



# Newsletter Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another fantastic summer term at GMSJ, we want to take a moment to celebrate our children's achievements, update you on key events, and share important information for the upcoming school year. It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and wonderful memories.

## Highlights of the Term

- Year 6 residential: This year's event was a real success. All the children involved demonstrated resilience and resolve to overcome many difficult challenges and personal fears. Those children who stayed with us in school were also a real credit. They were delightful.
- DT Food Fortnight: Our food fest showcased the diverse range of skills learnt by all our children - chopping, peeling, dicing, grating, mashing etc. They were also able to show us what discerning palettes they have, as recipes were tweaked and reimaged to reflect personal tastes. From smoothies to samosas, it was a feast for the senses. Well done to all the budding chefs and food critics!
- Summer Fair: The Summer Fair was a real family event. It was so positive to see so many of you attending and contributing to the 'Pint Pot' stall. As ever, there was a manic half hour where the buzz in the school hall was fantastic.
- Trips and Visits - From Lytham to Towneley via Marsden Park, the children have been out and about. These are just a selection of experiences which the children have been able to take part in this year.
- Sports Cool - The types of activities which all children have had the opportunity to take part in this term has been brilliant, not just in the after school clubs but also at lunchtimes. The coaches that come to work with our children are all great and help to make lunchtimes fun and active.
- Year 4 Swimming - This was a personal highlight for me. I don't often get the chance to go to Wavelengths with the class but I did this term. The positive attitudes, great behaviour, perseverance and growth mindset was a privilege to see.

## Important Announcements

- Staff Changes: We bid farewell to Miss Booth, our Year 4 teacher, who is leaving us as Miss Abrahams returns to full time class duties following the birth of her daughter last year. We wish Miss Booth well as she takes up her new post. We also bid farewell to Mrs Hussain who has worked in Key Stage 1. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their dedication to our school and children.
- Uniform Reminder: As you prepare for the new school year, please ensure that all uniform items adhere to our school policy. Details can be found on our website. A uniform without a tie is an incomplete uniform. It is this component which is most often missing. Please ensure your child is in full uniform every day.
- A PE kit will be required in school from the first week back in September. We have only a limited amount of kit which we can loan to children who have none in school. This year we have had some children with no kit all year. This makes it very tricky.
- LABEL! PLEASE LABEL! Uniform items with no name on, if lost, will be impossible to return.



## Dates for Your Diary

- Last Day of Term: The last day of the summer term is Friday, July 19th. School will finish at 2:00 PM.
- Start of Autumn Term: The new school year will commence on Wednesday, September 4th at 8.45am. . We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a new term.

## Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents and guardians for your continued support throughout this term. Your involvement and encouragement are vital to the success and happiness of our children.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. See you in September!

Best wishes

Mrs M M Underwood

The Autumn/Winter menu is available to pre-order on the Parentpay website. Don't forget to select your meals before school starts on Wednesday 4th September.

### Class Dojo

Please check your emails for a link to join our new communication platform 'Class Dojo'. The email should contain all the relevant information to login and access. We will be utilising this in the office for all communications fully by september. Don't forget to set up your in app notifications so you can access messages when they are sent.

**Free School Meals** - Are you eligible for **Free School Meals**?

Use this link to check:<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

## Goodbye & Good Luck Year 6



Please remember to update the office if your child has any allergies or dietary requirements that we need to be aware of, as well as any changes to medical conditions.

You can order school uniform online  
<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/greatmarsden>

Please ensure that all clothing and belongings have your child's name in.  
Thank you

### KS1 MILK

Use this link for more information and to register  
<https://www.coolmilk.com/>



# Totally Brilliant Attendance Stars



## **GOLD** Cup & Certificate

Sam Holgate	100%
Charlotte Leeper	100%
Wilfred Walker	100%



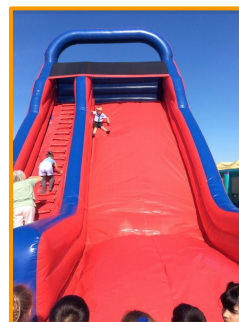
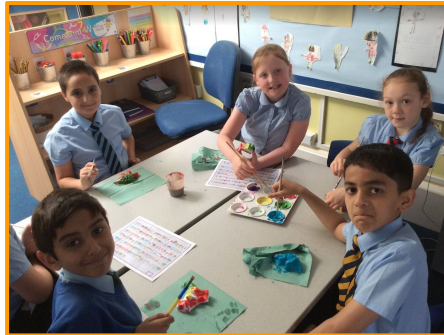
## **SILVER** Cup and Certificate

Joseph Leeper	99.7%
Noah Reeve	99.7%
Sophie Snaith	99.7%
Reid Byker	99.5%
Jamie McCormack	99.5%
Maxx Monaghan	99.5%
Miley-Leigh Pickering	99.5%
Noah Snowden	99.5%
Olivia Walsh	99.5%
Ethan Sheriff	99.2%
Chloe Leeper	99.2%



# SUMMER ACE TIME

The best ACE time yet!!





