

# Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

08.03.2024

*'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

Last week for extra-curricular clubs unless you are informed otherwise by the club lead.

### Monday 11th March

3pm Whole school worship

### Tuesday 12th

3pm Singing practice

**9am Year 5 Hockey Skills at LHS**  
**9:30am Year 3/4 Football Tournament**

### Wednesday 13th

3pm Key stage worship

### Thursday 14th

3pm Key stage worship

### Friday 15th March

2:45pm Celebration Assembly  
**PTFA Non-uniform– Easter Egg**

# Congratulations!

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

Reception (Miss Lemmings): **Aaron A and Livie S**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Beth McG and Oliver B**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Primrose C and Erica P**

Year 3 (Mr Brooks): **Ruby C and Elissa D**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Harry M and Scarlett K**

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

Year 6 (Miss Cross): **Milly H and Harry J**

## Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 26th February)

**SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET:**  
**96.4%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL:**  
**97.6%**

Reception: 94.5%

Year 1: 95.7%

**Year 2: 97%**

Year 3: 98.5%

**Year 4: 100%**

Year 5: 98.3%

Year 6: 99%

## Attendance

Please find below some positive data around attendance at our school. Please continue to avoid any unnecessary absences.

- Our whole school attendance this academic year, up to and including the 9th February is 97.1%.
- We are ranked 7th of 425 schools in our Local Authority
- We are in 'Decile 1' – the top 0-10% of schools Nationally.

We will continue to work with you to support you in improving your child's attendance.

- We currently have 9 persistently absent pupils (attendance below 90%)



Instagram

## SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'  
on Instagram

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



# Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community



## Do you know anything about Jeremiah or the story 'Down in the well'?

Bishop Jill explained to the children (via video) that when Jeremiah was taken into exile in Babylon, he was under pressure. He heard some very fiery words from God. Sometimes Christians feel closest to God when they are under immense pressure.

Is not My Word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock into pieces?

Jeremiah 23:29

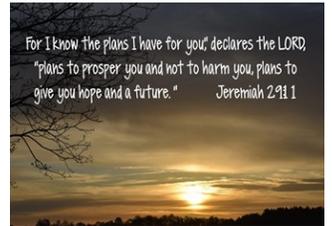


Bishop Jill explained to us that Jeremiah felt the word of God so strongly in his heart that it felt like a hammer, addressing all the bad events that were taking place at that time. Jeremiah felt the pressure when he told people about the word of God and ended up down a well!

## Have you ever been in a dark place?

Jeremiah was in a dark place in the well. In the dark place, the word of God continued to burn in his heart. God had plans for him. Christians believe that God has plans for them too.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



If you find yourself in a dark place, shout out like Jeremiah because Christians believe that God always hears and He wants good things for us. By Jesus, He will always come and rescue us.



Prayer  
Father God,

We thank you for the story of Jeremiah and how he was faithful to you,  
And you were so faithful to him.

He put his trust in you and he was rescued from that well.

Thank you for being there, even when we are in a dark place.

Amen

Think about how you can reach out to people who might be in a dark place?



Let's look at this week's story

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an emphasis on fun, the charity believes. Many schools choose to recognise the day by encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing in their favourite books and holding other reading activities in school.

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

## Picture News

Christian Value:

Hope

Bible Reading:

1 Peter 1:3



## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Reading can help us to learn more about our world. It can help us understand and respect other people's faiths, beliefs and culture and that life is not the same for everyone.



## Hindu festival of Maha Shivratri on March 9th.

Maha Shivaratri is a Hindu festival celebrated annually in honour of the deity Shiva.

Maha Shivaratri literally translates as 'The Great Night of Shiva.'



## Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. It begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon.

## Mothering Sunday

This week, Year 6 led our whole school worship all about Mother's Day.

Mothering Sunday, or Mother's Day, is a day to celebrate mothers that recurs every year. Children show their love and gratitude to their mothers on Mothering Sunday through giving cards and gifts, as well as through acts of kindness. This year Mothering Sunday is on the 10th March.

Different countries celebrate Mother's Day on different days. In many countries, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, including Australia and the US. In the UK, however, Mother's Day is linked to Easter, so it is celebrated on the fourth Sunday during Lent.

The origins of Mother's Day are in ancient Greece when they would celebrate Rhea, the Mother of the Gods and Goddesses. This would be celebrated every spring with festivals of worship. The Romans also had their own version of Mother's Day, celebrating a mother Goddess called Cybele every March since 250 BC.

Mothering Sunday was a religious event in the 16th century, referring to the 'Mother Church', rather than our own mothers. 'Mother Church' refers to the main church or cathedral of the area and people would traditionally go to their 'Mother Church' for a special service on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This has developed over time into the Mother's Day we celebrate today.



Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and say thank you to all the amazing women in our lives. This could be your mum, step mum, auntie, sister, grandma, godmother or family friend. It is a chance for people to show that they are grateful for what these special people do for them.

### **On Mother's Day, what could you do to say thank you?**

There are lots of lovely ways we can show we are grateful to our mother figures, but these don't have to cost a lot of money – it is the thought that counts.

