



Date: **Friday 25th September**

Issue: **#03**

“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) – **Isla B**
Year 1 (Miss Threlfall) – **Florence R**
Year 2 (Miss Morne) – **Hugo R**
Year 3 (Miss Reeve) – **Zainab K**
Year 4 (Mrs Wilkinson) – **Xander L**
Year 5 (Mrs Todd) – **Jacob W**
Year 6 (Mrs Livesey) – **Teddy G**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

(Week beginning 14th September)

SCHOOL MINIMUM TARGET: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL: 98%

Reception: 99%
Year 1: 97%
Year 2: 97.3%
Year 3: 97.7%
Year 4: 99.1%
Year 5: 99.1%
Year 6: 96.9%

Diary Dates

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

- 9:30am St Michael's Day
Worship in Church – families welcome.

TUESDAY 29TH

- 3pm KS1 Worship
- 8:45am Year 4 swimming
- 10am Kids Cup Football Competition

WEDNESDAY 30TH

- 3pm KS2 Worship
- 5pm Governor Meeting – Curriculum Committee

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

- 3pm Songs of Praise
- 8:30am Individual photographs
- 3:30pm Hockey League Fixtures (4pm & 4:20pm)

FRIDAY 2ND

- 2:45PM CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
- 3:30PM HARVEST CELEBRATION EVENT FOR PARENTS AND PUPILS WITH REVEREND ANDY & MISS SMITH

SHOW ROUNDS

Starting Reception in September 2027?

We'd love to meet you! Come and have a look around our wonderful school, guided by our Head Boy, Head Girl and their deputies, who are excited to share what makes our school so special.

We have the following dates and times available:

- Monday 12th October: 1:30pm
- Thursday 15th October: 9:30am, & 1:30pm

Please contact our school office (01772 653600) to book a time.

St Michael's Church, Grimsargh

HARVEST CELEBRATION WEEKEND

Friday 2nd October 3.30pm

Come along and share in fun time of crafts and worship as we celebrate God's generosity.



This is an event for children and their parents/carers and will take place in St Michael's school. All children must have an adult with them.

There will be a Bible story, activities to share, songs to sing and refreshments for all

To book your place please go to:
bit.ly/4zFqh2q

The event will last no more than 1 hour. Children and adults must book a free place. All children must have an adult with them.

Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/grimsarghstmichael/>

Facebook: Grimsargh St Michael's Church



WORSHIP this week...



Worship This Week

At Grimsargh St Michael's, our worship continues to support our vision of "Inspiring, Achieving and Believing in our loving Christian community," encouraging children to grow in faith, character and service to others.

Courage to Follow God's Call

This week, we learned about Mother Cabrini, whose courage, determination and faith enabled her to serve those most in need. Children reflected on how they can show perseverance and trust in God when facing challenges, and how they can make a positive difference through acts of kindness and service.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9

Dear God,
Help us to be courageous and faithful, following your call and sharing your love with others each day.
Amen.

Everyone Belongs

In Key Stage worship, we explored how we can ensure everyone feels safe, valued and included, particularly those living with allergies. Children reflected on what it means to be a good neighbour and how small acts of kindness and responsibility help everyone feel that they belong.

"Love your neighbour as yourself."
Mark 12:31

Loving God,
Help us to show kindness, care and respect to everyone we meet. May our school be a place where all feel welcomed and included.
Amen.

Through our worship this week, pupils have been encouraged to live out our vision by showing courage, compassion and respect, helping our school community to flourish together.



THE BIG FUTURE

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Every school has a different community, and every child has a different experience. That is why it is so important that the picture we build reflects children from every part of England, including your pupils. I would be very grateful for your support in giving them the chance to be heard.

Yours sincerely, Dame Rachel de Souza (Children's Commissioner for England)

LONGRIDGE ROAD/ ROMAN WAY, PRESTON

Letter from Lancashire County Council

I am writing to inform you of planned upgrade works on Longridge Road and Roman Way, Preston. These works are scheduled to begin on Monday 5th October 2026, subject to final approvals.

As part of improvements to the local road network, we will be improving the junctions of Longridge Road with Roman Way and also installing additional drainage. The scheme will also include lining and carriageway surfacing.

To ensure a safe working environment for both the construction team and road users, a system of 4 way signals will be in place for the duration of the works. These measures will be in operation from Monday 5th October until Wednesday 23rd December 2026.

Some disruption to journeys is expected, but every effort has been made to minimise inconvenience to residents and road users.

