



Newsletter Friday 21st March 2025

SAMUEL HEARS A VOICE

1 Samuel 3 Frieze Panels 3 and 4 People of God

Samuel served the Lord by helping Eli the priest, who was by that time almost blind. In those days, the Lord hardly ever spoke directly to people, and he did not appear to them in dreams very often. But one night, Eli was asleep in his room, 3 and Samuel was sleeping on a mat near the sacred chest in the Lord's house. They had not been asleep very long[a] 4 when the Lord called out Samuel's name.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Have you ever wondered how you can get more involved in helping our school be the best it can be? Becoming a Parent Governor is a fantastic way to contribute your skills and perspectives to the school's Governing Body. Parent Governors work with the Headteacher and other governors to make important decisions about the school's strategy, curriculum and overall direction, ensuring we provide the best possible learning environment for all our children. It's a rewarding opportunity to have a real impact and help shape the future of our school community right here in Nelson. We'd love to have you join us!

What is important to know is that the role operates with strict confidentiality - gossips need not apply! Also, the role is not about representing the voice of all parents or championing your individual child. Ultimately, the role of a school governor is to act in the best interests of all pupils at the school, ensuring they receive the best possible education and opportunities. Your decisions and oversight are always focused on the well-being and success of **every** child.

We currently have a vacancy and would love to have a new colleague join us on our committee. We meet 5 times a year as a whole group and training is offered to support you in the role. There will be so many of you that have really valuable skills that can be used to help steer our school. They DO NOT have to be related to education, we need and value abilities and knowledge from all types of work and life experiences.

If you would like further information please ask Mr Longley or Mrs Fletcher in the school office.

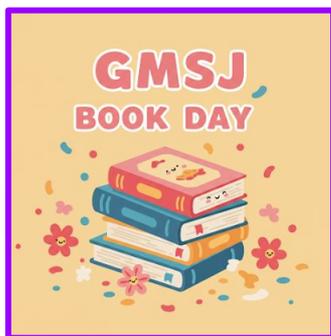
Warm Regards

Mrs M Underwood.



This weeks Medal Winners are:

Isla B - Year 3 - for perfect perpendicular mathematics
Ismaeel - Year 5 - for being a BRIGHT learner



Easter Egg Rolling

Our Annual Egg Rolling Competition will be held on Wednesday 2nd April in school..

Children are asked to paint a hard boiled egg and bring it to school on this date to join in with the egg rolling fun.

GMSJ Book Day

We are hosting a Book Day on Wednesday, March 26th:

- Children have been asked to choose a word and dress to represent it.
- Each class will have a Class-created author station with favorite books and facts.
- The Book Fair will be running with £1.00 vouchers for all students to use.



Easter Bingo

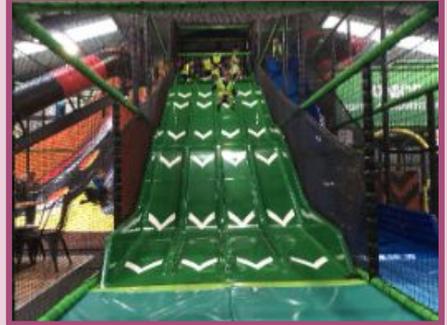
Friends of St John's are holding an Easter bingo night on 3rd April. Tickets are on sale now from the office. Tickets include a hotdog and 3 games of Bingo. There will be a raffle, Golden Bucket, Easter themed prizes and a tuck shop. We still need helpers to serve hot dogs and man the tuck shop. If you are able to help ensure the night is a success please contact the office.



Dates for your Diary

26th March	Y4	Towneley River Visit
26th March	ALL SCHOOL	GMSJ Book Day
26th March	ALL SCHOOL	Parents Evening
26 Mar- 2 Apr	ALL SCHOOL	Book Fair
2nd April	ALL SCHOOL	Easter Egg Rolling
3rd April	ALL SCHOOL	Easter Bingo
4th April	ALL SCHOOL	School closes at 2pm for Easter Holidays
22nd April	ALL SCHOOL	School reopens 8.45am
29th April	PARENTS	Friends Meeting 3.30pm
19-21st May	Y6	Robinwood

HELLO SPRING



Last week Year 2 visited Thornton Hall Farm as part of their Spring topic. The children had the opportunity to pet some of the animals, feed the lambs, and went on an animal safari ride.



