

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

24.11.2023

*'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): **Eli G and Poppy S**  
Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Esther H and Maddie H**  
Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **George C and Abel F**  
Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Shaun C and Sophie J**  
Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Zak J and Joshua P**  
Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Malachy W and Amelia T**  
Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Alice R**

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 13th November)

**SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.6%**

Reception: 98.3%

**Year 1: 99.3%**

**Year 2: 97.3%**

**Year 3: 98.2%**

**Year 4: 96.5%**

**Year 5: 98.7%**

**Year 6: 95.2%**

## Key Christmas Dates- December

Sat 2nd:	Christmas Fair (1-4pm)
Weds 6th:	1pm PANTO
Mon 11th:	KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal 2pm
Tues 12th:	KS1 Nativity 2pm
<b>Weds 13th:</b>	<b>Rocksteady Concert 10am</b>
Weds 13th:	KS1 Nativity 6pm
Fri 15th:	Christmas jumper & lunch
Mon 18th	Reception nativity dress rehearsal 9:30am
Weds 20th	Reception nativity @ St Michael's Church 10am
Thurs 21st	Whole school Christmas service at St Michael's Church 9:15am (Parents/ carers welcome)
Fri 22nd	SCHOOL CLOSING @ 3:25pm



## DIARY DATES

### Monday 27th November

3pm Whole School Worship

### Tuesday 28th

3pm Hymn Practice

**10:30am Yr5/6 Gymnastics  
competition**

### Wednesday 29th

3pm Key Stage Worship

### Thursday 30th

3pm Key Stage Worship

### Friday 1st December

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

**Extra- curricular clubs finish**

**6:45pm PENALTIES ON PNE**



## SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'  
on Instagram

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



"Forgiveness is the best form of love. It takes a strong person to say sorry and an even stronger person to forgive"

### When was the last time you said, 'sorry', to somebody?

Saying sorry can be hard to do. The story of Jonah and the Whale in the Old Testament is a famous story from the Bible about saying sorry and asking for forgiveness.



Jonah is told by God that he must go to Nineveh and tell the people living there to lead better lives or God will punish them. But Jonah doesn't want to do God's

bidding so he jumps aboard a ship going in the opposite direction. God sends a great storm and the sailors throw Jonah overboard and he is promptly swallowed by the whale. Jonah spends three days in the whale's stomach praying to God for forgiveness and when a great fishy burp releases him he goes straight to Nineveh and delivers God's message.

Saying sorry is an acknowledgement of having done something wrong - of being less than perfect - and it's not unusual to feel that way because our pride can get in the way.

*Why is it important that we say sorry when we've done something wrong?*

Saying sorry is a first step towards receiving forgiveness and making things better again.

*When we say sorry to someone that we've hurt what should the other person do in return?*

#### Prayer

When we do wrong help us to say sorry.

And when others say sorry to us for doing wrong, help us to forgive.

Thank you that we can make things better again.

*Amen*

## **We need your help..**



We are looking forward to the **Parish Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December at 1pm.**

Our school will again have a stall at this festive event. This year, the theme for our stall is blue and silver. Please send a blue and/ or silver Christmas item into school with your son or daughter **before Wednesday 29th November**. Examples include, Christmas wrapping paper, a Christmas tree decoration, bubble bath, chocolates, Christmas biscuits, candles.

Please don't worry if the item has other colours in it, as long as the main colour/s match our theme. Thank you for your continued support.



### News from St Michael's Church

**Save the date:**

**Parish Christmas Fair in the school hall on  
Saturday 2nd December: 1-3pm**



Jigsaw Club (Jesus Is Great Special And Wonderful)  
10am Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at St Michael's Church  
All school aged children welcome



**Guru Tegh Bahadur** was a talented poet and wrote 115 hymns that are included in the main text of Sikhi - the Guru Granth Sahib.

**Guru Tegh Bahadur** was the ninth of ten gurus who founded the **Sikh** religion and was the leader of **Sikhs** from 1665 until 1675. Sikhs remember him on 24<sup>th</sup> November.





*Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community*



We have sent a school donation of £175 to Children In Need which includes Nursery's collection. Thank you.

## WHOLE SCHOOL BAKE-OFF COMPETITION

Test your baking & maths skills!

Wednesday 29th November

Six categories to enter:

EYFS/Nursery

KS1

LKS2

UKS2

Parents / Family

Staff

Entries to be dropped off at the hall

first thing for judging

LET'S BAKE!

All bakes will be sold at the end of the day in the hall  
to raise money for the PTFA

### FAIRTRADE FRIDAY

It is Fairtrade Friday on the 8th December. Each child will receive a carton of juice and a biscuit bought through your charities contributions. This can be made via ParentPay. If you haven't made this contribution, please could I ask that you do so. Thank you.

### LONGRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

On the last two Tuesdays, our year 5 children, in two separate groups visited Longridge High School for their taster day. They took part and enjoyed a Design and Technology lesson, in which they made a pencil holder, a PE lesson in which they practiced their basketball skills, a French lesson in which they played some fun games and a Science lesson in which they used the Bunsen burners to burn different metals. They also enjoyed pizza in the cafeteria for lunch!



### Bobbies On A Bauble

Bobbies on a bauble is a new art competition for primary school aged children in Lancashire. On a separate e-mail you'll find a template for the designs to go into- children can draw whatever they want, as long as it has a policing element in it (officer, car, dogs, horses, crest, checkered pattern etc).

The winner will be featured in the Chief Constable's Christmas e-card and they will win some arts and crafts goodies, a certificate and a £150 book voucher for their school. The runner ups will also get some arts and crafts goodies and a certificate too.

**The deadline to submit entries is Dec 6 at  
23:59pm.**

Media and Engagement - Lancashire Police HQ

## The Big Ambition

'The Big Ambition' survey will enable me to hear directly from children and young people about what they need from the government to make their lives better.

I want to ensure that the views of all children and young people in Lancashire have their voices heard. I will be using what children tell me to inform what I say to politicians and decision makers nationally.

The survey is still open and there are still several weeks left for children to fill it in.

You can access the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition).

Further resources can be found on The Big Ambition [webpage](#).

By completing this survey, you will be helping me to ensure that the voices of children in your area are heard by politicians and decision makers.

Dame Rachel de Souza (Children's Commissioner for England)



## SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment- '**Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday**'

This free online safety guide has tips on navigating Black Friday and Cyber Monday: two of the year's busiest days for online shopping- and, regrettably, for cybercrime.

Gone are the days of Black Friday only existing in the physical environs of the high street. Now, both this retail landmark and its sister event, Cyber Monday, see deals and discounts displayed across almost every online retailer. The array of reductions makes this an ideal moment to treat a loved one (or yourself!) to those treasured items for considerably less than their usual cost.

The frantic dash for the best bargains online, however, also harbours several risks: chiefly, cybercriminals hoping to exploit people's excitement and hoodwink them out of their hard-earned cash. Our #WakeUpWednesday has some expert pointers on keeping your both your money and your personal information safe while still making the most of the spectacular sales.



## *MATHLETICS*

**Scores for: 13.11.23– 19.11.23**



<b>1st place: year 6</b>	<b>40, 715pts</b>
2nd place: year 5	35, 875pts
3rd place: year 1	33, 447pts
4th place: year 4	32, 719pts
5th place: year 3	27, 878pts
6th place: reception	25, 636pts
7th place: year 2	23, 709pts

### Top Students

Reception:	Thomas E
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	George C
Year 3:	Isla-Rae K
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Amelia T
Year 6:	Oscar P