



Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

6th June 2025

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

PTFA Event

🎪 ROLL UP, ROLL UP! CIRCUS TICKETS ON SALE NOW! 🎪

Tickets for the PTFA Circus event on Saturday 5th July are now on sale!

With dazzling acts, hilarious clowns and even a giant giraffe 🦒 – it's going to be a day to remember!

🎫 Showtimes: 1pm, 2.30pm & 4pm

🎫 Tickets: £10 adults | £7.50 children | £30 family of 4

📱 How to book: Via ParentPay

We are grateful to Gold Sponsors, James Hall SPAR and Universal Product Solutions Ltd, without whom this event would not be possible, and all the other brilliant local businesses that have pledged their support ❤️

RAW Fitness | D&T Dance | Goosnargh Removals | Grimsargh Blinds | Tiny Talk baby signing | Mrs Polly's Travels | Ribble Valley Handyman | Craft & Crust | Comedy Dining | Lucie Hughes Travel | Bretherton's Coaches | PJA Technical

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 12th May)

**SCHOOL MINIMUM
TARGET: 96.4%**

WHOLE SCHOOL: 98%

Reception: **97.7%**

Year 1: **98.7%**

Year 2: **96.7%**

Year 3: **97.6%**

Year 4: **98.9%**

Year 5: **98.8%**

Year 6: **98.3%**

Confirmation 2025

Congratulations to Hannah, Matilda and Ruby. On Sunday 18th May 2025 three of our pupils were confirmed by Bishop Jill, the Bishop of Lancaster.



DIARY DATES

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK

Monday 9th June

3pm Whole school worship
1:30pm Pentecost parties (KS1)/ workshops (KS2)

Tuesday 10th June

3pm Hymn practice
9:30am Reception Mini-skills

Wednesday 11th June

3pm Key Stage worship

Thursday 12th June

3pm Key Stage worship
9:30am Dynamos Cricket at F&B cricket club- boys

1pm Fylde Coast cricket sessions (year 3 & 4)

3:30pm KS2 Fylde Coast cricket club

Friday 13th June

2:45pm Celebration assembly
9:30am Dynamos Cricket at F&B cricket club- girls



SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels' on Instagram

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



WORSHIP- Ascension Day



This week, the children learned about the **Ascension of Jesus**—the moment when Christians remember Him returning to heaven. They reflected on feelings of loss and imagined what it would be like to lose a close friend, just as the disciples did. The group talked about **special items that remind us of friends**, drawing a connection to how the disciples’ memories helped shape the New Testament stories.

They were also invited to think about: **Do you have something that reminds you of a friend? Why is it special?**

A prayer was shared, thanking God for friendship and asking for guidance in being faithful and true friends.

Garden Party

🎉 Grimsargh St Michael’s Church & School Garden Party

📅 Saturday, 21st June

📍 Grimsargh St Michael's C of E Primary School

🕒 Arrive at 12:50 pm for a 1:00 pm start. Dances finish by 2:30 pm

All pupils (Nursery–Year 6) will perform a dance they’ve been practising with their teachers. Families and friends are warmly invited to enjoy stalls, entertainment, homemade refreshments, and ice cream.

🏠 Proceeds support Grimsargh St Michael’s Church and the Barchester fund, which helps fund school projects and resources — a chance to show appreciation to our parish community!

🎁 Donations needed for the school summer stall — please send a summer-themed item with your child by Wednesday, 18th June.

👕 Dance Outfit Guide (with trainers):

Reception: **Colourful or Encanto clothes**

Year 1: **Toy Story themed outfit**

Year 2: **Blue clothes**

Year 3: **Bright bold colours- red/ blue/ yellow**

Year 4: **Dark clothes**

Year 5: **Colourful clothes**

Year 6: **Black and white**



Festivals

June 2 – Shavuot (Pentecost)

🕍 *Jewish Festival*

- Commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.
- Celebrated with prayer, reading the Ten Commandments, and enjoying dairy foods.
- A time of gratitude, learning, and community.



June 6 – Eid al-Adha

🕌 *Islamic Festival*

- Commemorates Prophet Ibrahim’s (Abraham’s) devotion and willingness to sacrifice.
- Celebrated with special prayers, charity, and the sharing of food.



This Sunday

👪 **JIGSAW CLUB**
For the children of St Michael’s, Grimsargh.

🕒 When?	👤 Who?
2 nd and 4 th Sunday of each month!	Children aged 3 - 11
🎮 What?	📍 Where?
Fun games, music and activities.	St Michael’s Church and then the Jigsaw Club hut!
👏 Everyone Welcome!	🌟 A great way to make new friends!
🙏 Jesus Is Great Special And Wonderful	

MATHLETICS

Scores for 19.5.25 – 01.06.25

Children scoring 1000+ points

1 st place: year 4	10 children
2 nd place: year 5	6 children
3 rd place: reception	5 children
3 rd place: year 1	5 children
3 rd place: year 2	5 children
6 th place: year 3	2 children
7 th place: year 6	1 child



SUSTAINABILITY

It was lovely to receive the message below re our work on sustainability...

We were very impressed with your contribution to the Sustainability festival on Saturday, with a whole portfolio of posters! Unfortunately, we couldn't include them all, as we had contributions from 10 schools. Thank you so much for sharing all the work you are doing- I will send you a certificate of thanks separately. It was interesting for people to see all the work that is going on and hopefully our display will have inspired more schools to increase their activities.



best wishes

Marjorie Drake
Fairtrade Preston and
South Ribble
Climate Action Preston

Grimsargh Field Day

Our theme is: Wizard of OZ/Wicked

The countdown is on and we are busy behind the scenes getting the floats ready!

All we need now is your support with costumes for the day and encouraging as many children to join in as we can! We would love you to come as:

Wizard of Oz Float = Lion, Dorothy, Tin Man, Toto, Wizard of Oz, Aunt Em, Wicked Witch, Winged Monkeys, Munchkins, Scarecrows, Glinda

Wicked Float = Elphaba, Nessarose, Boq, Glinda, Fiyero, Madame Morrible, Winged Monkeys, Doctor Dillamond

The arrangements are to meet on the 28th June at 12pm at the Village Hall to set off at 12.30.



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SAFEGUARDING- more on Emojis

What Parents & Educators Need to Know About Emojis



This free guide explores the modern digital language of emojis, revealing how they can subtly shape young people's communication - and sometimes conceal deeper concerns.

Emojis aren't just digital decoration — they're often used as a coded language that young people use to express identity, humour and emotion. Without context, they can easily be misunderstood by adults, leading to confusion or missed signals. Some emojis may even mask risky behaviours or emotional struggles.

This guide helps decode this ever-evolving language, empowering parents and educators to have more open, informed conversations with the children in their care. It also highlights the meaning of some common emojis and offers practical tips for staying clued-in without snooping or suspicion.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌿 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷👉👉👉 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 😬 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 😏 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 😘 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🌽 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🌿 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🌿 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

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