

# Grimsgarth St Michael's Newsletter

20.10.2023

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

# Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Aaliyah Q and Harry R**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Beth McG and Buddy S**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Finn W and Layna K**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Elise T and Robert L**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Harry E and Millie P**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Aamal I and Zsolt H**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Harry J and Sophia W**

Well done to **Amelia G** (year 2) for being awarded the Christian Values award.



## DIARY DATES

### Monday 30th October

3pm Whole School Worship

### Tuesday 31st

3pm Hymn Practice

**Year 1/2 mini-skills**

**Football match v Ingol (away)**

### Wednesday November 1st

3pm Key Stage Worship

### Thursday 2nd

3pm Key Stage Worship

**Football League at UCLAN**

### Friday 3rd

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 9th October)

**SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET:**

**96.4%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 98.1%**

**Reception: 99.3%**

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 95.3%

Year 3: 98.3%

**Year 4: 99.4%**

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 98.6%

## 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 final 'Show Round' is on  
Wednesday 8th November at  
9:30am.**



## SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'  
on Instagram

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



### **Prayers for Reverend Andrew Williams**

As we prepare to welcome Reverend Andrew Barrington Williams as our new vicar, please take a moment to pray for him. On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, at 3pm, the Bishop of Lancaster and Archdeacon of Lancaster will lead the service of induction and institution at St Michael's Church, Grimsargh. A huge thank you to the children who have volunteered to read prayers and/or sing during tomorrow's service.

#### **Do you know the story of 'The Fall'? Why is it important for Christians?**

On Monday, the children enjoyed listening to a Bible story from the book of Genesis. Three children kindly helped to bring the story of Adam and Eve to life. God created the world and it was perfect but something happened and it wasn't perfect any more.



#### **Can your son/ daughter tell you what happened?**

God created a beautiful, perfect world. He asked Adam and Eve to do one thing. They decided that they knew better. Sadly, they ate the forbidden fruit from the large tree in the centre of the Garden of Eden. Their relationship with God was damaged. Christians call this part of God's big story, 'The Fall.'

#### **Why is the story important for Christians?**

The story of 'The Fall', describes the word 'sin'. Adam and Eve thought they knew better than God. God wants Christians to have Him at the centre of their lives. Christians believe that God made them, created them but He also gave them free will to do what they want in life. Bishop Phillip explained that sin is when we do things our own way, instead of God's way. The children talked about examples of humans doing things their own way, instead of God's way. They gave examples of people talking about other people in a negative way, gossiping, telling lies, destroying God's creation by dropping litter, polluting the oceans, conflict and war.

Lisa Fenton and Bishop Phillip from Blackburn Diocese, explained the significance of this story, pointing out that Christians don't have a solution to sin themselves, they needed a rescuer and believe that God sent Jesus to rescue them after The Fall. Christians believe that Jesus died for them, to take away their sin.

#### **So what?**

We can make a difference and make the world a better place, just as God wants it to be.

#### **What could you do today to make the world a better place?**



#### **Prayer**

Father God,

Help us work together to make the world a much better place for everyone through our words and actions.

Give us the courage and the inspiration to do that.

Please be with us every day.

Amen

### **News from St Michael's Church**

An evening of entertainment with John Bowdler- the organist from Blackpool Tower.

**18<sup>th</sup> November 7:30 pm at St Michael's Church**

Price £10 per person with light Refreshments included

Tickets available from St Michael's Church



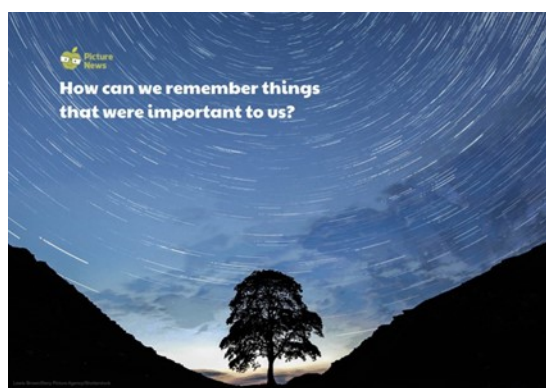
## Picture News

### Christian Value: **Forgiveness**



### **Individual Liberty**

We can choose whether to care for and protect the places and things that are special to ourselves or others. It is important to remember our actions have consequences.



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

The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28<sup>th</sup> September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.



