

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) – **Oliver D**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall) – **Hannah A H**

Year 2 (Mrs Coupe) – **Georgie D**

Year 3 (Miss Reeve) – **Niamh M**

Year 4 (Mrs Parsons) – **Lexi P**

Year 5 (Mrs Todd) – **Sarah H-K**

Year 6 (Mrs Knight) – **George H**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

(Week beginning 9th March 2026)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 97.9%

Reception: 98.7%

Year 1: 99.7%

Year 2: 95.5%

Year 3: 97.2%

Year 4: 97.2%

Year 5: 97.3%

Year 6: 99.1%

ATTENDANCE

I would like to thank you all for your continued support with attendance. Being in school every day makes such a positive difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships. Together we must continue to work to improve our whole-school attendance and reduce the number of 'persistently absent' pupils- those who fall below 90%.

If your child is feeling unwell and cannot attend, please let us know, before 9am or as soon as possible, on the first day of absence. **When you call, it really helps us if you can share the specific reason for the absence, as we must record this accurately on our system.**

Our aim is always to support children and families, and by working together we can help every child enjoy the best possible school experience. Thank you.

Diary Dates

MONDAY 23RD MARCH

9:10am Whole School Worship

2pm Year 3&4 Easter Production

dress rehearsal

3:30pm **BAKE SALE**- year 4 leading

TUESDAY 24TH

9:10am Class Worship

2pm Year 3&4 Easter Production

WEDNESDAY 25TH

9:10am Whole School Worship

10am Year 5/6 Cross Country

competition

2pm Year 3&4 Easter Production

THURSDAY 26TH

9:30am Whole School Worship @ St Michael's Church- families welcome

5pm **PTFA: EASTER BINGO** in our school hall

FRIDAY 27TH

3:25pm **SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR EASTER**



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WORSHIP this week...

What is Mothering Sunday?

Traditionally the fourth Sunday in Lent, also known as "Refreshment Sunday". It's a day to thank God for the love of our mothers and all those who provide "mothering" care...mums, grandmothers, aunts, and carers.

Story: Jochebed's courage and Miriam's care for baby Moses

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ti01-Dxwvs>

God provides special people to protect and care for us when we are small.

Reflection: Think of one thing someone did for you this week that made you feel safe or happy.

Imagine giving a "virtual flower" to someone who helps you grow.

Prayer:
Dear God, thank you for the people who love us, listen to us, and help us grow. Bless all those who care for others today.
Amen.

All reply: We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laboured... Blessed be God for ever.

Have you ever struggled to forgive someone?

When we feel unforgiving, we also feel angry, upset, bitter and often have unkind thoughts about the other person.

All that stuff is very bad for us.

When we forgive someone we feel relief, peace and joy.

It's not just good for the other person to be forgiven, it's good for you to be a forgiving person - it actually is better for you!

Everyone clenches your fists really tight, tighter, tighter... now release them and open up your hands, rest them on your legs and feel the relief.

That's the difference between being unforgiving and forgiving.

God is forgiving. He wants us to be like him. John 8:55

Jesus explains how important it is to forgive. Matthew 6:14

Forgive others because God has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

WATCH: "WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?"
HTTFS://YOUTUBE.COM/AF/SEFN/SQZ8Z8

Let's Pray

Thank you, God, that you forgive me as I forgive others. Thank you for offering me forgiveness for all my wrong attitudes and actions. Help me to be quick to forgive and slow to be angry. Amen.

Easter Egg Design Competition

Get Creative!

Prizes for everyone that enters and a main prize for winner of each year group!



Let your light shine and celebrate the joy of Easter

Your design should represent the true meaning of Easter, use pens, crayons, paint or collage. Entries will be displayed in St Michael's church for friends and family to see over Easter.

Hand your design into school by the 27th of March (Last day of term) please include your name and year group on the back of your entry.

This Sunday

JIGSAW CLUB

For the children of St Michael's, Grimsargh.

When? 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month!

Who? Children aged 3 - 11

What? Fun games, music and activities.

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

Everyone Welcome!

Optional speaking in Church!

A great way to make new friends!

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MATHLETICS

Scores for: 9.3.26—15.3.26

Children scoring 1000+ points:

1 st place: year 5	14 children
2 nd place: year 3	12 children
3 rd place: year 1	10 children
4 th place: year 2	9 children
4 th place: year 6	9 children
5 th place: reception	7 children
6 th place: year 4	5 children

MEET THE AUTHOR

Mary Brown

Children's Author of
Mrs Brown and Friends: The Morning Rush

Grimsargh Village Hall

Saturday 21st March

- Come and meet the author
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U9 Girls' Football Tournament

On Monday morning, a team of seven girls from Year 4 took part in the Preston primary schools U9 girls' football tournament. Several of the girls have never played football before but were keen to be involved.

We opened against a strong Harris side who beat us 4-0. Amelia was our first player of the match as she was very brave with it being her first time playing as a goalkeeper and she pulled off some brilliant saves to prevent further goals. Next, we played against a spirited Queen's Drive team. Despite the majority of possession and great attacking pressure, QD caught us on the counter and won the game 1-0. Cerys was awarded the second player of the match for her excellent defending throughout. Our final game was against St Bernard's. A similar team to ours, they had also lost their first two games. They scored first but our girls showed brilliant resilience and came back to equalise through a well taken goal from Jemima. This led to her award of player of the match and the game ended 1-1. A well deserved draw and point.

I am very proud of how the girls played and the future looks bright for girls' football at Grimsargh.

Well done to: Jemima B, Cerys P, Amelia G, Nes C, Lucy G, Lexie P and Charley T-C



TAG RUGBY

Last Thursday, we competed our tag rugby league campaign with two matches. Our first match was a close affair against Ashton. We ran out 3-1 winners. Our final match was against an unbeaten Sacred Heart team. They showed their class and why they have gone the season unbeaten, but we gave them a good game, and the result was a 12-7 win to them.

Overall, this season, we have played five games, won three and lost two. We finished the season in 3rd place out of six teams. The most pleasing thing was how the team played throughout and how everyone in the team were involved in the games.

Well done to: Evie G-P, Lily H, Olivia H, Tilly M, Savannah A-R, Thomas G, Rory B, Ben W, Zak J, Miles C and Harry E



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

- 1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS**
Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.
- 2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING**
Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.
- 3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE**
Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.
- 4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS**
When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.
- 5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT**
With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.
- 6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.
- 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES**
Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.
- 8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.
- 9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**
Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.
- 10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP**
Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

Meet Our Expert
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Top Tips for Parents & Educators: Essential Online Safety

Ten practical and evidence-informed online safety tips to help adults guide children toward healthier and more informed digital habits.

This edition offers clear, supportive guidance to help parents and educators feel more confident in navigating the online world with children and young people. It looks at how everyday conversations, simple boundaries, and a bit of digital awareness can make a real difference to young people's online experiences.

This guide also explores how parents and educators can create an environment where children feel comfortable asking for help when something online unsettles them. By highlighting the importance of safe and healthy internet usage, these tips provide a grounded starting point for anyone supporting young people's digital lives.

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