



Inspiring, believing  
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loving Christian  
community

# Newsletter

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“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

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

Reception (Mrs Aspinall) – **Margot P**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall) – **Max T**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe) – **Bonnie H**

Year 3 (Miss Reeve) – **Felicity G**

Year 4 (Mrs Parsons) – **Cerys P**

Year 5 (Mrs Todd) – **Oliver B**

Year 6 (Mrs Knight) – **Finley G**

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

(Week beginning 1st December)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

**WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.4%**

Reception: 96.7%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 97.7%

Year 3: 96.4%

Year 4: 97.5%

Year 5: 93.7%

Year 6: 97%

## This Sunday

### JIGSAW CLUB

For the children of St Michael's, Grimsargh.

**When?**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month!

**What?**  
Children aged 3 - 11  
Fun games, music and activities.

**Who?**  
Everyone Welcome!

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

Optional speaking in Church!  
A great way to make new friends!

Jesus  
Is  
Great  
Special  
And  
Wonderful

## Diary Dates

### MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

10am Reception Nativity dress rehearsal

1:30pm KS1 Christmas Party

### TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

10am Reception Nativity in St Michael's Church – for families

1:30pm Year 3/4 Christmas Party

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

9:15am Whole School Worship

1:30pm Year 5/6 Christmas Party

### THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

9:30am Christmas Worship in St Michael's Church – families welcome

### FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

9:30am Talent Show

3:25 SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS



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## KS1 Christmas Performance

Early this week, the children of year 1 and 2 let their lights shine in their Christmas Performance. The children told the Christmas Story, the most important story ever told, mainly through song, knitted together by the amazing narrators and acted out on the stage and down the aisle.

The children worked extremely hard to put on such a fantastic performance and amazed us all, in particular with their singing. Thank you also to the KS1 staff team for ensuring the children were well prepared, along with other staff members who provided additional support.

Finally, thank you very much for your contributions towards our chosen charity, 'Milly's Smiles'. You raised a grand total of £205.

Photographs will be uploaded to our social media next week.

## MATHLETICS

Scores for: 1.12.25—7.12.25

Children scoring 1000+ points:

1st place: year 5	17 children
2nd place: year 3	14 children
3rd place: year 4	10 children
4 <sup>th</sup> place: year 2	9 children
5 <sup>th</sup> place: year 1	7 children
6 <sup>th</sup> place: reception	6 children
7 <sup>th</sup> place: year 6	5 children

## Sustainability News

...from Eco Council

A huge THANK YOU to all the children who designed and created a sustainable decoration for the classroom Christmas trees— the response was fantastic and the 'sustainable' aspect was evident in the children's creations. Eco Council looked at all the decorations this week and decided upon the following winners from each class (although these decisions were really tricky as they were all amazing!)

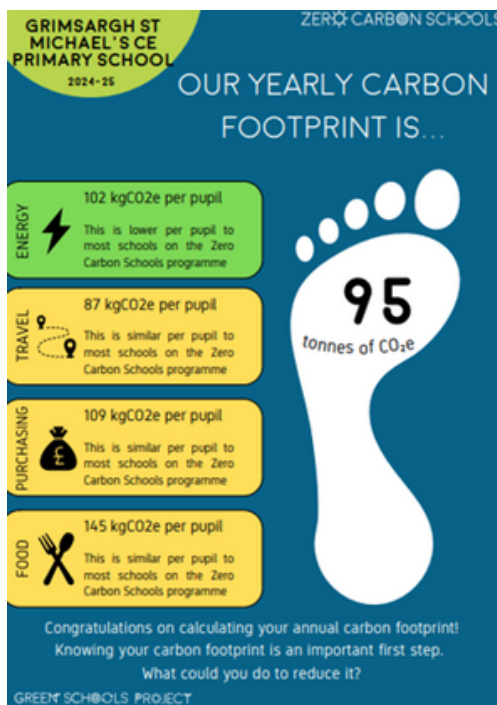
Reception— Sienna H— reindeer; Year One— Hannah A— penguin; Year Two— Poppy S— tree; Year Three— Beth M— snowman; Year Four— Max R— tree; Year Five— Ruby C— tree; Year Six— Eilee S— Father Christmas

...from Sustainability Club

The team have been busy planning their next project working on the 'travel' aspect of our carbon footprint. When you are thinking about your new year's resolutions, they would like you to consider walking to school a little more and leaving the car at home or a little further away from school, one day a week.

They have prepared presentations for KS1 and KS2 along with some information for parents.

Please look out for this in the new year. Sustainability Club will be running again next term and it would be great to have even more members on board to help— look out for more information!



## ROCKSTEADY

Our Rocksteady rock bands gave us another fantastic end of term performance to showcase their hard work! Well done to all of our rockstars for letting their lights shine and showing us their skills in music. Contact Mrs Aspinall or the school office if your child is interested in joining rock band lessons too!



## WORSHIP this week...

### The Herald of the King



At this busy time of year there are many voices telling us what we need or want for Christmas. This week we are thinking about the voice of John the Baptist!



And with the Spirit came...  
A voice!  
The voice of God himself!

'If we fail to prepare, we prepare to fail.'

Prayer forms a massive part of most of our lives.

Do you lay your clothes out the night before school?

Do you prepare for playing for your sports team through working hard at your training session?

### John the Baptist

I wonder what it would have been like to have been stood on the river bank hearing the word of God from heaven?



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A voice!  
The voice of God himself!

### The story of John the Baptist is a story of preparation.

- Elizabeth and Zechariah wanted a baby, but it didn't happen at first.
- Angel Gabriel visited them and said they would have a baby called John.
- They prepared for John's birth because God had a special plan.
- John the Baptist's job was to get people ready for Jesus.
- John said: "I baptise you with water for repentance, but someone greater is coming."
- John's message: God gives us the greatest gift — love

Have you written your Christmas list?

- There is a world full of voices telling you what you want... football boots, technology?
- The voices tell you what you want, not what you need.

Father God,  
At this busy time, as we journey through Advent, Getting ready for Christmas, The celebration of Jesus's birthday, Help us to listen to your voice, speaking of love, joy and peace into our lives. May we speak love, joy, hope and peace into the lives of people around us.  
Amen.



This story tells us about what we need—the love of God.



Are you prepared to be a voice, like John's pointing us towards God's love?

## Blessing of the Crib

Well done to the children who sang beautifully, despite the cold weather, at the annual Blessing of the Crib/ Christmas Light Switch On last Friday evening on Grimsargh Park.

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.

Thank you to all involved.



## St Michael's Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who donated 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 was £2,400. All proceeds go towards St Michael's Church funds. A percentage of the proceeds maintain the Barchester fund, which feeds directly into funding projects and resources for our school.

Special thanks to the volunteers from the church community for hosting such a wonderful event, Reverend Andy and our new Rose Queen, Matilda B, for opening the fair and the school children who let their lights shine by singing at the opening and/or helping out on the stalls.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for the Blessing of the Crib and the Big Switch-On on the Village Green last Friday, and for supporting the Parish Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Your presence and generosity helped make these events truly special for our community. We are grateful for your continued support and festive spirit!