Loving God,

Thank you for mothers everywhere.

Thank you for mother figures in our lives who bring us joy.

Thank you for mums no longer here on earth with us but up with you in heaven.

Thank you for children across the world and let them remember their mothers with delight on this day.

We say a special prayer for those who are grieving for their mums, those who are struggling to become mums and those mums across the world who are protecting their families from conflict, hunger or violence.

Unite all mothers together in your love. In Jesus' name.

Amen



### **COMPETITION TIME** Would you like to design an Easter Egg Wrapper?

St Michael's Church are delighted to announce a competition to design your own Easter Egg Wrapper. Please note the design must incorporate aspects of the Easter Story. **All designs will be displayed in church over Easter.**

Prizes for every entry plus an Easter Egg for the winners in each class and over all winner in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Please ensure that your design fits on a piece of A4 paper and your name and Year group are clearly displayed on the back.

Place your entries in the box in the entrance. Closing date: **Good Friday (29th March 2024)**

## Girls Football

Last Thursday, our girls' football team played their first two matches of the league season. In both games, the girls displayed hard work and determination which was great to see. Despite this, in game one, against Goosnargh, the girls lost 3-0. Perhaps even more determined because of this, in their next game, against Blessed Sacrament, the girls won 1-0 with Amber scoring the winner. A mixed evening with results but great qualities shown by the girls in both games.

Our girls football team played their third and fourth matches yesterday. They started against Fulwood and Cadley and carried on where they left off last week. The girls worked so well together as a team and started with a 1-0 win. Next up, the girls faced a stubborn St Stephen's team. Again, plenty of endeavour led to another 1-0 victory. The team demonstrated plenty of industry and application and deserved both results. We now have 3 wins and 9 points this season with our final two fixtures to come.

Game 1: Player of the Match - **Erin T** for an excellent performance in goal. Confident handling and kicking throughout.  
 Game 2: Player of the Match - **Amber R** for the decisive moment in the match gaining our first win & points of the season.  
 Game 3: Player of the Match - **Milly H** for non-stop effort and brilliant forward play.  
 Game 4: Player of the Match - **Tia T** for calm defending and fantastic passes to open up the game.

Squad: Amber R, Tia T, Annie-Rose N, Erin T, Milly H, Florence B-R, Hannah R, Jocelyn B, Ellie R, Freya W

# SAFEGUARDING

## Please see the separate attachment- '10 Top Tips on Supporting Children with Self-Regulation'

As infants, we all rely completely on adults to help us resolve situations that are causing us to become upset or stressed. This is known as co-regulation. The next phase, once autonomy has begun to develop, is called self-regulation: this is when children start to become capable of exercising more control over their impulses and behaviour, and managing their own emotions.

This vital developmental milestone, however, isn't reached spontaneously. Learning to self-regulate requires sensitive guidance from trusted adults – simply talking with children about their thoughts and feelings, for instance, can ease the route to self-regulation. This #WakeUpWednesday guide has some expert tips for supporting children to reach this goal.



Scores for: 26.2.24– 03.3.24



<b>1st place: year 1</b>	<b>48, 537pts</b>
2nd place: year 4	25, 860pts
3rd place: reception	20, 380pts
4th place: year 2	18, 503pts
5th place: year 6	17, 050pts
6th place: year 3	13, 026pts
7th place: year 5	11, 649pts

### Top Students

Reception:	Adam L
Year 1:	Charlotte H
Year 2:	Freddie W
Year 3:	Brook W
Year 4:	Emilia E
Year 5:	Aryan C
Year 6:	Rory S



## Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, our swimming team competed in the annual Preston Schools' Swimming Gala, held at West View Leisure Centre.

Our team competed in Division 3 against St Anthony's, Whitechapel, Harris, St Pius and Woodplumpton.

Our swimmers were a credit to our school, performing with competitiveness but also great sportsmanship.

We saw some excellent individual performances in the boys front crawl and backstroke, resulting in 2 gold medals for Evan W, and in the boys breaststroke, resulting in a silver medal for Tobias L.

In the girls' individual races, Emilia L won 2 gold medals in the front crawl and backstroke finals. Our team also came 2nd in both the Medley Relay and the Front Crawl Relay.

In total, we won GOLD in 4 of the 6 finals and SILVER in another, finishing in 2nd place and winning promotion to Division 2 next year.

Well done to **Evan W, Tobias L, Ellis T, Rory B, Emilia L, Matilda B and Ellie R.**



School Council have been making plans for Red Nose Day.

**FRIDAY 15 MARCH**

They would like you to consider wearing something red as part of your non uniform on the day- you could even dress 'red to toe'!

They have planned quizzes and activities to do throughout the day.

We will use £1 from your charity donation made at the start of the year to send to Comic Relief. Please pay via Parentpay if you haven't already done so. Thank you for your support!



## LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Year 5 had an amazing time at the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra watching a performance inspired by the Olympics. We listened, we watched, we sung and we even got the chance to conduct a piece of music ourselves!

Miss Reeve

