



## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

**School closes at 2.15 pm on Thursday 21st<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holidays.**

**School re-opens at 8.45 am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, carers, friends and children for your help and support over this busy but very successful term.**



### *Dates for Christmas Concert*

Parents are invited to attend their child's Christmas production on the following dates and times:

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 5 Christmas Concert</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 6 Christmas Concert</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>	
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery Christmas Concert</b>	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>

As not every parent has given their consent, please note videoing or the taking of photographs of any kind will not be permitted.

#### Christmas Holiday Free School Meals

Children who are entitled to Free School Meals (not universal free meals in KS1) will receive a £30 Edenred Voucher for the Christmas holiday period.

If your email has changed please update this by contacting the school office ASAP.

If you are not currently eligible for free school meals but think you may be, please apply via this link:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/freeschool-meals/>

#### Applying for School Places for September 2024

For Lancashire resident families who will require a Primary school place in September 2024 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

[www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) (then search "school admissions")

The closing dates for applications for September 2024 are at:

**14th January 2024 11.59p.m**

#### Christmas Party Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup> December.

The children can wear their best party clothes to school on this day and bring their own party snacks in a named bag to enjoy at the party. Lunch is as normal.

#### Taking Children Out Of School During Term Time

A very important message for all parents. We will not authorise parents taking children out of school during term time for family holidays.

Any unauthorised leave during term time may risk families receiving a penalty notice or legal action being taken.

Should a penalty notice be issued, each parent will be fined a minimum of £60 or £120 depending on how soon payment is made.

If the fine is not paid, you may be required to attend Court and this could result in a fine for each parent of up to £1000 per child and a Criminal Record.

## Attendance

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – 98.4% Robots
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 96.8% Willows
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 96.3% Goldfinches



## Milk Spring Term 2024

If you would like your child to have school milk in the Spring Term (8<sup>th</sup> Jan – 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024), please can you pay online at [parentpay.com](https://parentpay.com) as soon as possible.

The cost of milk is **£19.35** per term.

If you have not already activated your ParentPay account, please look out for your activation email.

**Some children will be eligible for free school milk. e.g. if your child is under 5 for the whole of the Spring Term 2024 or if your child is entitled to free school meals based on certain eligibility criteria. In this case please can you send an email request for free school milk in the Spring Term to [parents@deepdale.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:parents@deepdale.lancs.sch.uk) as soon as possible so that we can ensure your child does not miss out. Please state the name and class of your child in the email.**



## Money Saving Tips



Preston City Council are working in collaboration with the Department for Work and Pensions to offer a Household Support Fund which can help families who are struggling to meet their short-term needs and essential bills. This could be needing help with food shopping, clothing, gas bills, electric bills, water bills and household essentials. If you are struggling and would like more information please follow the link to their website

<https://preston.gov.uk/householdsupportfund>.

Funds will be allocated on a first come first serve basis so please don't hesitate if you are struggling.



## Sportscool



SportsCool will be running a free holiday club at St Bernard's for children eligible for FREE SCHOOL MEAL BENEFITS OR SEN/Vulnerable.

📍 **VENUE: ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL PR2 1RP** □

**TIMES: ST BERNARDS: 8.30am - 12.30pm (FSM) : 1pm - 4pm (SEN) Paid places = 8:30am - 12:30pm**

📅 **DATES: 2nd - 5th January (Tuesday - Friday)**

🌟 **FOOD: All children will be provided with a meal at the club they attend**

**THE CLUB/WHAT TO EXPECT:**

🏆 **MULTISPORTS** 🎮 **FESTIVE FUN GAMES** 🏆 **PRIZES**

📣 **HOW TO BOOK** 📣

Follow the link for your free place ST BERNARDS –

<https://bit.ly/bernards23>

If your child is not eligible for a free place, you can still come from 8:30am - 12:30am each day (food not included) for £8 and can use this link to book:

[sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk](https://sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk)

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

**TEAM SPORTSCOOL**

## The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Winter

The booking line is now open to enrol your child in the free holiday clubs programme over the Winter school holidays!

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a scheme funded by the Government and delivered by local councils, providing healthy food and fun activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals.

Sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills like meeting new friends, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

For information on how you and your family can get involved this Winter, please visit [www.getstuckin.org.uk](http://www.getstuckin.org.uk) or call the booking team on 07879 774978 and quote your FSM code which is available from school.