Beyond their farm excursion, Year 2 students experienced the wonder of baby chicks hatching firsthand in their classroom.



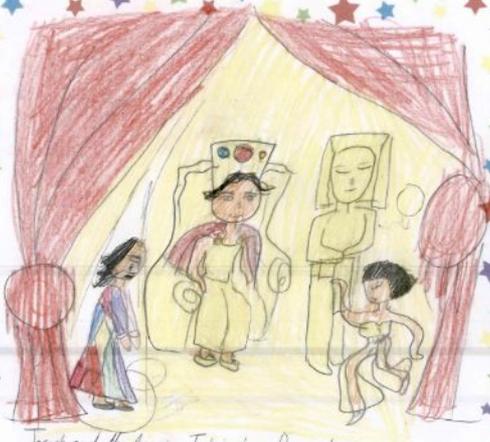


Let's Go Sing!



Let's Go Sing 2025!





Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

I enjoy watching the theatre.
I liked it when Joseph and the narrator were singing.
The light was on them and they were so loud.
The king and Joseph talking and then they dance.



Joseph and Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

On March the 6th, we went to an amazing school trip to go see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. I enjoy the singing and dancing. I also like how the background kept changing because it inspired me! I think I would come again. I would like to perform the part where the Egyptian girls came out because they looked well trained and focused. I also like how the lights kept changing.



Year 5 & 4 were lucky enough to attend a performance of Joseph and the amazing technicolour dreamcoat at Manchester Opera House at the beginning of March. The trip was a huge success and here are some of the reviews from the children.



Our trip

On Thursday 6th March, we travelled to the Opera House Theatre in Manchester to watch a musical called Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. We sat down on comfy chairs. Luckily, Miss Tigaras sat on our row. (No offence to the other teachers)

I really liked it when the narrator and Joseph started singing together. They sounded amazing. The narrator could sing high pitched. As well as that, I enjoyed the snacks. In the future, I would like to be an actor and perform on stage in a theatre.

Our Trip

On Thursday 6th March, we went to the Opera House Theatre, Manchester. We went to watch a show called Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. We sat down on some comfortable, green chairs.

The thing I enjoyed the most was when the lights were flickering around the room and on us. I also liked when at the end of each number, confetti came in and air.

This show made me remember when in school, when we were doing worship, we were reading the Bible.

In the future, I would like to be a light and sound engineer. I want to because then I could have fun moving the lights everywhere. Also I would want to change the beat at the exact moment.

I would also want to be an actress like Christina Bianco because she did really cool performances.



Easter Bingo

B I N G O



Thurs 3rd April
6.00pm - 7.15pm

£2.00 including a
hot dog and 3 games
of bingo.



Tickets available from the office
Easter themed prizes





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FREE EASTER HAF HOLIDAY CLUB

at

Great Marsden St John's CofE Primary Academy

With action-packed activities included such as:
Football, Dodgeball, Archery, Fencing,
Tri-Golf, LEGO & much more!



APRIL 14 -
APRIL 17



Scan here



1pm - 5pm
Monday To
Thursday

Is your child eligible for benefits-related free school meals?
If so, we have free places and a lunch included. Simply follow the link
or scan the QR code above for further booking info.

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FUN
VIBES
ACTIVE
LIVES

Mini

Baby & Toddler
GROUP



Marsdens



A new baby and toddler group every Tuesday in the main hall of GMSJ from 8:45 – 10am. First session Tues 25th February
(Term-time only)

Come and have a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat.



Please note, this is not a drop off session – adults must stay.

For further info contact school on 01282 615055.

All welcome, you do not need to already have a child attending GMSJ, so let everyone know.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Bumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screen time limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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