Reception class had a wonderful day at Fairhaven Lake, they went digging on mud flats for sea creatures and they were fascinated as they watched the Scrobicularia dig themselves back into the mud. After lunch they had fun building sandcastles and had a sea treasure hunt.

# Fairhaven Lake



# Year 5



This week Year 5 visited Marsden Park and studied the Egyptian Gate, the sundial and the amazing arch and stonework.



# KS2 Sports Day



It was a successful Sports Day today for KS2 despite the poor weather first thing. The children enjoyed an egg and spoon race; rugby relay; penalty shoot out; and discus competition.



# LUNCH TIME

Autumn Winter

2024-25:

2/9, 23/9, 14/10,

4/11, 25/11,

16/12, 6/1, 27/1

**THE MAIN EVENT**

**MEAT-FREE MAGIC**  
Veggie Dish

**RAINBOW ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Grains

**BIG TOPPING**  
Meat, Bacon

**DESSERT TROLLEY**

DAILY SALAD BOWL,  
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,  
YOGHURTS AND  
CUT FRUIT  
**AVAILABLE DAILY**

**PASTA TWIRLER**  
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY  
**Topped Pasta**  
Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce and Cheese

**MONDAY**

Margherita Pizza  
Slice and Wedges

Veggie Pepper and Sweetcorn Pizza  
Slice with Wedges

Sweetcorn

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Toffee Frozen Yoghurt

**TUESDAY**

BBQ Cheesy Chicken

Cheesy & Bean Wrap

Apple Slaw and Wholegrain Rice

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Brownie

**WEDNESDAY**

Bangers & Mash

Quorn Sausage, Mash

Peas and Carrots

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Forest Fruits Jelly Pots

**THURSDAY**

Lasagne

Vegetable Lasagne

Green Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Cookie Dough Apple Crumble

**FRIDAY**

Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips

Veggie Burger and Chips

Baked Beans

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

Jammy Thumbprint Biscuits

# LUNCH TIME

Autumn Winter

2024-25:

9/9, 30/9, 21/10,

11/1, 2/12,

23/12, 13/1, 3/2



**The MAIN EVENT**

Cheesy Tomato  
Pizza Muffins

Sticky Chinese  
Noodles

Buttered Chicken  
Curry

Classic  
Cottage  
Pie

Battered Fish  
and Chips

**MONDAY**

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**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**



**MEAT-FREE  
MAGIC**  
veggie Dish

BBQ and  
Sweetcorn  
Pizza Slice

Sticky Ho Sin  
Veggie Noodles

Sweet Potato & Chic  
Pea Balti

Roasted Sweet  
Potato Pastry Roll  
and Mash

Cheese and  
Tomato Toasted  
Wrap with Chips



**RAINBOW  
ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Zouya

Wholegrain  
Pasta Salad and  
Green salad

Broccoli

Wholegrain Rice  
& Sweetcorn

Peas

Baked  
Beans



**BIG  
TOPPING**  
Filled Potato

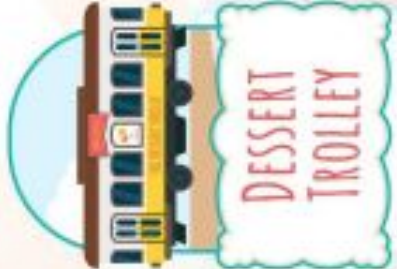
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**DESSERT  
TROLLEY**

Toffee Apple  
Sponge and  
Custard

Chocolate  
Sprinkle Iced  
Cake

Raspberry  
Coconut Jelly

Fresh Fruit  
Salad

Anzac  
Biscuits

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FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,  
YOGHURTS AND  
CUT FRUIT  
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**Topped Pasta**  
Hot Pasta  
topped with  
Homemade  
Tomato Sauce &  
Cheese



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16/9, 7/10,  
28/10, 18/11,  
9/12, 30/12,  
20/1, 10/2



**THE MAIN EVENT**

Aspens All Day Brunch  
Sausage Casserole and Mash  
Chicken Tikka Masala  
Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice  
Golden Fish Fingers and Chips



**MEAT-FREE MAGIC**  
Veggie Dish

Aspens Veggie Brunch  
Vegetable Pot Pie and Mash  
Vegetable Curry  
Mild Veggie Bean Chilli Loaded Wedges with Cheese  
Vegetable Fingers and Chips



**RAINBOW ALLEY**  
Vegetables and Salads

Baked Beans  
Roast Root Veggies  
Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn  
Broccoli  
Peas



**BIG TOPPING**  
Filled with...

Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo  
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**DESSERT TROLLEY**

Marble Cake  
Apple, Cinnamon Raisin Flapjacks  
Orange and Mango Jelly  
Banana Bread Muffins  
Gingerbread Cookies

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