that with everyone around us.

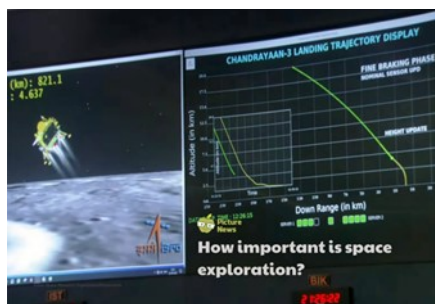
Guide us to discover our gifts and talents so we know what it is that you want us to do as we grow.

Amen



## Picture News

Christian Value: **FAITH**



**Let's look at this week's story**

In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the Moon. They were heading to the lunar South Pole, which is a less explored part of the Moon. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole. The mission, named Chandrayaan-3, has been declared a success as the Vikram lander touched down at the end of August. The lunar South Pole is covered by shadow and largely unknown.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



### **Individual Liberty**

Exploring space can be exciting and helps us to learn more about the universe. We have a responsibility to consider the impact space exploration may have and manage any risks involved.

## News from St Michael's Church: Dates for your diary

- **30th September:** Family Walk: Fleetwood to Cleveleys (6 miles– push chair/ pram friendly!)
- **Sunday 1st October: Harvest Festival 10am- featuring singing from school children ALL WELCOME**
- **Friday 20th October:** Cheese and Wine evening in school



## **25th September**

Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement. It is the most sacred and solemn day in the Jewish calendar. Yom Kippur is a day to reflect on the past year and ask God's forgiveness for any sins. Jews do not work or go to school on this day.



## **30th September Sukkot begins**

Sukkot is a week-long Jewish holiday that celebrates the autumn harvest. It is one of the most joyful festivals in Judaism, meant to bring families, friends and communities together. The holiday also commemorates the 40 years that Jews spent in the desert after escaping slavery in Egypt.

# **SAFEGUARDING**

Please see the separate attachment- '**What Parents and carers need to know about LIVE STREAMING**'.

This free online safety guide profiles live streaming – a hugely popular activity among young people that's certainly not without hazards.

Like a lot of digital services, live streaming really found its niche during the pandemic – think of Joe Wicks' at-home fitness classes, Billie Eilish's virtual gigs and Miley Cyrus' chat show, for example. Real-time broadcasting of video content over the internet isn't solely the province of celebrities, however: anyone with a device and something to say (or show) can take part.

With platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, TikTok and Twitch all offering routes to a vast online audience, young people have enthusiastically taken up the baton – streaming on subjects from gaming to sports to live shopping (yes, really!). Potentially having strangers among one's viewers, though, is just one of many concerns. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has the key information.



## **Scores for: 18.09.23– 24.09.23**



<b>1st place: year 5</b>	<b>29, 075pts</b>
2nd place: year 6	28, 786pts
3rd place: year 1	24, 922pts
4th place: year 3	23, 188pts
5th place: year 4	16, 515pts
6th place: year 2	10, 450pts
7th place: reception	4, 310pts

## **Top Students**

Reception:	Adam L
Year 1:	Oliver M
Year 2:	Aiden H
Year 3:	Teddy G
Year 4:	Mia-Rose P
Year 5:	Teddy P
Year 6:	Harry J



## FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, our Y5/6 football team were excited to take part in the Kids Cup tournament at Play Football.

We started with a last gasp 2-1 win and followed this up with a comprehensive 5-0 victory when we played some superb attacking football. In our third game, we were narrowly beaten by Goosnargh 2-1, before entering our final game against Our Lady and St Edward's needing to win to ensure qualification to the final 6 teams— we did this thanks to a goal from Avneet S.

We progressed to the final 6 and were drawn against Broughton. Unfortunately, we were beaten 4-0 by a very impressive Broughton team who were eventual winners. Nevertheless, the team can be proud of their efforts in winning 3 games and scoring 9 goals. Determination, sportsmanship and a competitive edge were all displayed by the team.

Squad- **Charlie B, Noah Y, Avneet S, Bobby G, Noah S, Riley M, Zack M, Malachy W and Harry J.**



## SWIMMING

Well done to all our year 4 children who have spent 45 minutes in the water, at Fulwood Leisure Centre, each day for the past two weeks.

The majority of our children can now swim 25m unaided using different strokes. Those who are unable, will join catch-up groups towards the end of the academic year.

## ST MICHAEL'S DAY SERVICE

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us in church for our St Michael's Day Service. The children spoke clearly, sang with great enthusiasm and our Reception children let their lights shine by sharing times when they have been brave and showcased their St Michael's Day stained glass window craft. Year 6 shared Bible readings and Reverend Jeff enjoyed leading the service and complimented the children on their behaviour and thanked them for their participation.

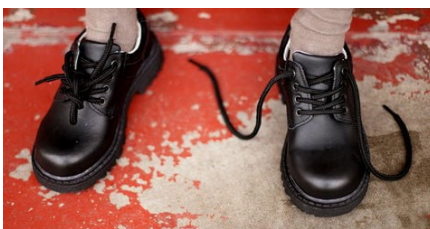
## HARVEST

We hope that your child would like to make a donation to celebrate the Harvest and also support those less fortunate than us.

Food in jars, tins or packets will be given to the Preston Foodbank and any fresh fruit or vegetables will be donated to Fox Street, for the homeless. The children will take their donations to church with them on Monday 2nd October. Please consider making a donation to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal for CRESS (via Parent Pay).

Click here to find out more:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/news/834/bishop-of-blackburn-launches-his-2023>



## Shoe laces

Please would you ensure your child is able to tie their own shoe laces. It is noticeable that more children are wearing school shoes or trainers with laces. However, it seems that many of our children are not able to tie laces themselves and are therefore walking around school with them undone— this isn't safe and looks scruffy. Thank you.