

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

08.12.2023

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Nola F and Jack W**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Daniel L and Penelope P**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Amelia G and Ben G**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Robert L and Jocelyn G**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Rory B and Tilly M**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Charlie B and Harriet H**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Harry J and Attis S**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 20th November)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.5%

Reception: 91.9%

Year 1: 98.7%

Year 2: 94.3%

Year 3: 93%

Year 4: 98.1%

Year 5: 97.7%

Year 6: 94.5%

Key Christmas Dates

December

Mon 11th:	KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal 2pm
Tues 12th:	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Weds 13th:	Rocksteady Concert 10am
Weds 13th:	KS1 Nativity 6pm
Thurs 14th:	Clarinet performance 3pm
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 CLOSURES @ 3:25pm



DIARY DATES

Monday 11th December

2pm KS1 Christmas performance
dress rehearsal

Tuesday 12th

2pm KS1 Christmas performance

Wednesday 13th

3pm Key Stage Worship

10am **ROCK STEADY Concert**

6pm KS1 Christmas performance

Thursday 14th

3pm **Clarinet Performance**

Friday 15th

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & JUMPER DAY



Instagram

SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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





Advent

Advent is a time of preparation. Christians are getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.
How are you preparing for Jesus this Christmas?

The second Advent candle is a purple candle. It is often referred to as the, 'Prophet's Candle,' in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah. Isaiah foretold the birth of Christ. The second Advent candle symbolises hope and it reminds Christians that Jesus is coming.

Can you bring joy and hope into the lives of others? How?

Lord God,
Help us to use this season of Advent to be ready for your Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant us joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth at Christmas;
give us hope as we wait for Him to return in glory; for He is the light of the world.
Amen



THANK YOU

Letting our light shine around the world. A huge thank you to everyone who donated a shoe box to International Aid Trust. When you send a shoe box you are sending more than just a box full of useful and fun gifts; it's personal, a gift just for the person receiving it, a message of hope and love, that reflects the love of Jesus. Letting children and adults in desperate circumstances know that someone cares and they are not forgotten.



St Michael's Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated blue and silver items to the school stall and/or joined in the festivities at the Christmas Fair. The event was a huge success and the total raised is £2200. All proceeds go towards St Michael's Church funds. A percentage of the proceeds maintain the Barchester fund, which feeds directly into projects and resources for our school.



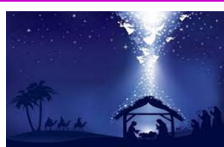
A special thank you to the volunteers from the church community for hosting such a wonderful event, Reverend Andy for opening the fair and the school children who let their light shine in our village by singing at the opening and/or helping out on the stalls or sound system.



Date for your diary

Thursday 21st December 9:15am

Whole school Carol Service in Church: led by KS2. Parents and carers welcome.

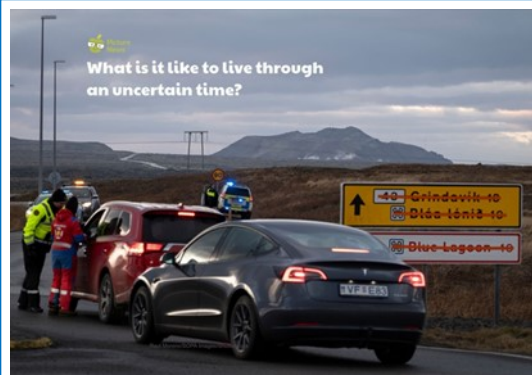
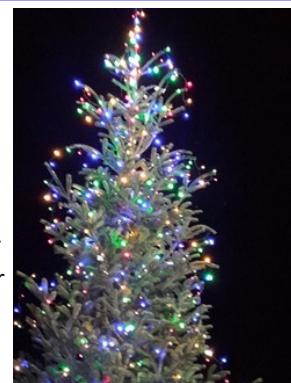




Blessing of the Crib

Well done to the children in our school choir who entertained everyone at the village event last Friday night. Reverend Andy and Father Doyle (from Alston Lane RC Church) took the lead during the outdoor service on the village green. Villagers young and old gathered together, sampled mulled wine or hot chocolate, sang Christmas carols and enjoyed the outdoor service which culminated in the blessing of the Crib. Our school choir performed three Christmas Carols, They sang beautifully.

Thank you to all involved.



Picture News

Christian Value:

Faith

Let's look at this week's story



Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

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



Rule of Law

Sometimes rules, such as not allowing people to stay in their homes, may be introduced in response to an event. They are put in place to help protect people and keep them safe.