**SAHARA IN PRESTON**  
**BILINGUAL JOB CLUB**  
**DROP-IN SESSIONS**

**EVERY FRIDAY** **FIND YOUR CAREER WITH US!**  
**10:00AM - 12:30PM**

**OUR ADVISORS CAN HELP SUPPORT WITH:**

- Creating a C.V
- Online job search
- Preparing for interviews
- Training and course advice
- Volunteering opportunities

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US**

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# SAHARA ADVOCACY SUPPORT SERVICE



Sahara in Preston provide an advocacy support service and case work for women. We provide help in the following:

<p><b>BENEFITS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal Credit</li> <li>• Housing Benefit</li> <li>• Disability Personal Independent Payment</li> <li>• Attendance Allowance</li> </ul>	<p><b>IMMIGRATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No recourse to public funds</li> <li>• Different Immigration visas</li> <li>• Life in the UK course if you are applying for Indefinite Leave to remain in the UK</li> </ul>	<p><b>MONEY MANAGEMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt help</li> <li>• Money Adviser - help with creditors &amp; courts</li> </ul>
<p><b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• The Sahara Wellbeing Project</li> <li>• Counselling</li> <li>• Exercise &amp; Healthy Eating</li> <li>• Conferences &amp; Workshops</li> <li>• High blood pressure, high cholesterol, bowel &amp; breast cancer, dementia etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CRIME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hate crime</li> <li>• Police statements</li> </ul>	<p><b>JOB CLUB</b> <small>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays 10:00am - 12:00pm</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job search</li> <li>• Online application forms</li> <li>• Writing CVs</li> <li>• Interview techniques</li> <li>• Mock interviews</li> <li>• Volunteering placements e.g. charities, hospitals, schools, nurseries</li> <li>• Confidence building course</li> </ul> <p><small>If you just want to come for a chat and a cup of tea, meet new people, and take the steps to look for a job - drop in.</small></p>
<p><b>COFFEE AFTERNOON GROUP</b></p> <p><small>Our 30+ group for women who suffer from isolation and depression. Activities include:</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts &amp; crafts, flower arranging</li> <li>• Chair-based exercises</li> <li>• Outdoor trips</li> <li>• Watching films</li> </ul>	<p><b>SCHOOLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admissions</li> <li>• School appeals</li> <li>• Transport for children with special needs</li> <li>• Benefits for children with special needs</li> </ul>	<p><b>COURSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESOL (Pre-entry, E1, 2/3)</li> <li>• English, Maths &amp; IT Functional Skills</li> <li>• Talk English</li> <li>• Computer classes</li> <li>• Preparation for Life in the UK</li> <li>• Clearing course - British Clearing Certificate</li> <li>• Hair, Hair &amp; Beauty</li> </ul>
	<p><b>CHILD SUPPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child protection or child in need plans</li> <li>• Positive parenting classes</li> </ul>	

We offer bilingual support for speakers of other languages in Urdu, Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi and more.

We provide a crèche service for women with young children during class sessions.

SAHARA HAS COMPLIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S GUIDANCE ON MANAGING THE RISK OF COVID-19

To book your place or for more information please contact:

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**MOTHER + DAUGHTER NETBALL**

**EVERY SATURDAY 10:30AM-11:30AM**

**ST. JOSEPHS PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS HALL**  
**RIGBY ST. PR1 5XL**

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**SEASONAL ONE DAY SALE**  
**HIGH STREET GOODS AT ROCKBOTTOM PRICES**  
**MEGA SALE SAVINGS ON**

<b>MEN, WOMEN CHILDREN CLOTHING</b>	<b>MEN, WOMEN CHILDREN FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND BEDDING</b>	<b>LIGHTNING AND DECORATIVE ITEMS</b>
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**HOT FOOD AND DRINKS**

<b>LAMB BIRYANI</b>	<b>MEAT, SAMOSAS VEGGIE ROLLS</b>	<b>HOT &amp; COLD DRINKS</b>	<b>SWEET TREAT CAKES</b>
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**TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2023**  
**12 PM TO 5 PM**

\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE REBUILD WITH HOPE FOUNDATION & A DONATION TO DCA

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