Peter Sands, Operations Engineer, Highways & Transport

This Sunday

J I G S A W C L U B

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

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MATHLETICS

Scores for: 14.9.26—20.9.26

Children scoring 1000+ points:

1 st place: year 6	18 children
2 nd place: year 5	12 children
3 rd place: year 4	10 children
4 th place: year 3	9 children
5 th place: year 2	8 children
6 th place: year 1	6 children

*Reception to start in December

SAFEGUARDING



Setting Up Parental Controls to Limit Age-Inappropriate Content: Android

This online safety guide focuses on parental controls on Android phones. It suggests ways to avoid hazards such as sexting, talking to strangers and excessive use.

The parental controls on smartphones allow you to block or restrict certain apps, features, content, downloads or purchases that might not be suitable for young people. Setting limitations around age ratings, Siri and web searches enables you to filter out age-inappropriate content and vastly reduce the likelihood of your children being exposed to potentially upsetting material and information.

In our guide, you'll find tips for helping young people to avoid pitfalls such as sexting, contact from strangers and excessive use.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

A huge thank you and well done to all of the children who applied for the prestigious roles of Head Boy and Head Girl this year.

Once again, we were incredibly impressed by the effort, thought and preparation that every candidate put into their speeches and presentations. It was a proud moment for staff to watch so many children step forward and present their ideas with such confidence, maturity and enthusiasm.

Following a vote by the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and staff, we are delighted to announce our Pupil Leadership Team for 2026-27:

Head Boy: **Brook W**

Head Girl: **Elise T**

Deputy Head Boy: **William T**

Deputy Head Girl: **Sophie J**

Congratulations to all of our successful candidates. We would also like to recognise every child who applied: showing the courage to put yourself forward for a leadership role is a tremendous achievement in itself.

We look forward to seeing our Pupil Leadership Team represent and support our school throughout the year at a wide range of events and activities. We are confident they will be excellent role models for our younger pupils and will wear their badges with great pride.

STAFFING

I would like to share some staffing updates for the autumn term. Mrs Knight will continue teaching in both Year 3 and Year 5 up to and including Friday 2nd October. Mrs Knight will then be leaving to spend time in Australia, and we look forward to welcoming her back to school after the Easter holidays.

To provide continuity for our pupils, Miss Reeve will continue to teach our year 3 pupils until October half-term. Mrs Robinson will be teaching in Year 3 on Friday 9th October, Friday 16th October and Friday 23rd October. She will also teach Year 5 on Thursday 15th October. Many of our children may already recognise Mrs Robinson, as she accompanied the Year 2 class on their summer term trip. I know Mrs Robinson well, having worked alongside her at a previous school, and I am delighted to welcome her to our team.

Mrs Todd will teach Year 5 on Thursday 8th October and Thursday 22nd October.

Following the October half-term break, we are also looking forward to welcoming Mr Walmsley to our school community as our year 3 class teacher.

We are confident that these arrangements will ensure a smooth transition for the children and would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support.

We know that Mrs Knight will be greatly missed during her time away, and we wish her a wonderful experience in Australia.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



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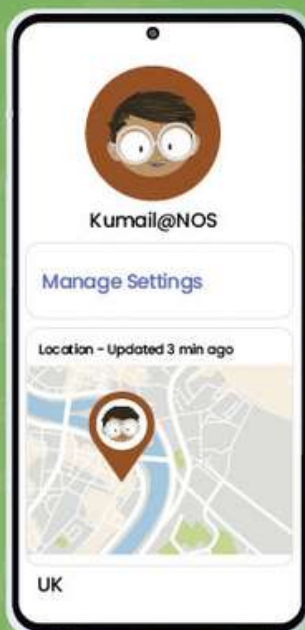
How to Set up **PARENTAL CONTROLS** to limit age-inappropriate **CONTENT** Android Phone

The settings on an Android device allow you to prescribe certain rules for when your child is using it. For example, you can block specific types of content to reduce the risk of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate material (music with explicit lyrics, for instance, and games, TV shows or movies that are unsuitable for young people). There are two ways to access parental controls on an Android phone: through Google Play or via the Google Family Link app. You can also lock your changes behind a PIN, so your child (or anyone else) can't change them back.



Set up parental controls with Google Play

- 1 Open the Play Store app
- 2 Tap Menu (represented by three horizontal lines)
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Parental Controls
- 4 Enable Parental Controls
- 4 Create Pin
- 4 Tap the content you would like to restrict
- 4 Choose how to filter or restrict access



Set up parental controls with Google Family Link

- 1 On your phone, install Google Family Link for Parents
- 2 Tap Open and review the information
- 3 Tap Get Started
- 4 Tap Next to set up your child's device
- 5 On your child's phone, download Google Family Link for Children & Teens and enter the Family Link setup code provided
- 6 On your phone, open the Family Link app
- 7 Tap your child's name
- 8 Tap Manage Settings
- 9 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 10 Tap the content you would like to restrict
- 11 Choose how to filter or restrict access



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PRIMARY**

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School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



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