

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

15.12.2023

*'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): **Elijah N and Martha W**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **ALL YEAR 1**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **ALL YEAR 2**

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

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Savannah A-R and Eilee S**

Year 5 (Miss Reeve): **Emilia B and Fred C**

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Noah S and Bob G**

**Please note that there will be no 'Star' awards next week.**

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 4th December)

**SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.2%**

**Reception: 95.8%**

**Year 1: 95%**

**Year 2: 97.3%**

**Year 3: 94.7%**

**Year 4: 99.7%**

**Year 5: 96%**

**Year 6: 94.8%**

## **Thursday 21st December**

**Whole School Christmas Carol Service in St Michael's Church**

Reverend Andy, along with some of our children, will lead us in our final Worship of this term— our Christmas worship for our whole school.

You are welcome to join us but with our whole school attending there will be limited seating.

Mince pies and refreshments will be served after the service.



## DIARY DATES

### Monday 18th December

3pm Whole school worship

**9:30am Reception Nativity dress rehearsal**

**Year 5/6 Christmas Party**

### Tuesday 19th

3pm Singing practice

**Year 3/4 Christmas Party**

### Wednesday 20th

3pm Key stage worship

**10am Reception Nativity in St Michael's Church**

**Reception, year 1 & 2 Christmas Party**

### Thursday 21st

3pm Key stage worship

**9:15am Whole school Christmas worship in St Michael's Church**

### Friday 22nd

2:30pm Celebration Assembly

**SCHOOL CLOSSES 3:25pm**



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## SOCIAL MEDIA



**'grimsarghstmichaels'**  
on Instagram

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





## **Advent**

### **Advent 3 - John The Baptist**

**Why is John the Baptist special?**

**Do you know about his birth?**

**What was his special task?**

When we gathered for worship on Tuesday morning, Miss Cross kindly settled the children and ensured that they waited patiently for Miss Smith. Miss Smith apologised for being late, by saying, *"Sorry to have kept you waiting. I hope you are ready."* (The teachers staged this).

For Christians, Advent is meant to be a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus, and preparation for the celebration of His birth. We are all busy getting ready for Christmas and the children formulated a list of jobs for Advent. This included writing cards, buying presents, wrapping presents, baking cakes, putting up decorations, hanging stockings and singing carols. Long before Jesus was born people were preparing for His coming. They didn't know when, where, or how He would come, but they started preparing.

Here's the list the children collated:

**The Prophets:** Reminded people about God.

**Gabriel:** Announced the good news to Mary and the shepherds.

**Mary:** Looked after herself and the baby inside her; preparing for the birth.

**Joseph:** Looked after Mary and prepared for the birth.

**John the Baptist:** His birth was very special. A gift from God and later, he announced Jesus' special work.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= OO84K9RuF0>

The children had to wait at the beginning of worship, we hope this reminded them that Advent is a time of waiting and being ready. As well as preparing things for the celebrations, we need to prepare ourselves.

**Dear God,  
We thank you for this special time of Advent,  
a special time of waiting and preparation.  
Help us, while we go about our preparations,  
to find time to think of the gift of Jesus  
that you gave to us at that first Christmas time.  
Amen.**

## **Happy Christmas...**

As part of our courageous advocacy the year 4 children designed and made cards for the parishioners about shining Jesus' light at Christmas.

The children met with the parishioners after the KS1 Christmas nativity dress rehearsal on Monday to share this Christmas message and give their cards.





## HOUSE POINTS

The children have been excited about earning 'gems' and 'orbs' to add to their house container this term.

After exchanging each 'orb' for 20 gems, and weighing each container, it was revealed that **PANKHURST** are the winning house for this term.

Children in **PANKHURST** can wear non-uniform on our last day— Friday 22nd December.

## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised  
**£168.26.**



## KS1 Christmas Nativity 'Bethlehem Ballroom'

This week, the children of year 1 and 2 let their lights shine in their Christmas nativity production of 'Bethlehem Ballroom'.

*Bethlehem's newest ballroom opened its doors to the many visitors arriving for the Census. For the guests who arrived early enough, it was party time and the music was playing! For those faced with a longer journey- such as Mary and Joseph - it meant there was no room anywhere!*



The children worked extremely hard to put on such a fantastic performance and amazed us all with their singing, dancing and acting. Well done everyone! Mrs Coupe

Thank you very much for your contributions towards our chosen charity, 'Cash for Kids'. You raised a grand total of **£270.**



## Shoebox gifts— Thank you

We received a certificate and note from International Aid Trust thanking us for filling shoebox gifts and for our kind donations towards shoebox transport.

*'Each shoebox brings great joy to the person who receives it, like the little girl pictured in the Kherson region of Ukraine.'*

*Thank you to all those of you who filled a shoe box.*



## PTFA Bauble Winners

Reception - **Neve H**

Year 1 - **Beth McG**

Year 2 - **Eliza K**

Year 3 - **Sophie J**

Year 4 - **Scarlett K**

Year 5 - **Anabelle L**

Year 6 - **Seb W**



Special Creative Award - **Jaiden W** Year 5

Thank you to Rev Andy for giving up his time to support the PTFA and judging this competition.

Many thanks for all those who bought a bauble and supported the PTFA.

## ROCKSTEADY CONCERT

We had a fantastic time watching our Rocksteady rock bands perform for us this Wednesday morning. They performed some brilliant songs and showed lots of confidence!

We are in the process of getting some more letters sent out in case any of your children are interested in joining a band too, and learning either the drums, guitar, keyboard, or singing.

Well done again to our rockstars! Miss Lemmings



## SAFEGUARDING

Please see the separate attachment.

**This week's free online safety guide focuses on the 12 online safety tips of Christmas for children with new devices.**

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas!

In the guide, you'll find tips such as how to turn location settings off, how to discourage device dependency and how to set up parental controls.



## MATHLETICS

**Scores for: 4.12.23– 10.12.23**



<b>1st place: year 1</b>	<b>34, 880pts</b>
<b>2nd place: year 6</b>	<b>34, 173pts</b>
<b>3rd place: year 3</b>	<b>27, 209pts</b>
<b>4th place: year 4</b>	<b>25, 520pts</b>
<b>5th place: reception</b>	<b>24, 140pts</b>
<b>6th place: year 5</b>	<b>21, 845pts</b>
<b>7th place: year 2</b>	<b>17, 063pts</b>

### Top Students

<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Thomas E</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Charlotte H</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>Aiden H</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Elissa D</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Thomas G</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Amelia T</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Sophia W</b>