

Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

9.05.2025

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



DIARY DATES

YEAR 6 SATs Week

Monday 12th

3pm Whole School Worship

Tuesday 13th

3pm Hymn Practice

Wednesday 14th

3pm Key Stage Worship

Thursday 15th

3pm Key Stage Worship

LIFE EDUCATION

- 1-3pm cricket sessions– yr 3/4
- 3:30pm KS2 Cricket Club
- Cricket fixtures x2 (4pm & 4:30pm)

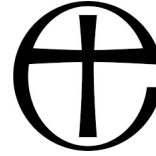
Friday 16th May

2:45pm Celebration Assembly

LIFE EDUCATION

9:30am Yr 1- St Michael's Church
Sikhism and Punjabi Heritage
Workshop Reception & year 2

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to receive our new Christian Value award this week.

Reception (Mrs Aspinall): **Alfie N**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): **Charlie K**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe): **Felicity G**

Year 3 (Mr Johns): **Matilda B**

Year 4 (Mrs Todd/ Mrs Slattery): **Caleb C**

Year 5 (Miss Corkish): **Eilee S**

Year 6 (Mrs Knight): **Teddy P**

Weekly Attendance

(Week beginning 28th April)

SCHOOL MINIMUM

TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 97%

Reception: 95.7%

Year 1: 95.7%

Year 2: 97.7%

Year 3: 94.3%

Year 4: 99.6%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 99.7%

This Sunday

JIGSAW CLUB

For the children of St Michael's, Grimsargh.



When?

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month!

What?

Children aged 3 -11

Who?

Fun games, music and activities.

St Michael's Church and then
the Jigsaw Club hut!

Where?

Everyone
Welcome!

Optional
speaking in
Church!

A great way
to make new
friends!

Jesus
Is
Great
Special
And
Wonderful



Instagram

SOCIAL MEDIA



'grimsarghstmichaels'
on Instagram

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





Deaf Awareness Week

According to the National Deaf Children's Society, there are more than 50,000 young people who are deaf or have hearing problems in the UK today.

What does it mean to be deaf?

Deafness and hearing loss means different things to different people. You may see various words or phrases to describe how people view their deafness. These could include:

- Deaf (someone who has been profoundly deaf all their life, their first language is BSL).
- deaf- please note the lower case 'd' (someone who has severe hearing loss).
- hard of hearing
- hearing loss
- hearing impaired



Do you know how to communicate with deaf people?

If you would like to take action, click here for more information:

<https://deafnessresourcecentre.org/deaf-awareness-week-2025/>

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help me to do my best to communicate with everyone in the very best way that I can, always following your example.
Amen

VE DAY

Huge thanks to Reverend Andy for leading our special whole school VE Day Worship on Thursday afternoon.



Thu, 8 May 2025



Let's look at the story



On 8th May 1945, people across Britain and other countries around the world celebrated the end of World War II in Europe. This day became known as VE Day, which stands for 'Victory in Europe Day'. It marked the moment when the fighting in Europe stopped, and peace could begin again after years of conflict, hardship, and loss. 80 years on, we remember this important moment – not just to look back, but to think about what peace means today and why it still matters.

Learn more about this story [here](#).
Watch the useful video [here](#).

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Date for your diary



Parish Garden Party at St Michael's C of E Primary

Date: Saturday 21st June ; Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Along with the parishioners, we are looking forward to welcoming our pupils, along with you, their parents, guardians, family and friends, to the Parish Garden Party where there will be a selection of stalls and entertainment, together with teas and refreshments being served.

All the children from nursery to year six, perform a dance routine.

All of the money raised at the event goes to Grimsargh St Michael's Church. A large percentage of the proceeds maintain the Barchester fund which feeds directly into funding projects and resources for our school.

Resource

Read through the information below, which shares more about the impacts of VE Day and the importance of peace.

What changed after VE Day?

During World War II, life was full of danger and uncertainty. People faced rationing, bombings, and long separations from their loved ones. On 8th May 1945, VE Day marked a new beginning – a day when people could hope for a future without fear. It meant that fighting and air raids stopped, children returned home and families were reunited, shops reopened, and life began returning to normal.

Why does peace matter?

Peace means laughter instead of fear, and dreams instead of danger. When there is peace, families can stay together, children can go to school, and people can build happy, safe lives. Peace gives everyone the chance to grow and learn.

How do we work to protect peace today?

Today, countries work together through organisations, like the United Nations, to solve problems, send help where it's needed, and stand up for people's rights.

80 years on, we remember VE Day not just to celebrate the end of World War II, but to think about how we can protect peace today and in the future.

MATHLETICS

Scores for: 28.4.25—4.5.25

Children scoring 1000+ points:

1st place: year 4	10 children
2nd place: year 5	9 children
3rd place: year 2	8 children
4th place: year 1	5 children
4th place: reception	4 children
4th place: year 3	3 children
6th place: year 6	2 children



Mobile Phones

We have an increased number of children bringing mobile phones into school. Children should only be bringing mobile phones to school if essential.

We do not take any responsibility for any damages that may occur while the phones are in our main school office.

We do not store them separately; instead they are stored together in one small container.

The office is incredibly busy, especially at the start and end of the day— staff working in there are being disturbed by children handing their phones in and collecting them at these busy times.

Please support us with this and only allow your child to bring their mobile phone, as I said, if essential.

Thank you in advance.

PTFA

Promote your Business this Summer - All for a Good Cause

As you know, our PTFA is hosting another fantastic community event this summer when the circus returns to school for three shows on Saturday 5th July.

To help fund the event, they are offering a range of sponsorship opportunities for local businesses.