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



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## **SAFEGUARDING**

Please see the separate attachment-  
**'What Parents and carers need to know about EA Sports FC'.**

This free online safety guide profiles EA Sports FC 24, the spiritual successor to FIFA which is likely to be a similarly spectacular hit among young football fans.

For 20 years, FIFA dominated the football video gaming arena, attracting legions of devoted fans and scooping up accolades like a digital Real Madrid. After parting ways with the sport's governing body, however, renowned developers Electronic Arts (EA) have now launched their own individual bid for the title. It's called EA Sports FC 24, and its effectively FIFA 2.0.

Familiar action delivered by the same team, of course, points to a comparable level of popularity – especially among those young gamers raised on the FIFA franchise. As our #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights, however, EA Sports FC 24 also carries many similar risks to its predecessor, including addictive gameplay, abusive voice chats and expensive in-game purchases.



### **Scores for: 9.10.23– 15.10.23**

<b>1st place: year 4</b>	<b>38, 880pts</b>
2nd place: year 1	25, 445pts
3rd place: year 5	23, 649pts
4th place: year 3	23, 620pts
5th place: reception	20, 971pts
6th place: year 6	19, 994pts
7th place: year 2	15, 241pts

### **Top Students**

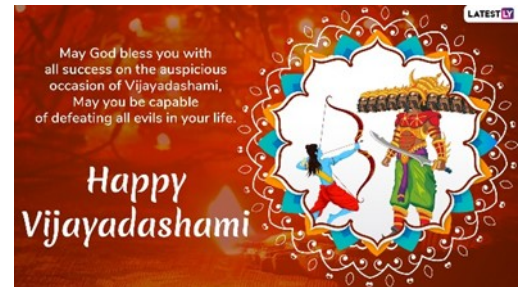
Reception:	Elijah N
Year 1:	Niamh M
Year 2:	Dylan H
Year 3:	Sophia L
Year 4:	Oscar H
Year 5:	Evan W
Year 6:	Amber R



**24.10.23.**

### **Vijay Dashmi (Hindu)**

Vijayadashmi, or Dusshera is the 10th and the last day of Durga Puj. This year, it's October 24. All over India Hindus celebrate this day in many different ways. In some parts, it's the day Goddess Durga killed the demon, Mahishasur. After nine days of Navratri, the festival culminates with the immersion of the idol of Durga. This was also the day King Rama, an avatar of Vishnu, killed Ravana, the 10-headed demon. The celebrations focus on good overcoming evil.



### **SPORT: Hockey**

Our hockey team played both their final hockey league game and the hockey tournament on Tuesday, 17 Oct at UCLAN.

The team showed great team spirit and determination in their games but despite a brave fight (especially in the early stages of the games) they lost 5-0 to St Andrew's and 3-0 v Barton St. Lawrence. We recovered well to put on resolute performances v Goosnargh in a 0-0 draw and then in a narrow 1-0 defeat v St. Anthony's.

A massive thank you to our parents who helped to transport, watch and support our team - many even helping with food and first aid to their children also!

Team: **Amber R, Tia T, Erin T, Joshua P, Zack M, Evan W, Reggie C, Bob G and Noah Y**

### **Trikidz**

The children had a fantastic time last Thursday enjoying activities related to the triathlon provided by #trikidz.

They used resistance bands to replicate swimming, standing fixed bikes for cycling and also had some friendly yet competitive running competitions (some of which the teachers joined in!)- all this was at no cost to school.

The organisers of the event praised the children for their excellent attitude and listening skills. Big thanks to Jahn and Sarah for their time and we wish every success to their amazing charitable organisation.



### **BONFIRE & FIREWORKS NIGHT**

Archbishop Temple Church of England High School's PTA is delighted to announce details of their forthcoming Bonfire and Fireworks Night on Friday 3rd November 2023.

The PTA Bonfire and Fireworks Night starts at 6.30pm with food and music. There will be a wide selection of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food choices on offer including pies, hot dogs, burgers, parched peas, veggie curries, drinks, cakes and sweets.

The bonfire will be lit at 7.00pm and the spectacular firework display will begin at 8.00pm. Tickets are £6 each or £20 for a family of 4 and are available to buy online from their school website.

<https://www.archbishoptemple.com/events/2023-11-03-bonfire-and-fireworks-event>

Please take a copy of your tickets on your phone or a printout on the night.

**Please note:** this is a ticket only event. There will be no tickets available to buy on the gate, on the night. This is a non-smoking event and please do not bring alcohol onto school grounds. Parking will not be available onsite. Parking will be available at Preston College.