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Reflection



Predicting a volcanic eruption, which can cause huge devastation to its surrounding area, is hard. Like many unpredictable situations that can make life difficult, a lot of resilience and planning ahead can help to ensure safety and a positive outcome.



PANTO

On Wednesday we travelled on four coaches to

The Grand theatre in Clitheroe.

It was the perfect venue with the performance just for us!

The children represented school superbly, enjoying the show...and the refreshments! We were informed that we

have been the tidiest school who have visited this Christmas.

I would like to thank all volunteers for giving up their time to help make this visit



Christmas Quiz

James Cowell (a past pupil) has again produced a Christmas quiz to help raise funds for the church. They are always good fun, especially for adults and grandparents.

If you would like to purchase one, then please bob into the school office with £2. There is a prize of £20- the winner will be chosen at random.

Lovely news to share

This evening, Savannah A-R, one of our year 4 children, is taking part in a sponsored hair-cut. Savannah has been growing her hair for over 18 months and it is finally long enough to donate approximately 12 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust.

The charity focuses on making wigs for poorly children who have lost their hair due to illness or side effects from medication.

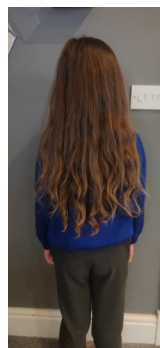
When a child loses their hair to cancer, The Little Princess Trust will be there with a free, real hair wig to help restore their confidence and identity. The wigs costs approximately £700 each to make, fit and style so Savannah is fundraising to help cover some of that cost!



If you would like to support Savannah, please visit her GoFundMe page (you will need to copy the address below and paste into your web browser):

<https://gofund.me/42c239cc>

We are very proud of you Savannah.



THANK YOU

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Coar will enjoy her final day with us on Friday 22nd December.

Mrs Coar has worked at our school for many years and has supported hundreds of children to reach their potential. I know that Mrs Coar will be truly missed but will be fondly remembered.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Coar all the best for her future endeavours.

SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment-
‘What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Disney+’

This free online safety guide examines the hugely popular streaming service Disney+ for potential risks, giving advice on how to avoid them.

In 2019, media titan Disney launched its own streaming platform, intending to challenge the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. Giving (often exclusive) access to shows and movies – such as the legendary studio’s animated classics and the revered Star Wars back catalogue – Disney+ has been a colossal success, proving popular with viewers of all ages.

Despite Disney’s reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there’s far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company’s general image. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.



Scores for: 27.11.23– 3.12.23



1st place: year 4	30, 077pts
2nd place: year 6	29, 665pts
3rd place: year 1	27, 644pts
4th place: year 5	27, 239pts
5th place: year 3	26, 824pts
6th place: reception	20, 910pts
7th place: year 2	17, 651pts

Top Students

Reception:	Thomas E
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	Ben G
Year 3:	Elissa D
Year 4:	Oscar H
Year 5:	Amelia T
Year 6:	Rory S

PTFA News

POP-UP PTFA STALL FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

The PTFA is holding a pop-up festive stall on Friday 8th December from 3.15pm selling:

- Christmas jumpers: £2 each
- T-Towels: £5 each
- Baubles to decorate: £1 each
- Raffle Tickets: £2 each

Cash or card payments accepted.



BAUBLE DECORATING DEADLINE EXTENSION

12th December

A little Elf told the PTFA that the Vicar won't be judging the bauble decorations until December 13th.

This means we can extend the deadline for bauble decorating entries to 12th December, so you have another weekend to fit this in if you want to.



If you haven't bought yours yet, they cost £1 per wooden bauble via ParentPay or at the pop-up stall on Friday.

Return to school by 12th December with child's name and year group on the back.

Good luck!

CHRISTMAS AT LONGRIDGE LIBRARY

Please find below details of the upcoming Longridge Library events. The housebound customers and residents of our local care homes would love to receive a card made by any young reader.



Kids for Kindness

- **Thursday 14 December**
- **3pm to 6pm (drop-in)**
- **All ages – children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult**

Help spread some Christmas cheer by making a special, sparkly card for an older person in our community who might experience loneliness or isolation this winter.

Hand Bell Ringing

- **Saturday 16 December**
- **11am to 12pm**
- **All ages – children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult**

Jingle all the way with the hand bell ringers from St Lawrence with St Paul! Come and hear them play and have a go yourself.

Christmas Singalong

- **Saturday 23 December**
- **11am to 11.30am**
- **All ages – children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult**

Rock around the Christmas tree at our Christmas Eve celebration! Festive fun with a singalong of your favourite carols and other classics.