



Newsletter

Date: **Friday 23rd October**

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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 Coupe) – **Oliver H**

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall) – **Reggie T**

Year 2 (Miss Morne) – **Delilah B**

Year 3 (Miss Reeve) – **Aaron A**

Year 4 (Mrs Wilkinson) – **George P**

Year 5 (Mrs Todd) – **Ivy H-M**

Year 6 (Mrs Livesey) – **Haleemah K**

Diary Dates

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

- 3pm Whole School Worship

TUESDAY 3RD

- 3pm KS1 Worship
- 9:30am KS1 Mini-Skills Competition

WEDNESDAY 4TH

- 3pm KS2 Worship
- PARENT/ CARER MEETINGS

THURSDAY 5TH

- 3pm Songs of Praise
- 10:30am Year 4 Swimming (11-11:50am in the pool)

FRIDAY 6TH

- 2:45pm Celebration Assembly

MATHLETICS

Scores for: 12.10.26—18.10.26

Children scoring 1000+ points:

1 st place: year 6	15 children
2 nd place: year 4	13 children
2 nd place: year 3	13 children
4 th place: year 2	9 children
5 th place: year 5	4 children
5 th place: year 1	4 children

*Reception to start in December

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

(Week beginning 12th October)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 96.9%

Reception: 99%

Year 1: 99.3%

Year 2: 98.7%

Year 3: 95.3%

Year 4: 98.8%

Year 5: 91.3%

Year 6: 95.8%



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Worship

This week in worship, we learned about Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a remarkable Christian leader who showed kindness, courage and forgiveness. We explored how his faith inspired him to stand up for fairness and bring hope to others, reminding us that one person can make a difference.

Bible Verse

"Let us not become tired of doing good."

Galatians 6:9

How will your light shine this week?

Dear God,

Thank you for the life of Desmond Tutu.

Help us to be kind, fair and forgiving.

Give us courage to stand up for what is right and bring hope to others.

Amen.

Challenge: Ask your child to share one way they plan to show kindness, forgiveness or fairness this week.

All For Jesus Today

As part of the Blackburn Diocese Centenary Year, pupils across KS1 and KS2 enjoyed a special off-timetable day exploring the theme of "Today", reflecting on God's faithfulness, love and care in our lives today.

Through a range of creative prayer, reflection and worship activities, children had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of faith and community.

A special thank you to our Worship Council for leading a whole-school worship to launch the day and introduce the theme so thoughtfully.

Churches Together in Longridge and District welcome you to

LIGHT PARTY

A BRIGHTER ALTERNATIVE THIS HALLOWEEN

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER
5:00 - 6:30pm
Christ Church, Berry Lane Longridge

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

COME FOR THE WHOLE PARTY OR JUST DROP IN WHILE YOU'RE OUT!

- CRAFTS
- GAMES
- TEA & CAKE
- GLOW ACTIVITIES
- SPECIAL STORYTIME 5-6pm
- TREATS & PARTY BAGS

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
GAMES • CRAFTS • GLOW ACTIVITIES • TEA & CAKE • SWEETS
Special 20-minute storyteller at 5:40pm sharing the story of Jesus - the Light of the World.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Kindness to the Smallest

As part of our worship focus, pupils explored Kindness to the Smallest. Through the story of David being chosen by God, children learnt that God looks at what is in our hearts rather than our appearance or achievements.

Pupils reflected on how they can show kindness, humility and inclusion in their daily lives, remembering that everyone is valued by God.

Celebrating Diwali

This week, Hindus celebrate Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. Families celebrate with prayers, special meals, decorations and the lighting of lamps called diyas. Hindus remember the importance of light overcoming darkness and how they can be a light to others through acts of kindness and friendship.

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SUPER LEAGUE TABLE- Current Standings

SUPER LEAGUE School Name	mini skills inclusion	kids cup	u9 mini skills	TOTAL ALL EVENTS
St Andrew's	30	100	100	230
Queens Drive	30	85	50	165
St Lawrence	30	50	70	150
Broughton	30	70	35	135
St Maria Goretti	30	50	45	125
St Michael's	30	50	45	125
Sherwood	30	30	60	120
St Augustine's	30	0	85	115
Harris	30	50	25	105
OLSE	30	30	30	90

HOCKEY

On Tuesday morning, our school hockey team competed in the Preston Primary School Hockey Tournament at ULan Sports Arena.

The team started the group stage with a highly competitive game against a strong Queen's Drive side. We managed to hold them off until the last seconds of the game when they managed to score and win 1-0. Our second game was against another strong side in Barton St Lawrence. We defended well and the game ended in a 0-0 draw. Next up, we played St Augustine's. They battled well but we ended up winning 2-1 with both goals scored by Elise. Finally, we played against an undefeated St Andrew's team. We had chances in the game and defended well but they came out on top with a 2-0 victory.

Sadly, 4 points wasn't enough to take us into the knockout stages, but all our children represented the school brilliantly and really enjoyed themselves. Special shout out to Ben for some excellent defending!

Well done to: Elise T, Jocelyn G, Theo L, Jake M, Ben G, Hamish R, Otto H, Brooklyn A-R, Primrose C and Finn W

A Fantastic Start to the Sporting Year at Grimsargh St Michael's!

What an incredible first half term of sport we have enjoyed at Grimsargh St Michael's!

Following our promotion last academic year to the Super League, the highest of four leagues comprising 64 primary schools, we are now proudly competing against the very best schools in Preston. Having entered every event available so far this season, we have made a brilliant start and currently sit comfortably in mid-table, a fantastic achievement at this level of competition.

Our pupils have embraced every opportunity on offer, competing with enthusiasm, determination and outstanding sportsmanship in the hockey league, mixed football league and a girls' football tournament in addition to the competitions within the league table above. They have represented our school superbly and should be incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements.

A huge congratulations to every child who attended trials, earned a place on a team and wore the Grimsargh St Michael's badge with pride. Your commitment, resilience and teamwork have been exceptional, and you have been wonderful ambassadors for our school.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our school community. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members who have helped with transport, supported from the sidelines and encouraged our pupils every step of the way. We are also extremely grateful to our staff, who continue to give their time so generously to provide these opportunities for our children.

This has been a brilliant start to the year, and there is much more to come. We are excited to see what the rest of the sporting calendar brings and look forward to celebrating many more successes together.

Thank you all for your continued support and commitment to sport at Grimsargh St Michael's. We appreciate every one of you!

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Let your Light Shine



Safe & Positive Use of Social Media

Keeping our children safe, online and offline

Be kind
Be safe
Be responsible

At Grimsargh St Michael's C.E. Primary School, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do.

Following updated safeguarding guidance, we will continue to celebrate learning, achievements and opportunities whilst prioritising children's privacy and safety.



WHAT YOU WILL SEE



Short videos of learning and school life



Photographs taken from a distance



Wider group and activity photographs



Images from behind



Images from the side or above



Natural, candid moments



WHAT YOU WON'T SEE



Close-up photographs of individual children



Children posed looking directly at the cameras



Staged photographs focused on individuals



Unnecessary attention on individual pupils



OUR COMMITMENT

We want families to continue enjoying snapshots of school life whilst ensuring our approach reflects current safeguarding guidance and best practice.

As we move forward, staff will continue to explore the most effective ways to showcase learning, enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities across the school.

In the meantime, our PFTA will continue to celebrate the wonderful events they organise for our school community.

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