These provide the chance to promote company brands to potentially thousands of people through print advertising and social media promotion in the run up to, and at the event.

There are several sponsorship packages available:

- **Gold package: £500** (just 2 remaining) Including roadside advertising, on the day advertisements, brand placement on posters and social media, full page advert in event booklet, front cover branding as sponsor on booklet, x4 free tickets to one performance and picture opportunity.
- **Silver package: £250** Brand presence on all posters and social media, full page advert in event booklet, advertisements on the day, front cover branding as sponsor on booklet and x2 free tickets to one performance.
- **Half page advert in event booklet: £20**
- **Small advert in event booklet: £10**

If you run a local business/ work at a business which you think may be interested in taking part, email the PTFA for more information at:

ptfa@grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk



Inspiring, believing and achieving in our loving Christian community

FOOTBALL

On Tuesday morning, seven children from year 2 represented our school at the KS1 Football Tournament.

After a good start, scoring the first goal, and despite having lots of possession, we lost our first game 1-3 to OLSE. We bounced back with two impressive wins against Barton St Lawrence teams, 7-0 and 4-0 respectively. Archie showed great predatory instinct to score 'FIVE' goals in the first match with several other scorers adding to the score lines.

We went into the final match against a strong St Andrew's team needing a win to progress to the knockout stages.

The team battled well against the eventual tournament winners and came away with a respectable 1-1 score line but that wasn't enough, and our race was run. The team made us very proud with their football and never give up attitude and the future of sport is certainly bright at Grimsargh St Michael's.

Well done to: **Archie B, Buddy S, Caleb H, Sam H, Finn A, Oliver B and Max B**



GOOD LUCK

Next week, our year 6 children will be sitting their SATs. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked in the build-up to next week.

We have encouraged them to enjoy the weekend, and hopefully some sunny weather; to make sure they get plenty sleep, eat a healthy breakfast each morning, and drink plenty water.

School staff will ensure the children are well looked after. We will support them before and during the tests and will allow them some free time each afternoon.

All we ask, is that they try their best.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please adhere to our school uniform policy– please see our school website for the full policy.

Jewellery

Earrings and jewellery must not be worn. If you want to have your child's ears pierced, please ensure this is done at the beginning of the school summer holiday, so that it is safe to remove the earrings when they return.

If children do attend school wearing earrings, it causes safety issues during PE lessons and extra-curricular sport. Schools are advised to follow the guidance within the document, '**Safe Practice: in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity**'. This document also contains statutory elements as well as case law.

The Safe Practice Guidance '*strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings*'.

Children are allowed to wear watches for school but smart watches or any other watch that children can use, for anything other than telling the time, are not permitted, for obvious reasons.

Thank you in advance for supporting us with this. It is important that our pupils follow our school uniform policy.

BROCKHOLES

Reception class were fantastic on our trip to Brockholes this week! We enjoyed making woodland potions, hunting for minibeasts, playing outdoor games and even enjoyed some time on the play area after lunch!

The staff at Brockholes were so impressed with the children's behaviour and knowledge of minibeasts - well done Reception class!

A huge thank you to our helpers Mrs Ritchings, Mrs Lock, Mrs Knight and Miss McNally for coming with us and making the trip possible.

YEAR 4

PGL

Y4 spent a day at Winmarleigh PGL completing a number of activities that required them to push themselves out of their comfort zone. It was a fantastic day and the children were incredible team players and supporters of one another. The behaviour was impeccable and commented on by the PGL staff. They enjoyed climbing, a sensory trail, archery and the firm favourite - the 3G swing. Many thanks to Mr Talbot for giving up his time to accompany the children.

Egyptian Day

Last Friday, you may have felt like you were going back in time with the y4's dressed as Egyptians on the playground. They enjoyed an Egyptian themed day as a kick start to their new topic! During the morning, the children completed a range of activities in the hall, such as: hieroglyphic writing, mummification and creating their own canopic jars. In the afternoon, they were challenged with building their own pyramid and making some Egyptian style music before having an Egyptian banquet to end the day. Many thanks to Mrs Jacques, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Bromley and Mrs Lace for volunteering their mornings to support the class.

SAFEGUARDING

TikTok Challenges

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



Never assume a child will not try a TikTok challenge. All children are susceptible to engaging in risky behaviour. Part of normal development for a young person includes learning to master impulsivity, peer pressure, and a desire to one-up a friend no matter the cost.

Deadly TikTok Trends 2025

Some TikTok challenges are more than just harmful, they're potentially deadly. Below are several of the worst Tiktok trends and challenges that parents should definitely be aware of.

Blackout challenge: Also known as the "choking challenge" or the "pass-out challenge," this fad encouraged kids in asphyxiation to the point of temporary unconsciousness.

The Fire Challenge: In this challenge, participants spray hairspray onto a mirror, sometimes in a specific shape, and then ignite the spray.

The Nutmeg Challenge: TikTokers are encouraged to consume two tablespoons (about 28 grams) of nutmeg mixed with water to experience a hallucinogenic high similar to LSD.

The Firetruck Challenge: A trend among tweens and teens, where a boy's hand is likened to a fire truck and is placed on a girl's lower thigh. The girl is instructed to say "green light" when the fire truck can keep moving further up her leg, and "red light" when the fire truck needs to stop. As the game progresses the girl may say "red light," but is only then told that firetrucks don't stop at red lights, as the hand keeps wandering.

For further Dangerous 'TikTok' trends please click the link: <https://gabb.com/blog/tiktok-trends/>

NEXT WEEK: The meaning behind Emojis