

Newsletter Friday 4th April 2025

Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV): "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the days grow longer and the first signs of spring blossom around us, we approach the Easter holidays – a time filled with different meanings and joys for us all.

Here at Great Marsden St John's, we've been embracing the spirit of the season in many ways. Our classrooms have been seen examples of the new life that Spring brings with Year 4 hatching and releasing trout and Year 2 hatching and caring for chicks. The RE (Religious Education) curriculum allows the children to learn about the Easter story. I always think that this Bible story is like a thriller - good and bad, right and wrong, jealousy and a plot that twists and turns.

For many, Easter is also a significant Christian festival. In school, every child has been learning about the Easter story, reflecting on the themes of sacrifice, hope, and new life that are central to its message. We have discussed the importance of compassion, forgiveness, and the joy of resurrection, helping the children to understand the religious significance of this special time. The Easter service in church delivered by our Year 2 and 5 children highlighted this story beautifully.

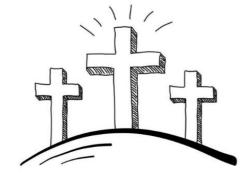
Whether your family celebrates Easter through religious observance, enjoying the fun of egg hunts and chocolate treats, or simply by appreciating the beauty of the spring season, we hope you all have a wonderful and restful break. It's a chance to spend quality time together, enjoy the outdoors, and perhaps indulge in a little bit of seasonal cheer.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your continued support and engagement with the school. Your partnership is invaluable in making Great Marsden St John's such a positive and thriving learning environment for our children.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Easter break filled with joy, laughter, and perhaps a few chocolate eggs!

Warm Regards

Mrs M Underwood



This weeks Medal Winners are:

Amelia - Reception - for perfect blending
Molly - Year 2 - for loving learning

Romie-Beau - Year 3 - for writing their own comprehension questions - for writing their own comprehension questions

Freddie - Year 4 - for perfect poetry (in his own time!)

Aamina - Year 5 - for super writing

Reid - Year 6 - for perfect pie charts

Emily - Year 6 - for perfect pie charts

Aibel - Year 6 - for perfect pie charts

Warmer Weather

Now that the warmer weather is hopefully making an appearance, can we remind parents to ensure children wear appropriate clothing to school. Remember to bring sun hats if needed, apply lotion before school and don't forget to bring a water bottle.





GMSJ Foodbank:

We're running low on canned goods! Any donations for the food bank would be greatly appreciated. Take What You Need Give When You Can.

School Dinner Reminder

Don't forget to order your school dinners for next term using Parentpay.

We have a brand new menu to choose from starting after Easter for the half term.

Absences Polite Request:

Can we please remind parents/carers to inform the office of any absences before 9am. This can be done by calling the school office on 01282 615055 and leaving a voicemail, or by sending a Class Dojo to either Mrs Fletcher or Mr Longley. We are seeing increasing numbers of absences that are not being reported. Any absences that have not been reported to school go down as unauthorised, this is then discussed with the schools attendance support officer at Lancashire County Council, if this becomes a regular issue, legal intervention may be sought.

Don't forget school closes at 2pm TODAY and we reopen our doors on TUESDAY 22nd April at 8.45am.

Dates for your Diary

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

13th May Y5 Jodrell Bank Visit

19-21st May Y6 Robinwood 30th June Reception Blackpool Zoo

GMSJ Good News Page



Freddie and his family have donated chickens to families in Sudan rather than getting Easter eggs this year. This is part of an eggs for eggs campaign.



The winner of the Maths Scrapbook Challenge was Samar in Year 4 - who won himself a £20 gift voucher! Well Done Samar! A big well done to everyone else who joined in with the challenge.



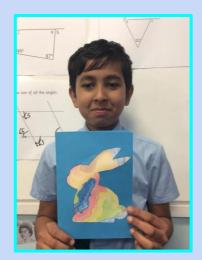
Year 2 had a visit from a medical technician this week, who allowed the class to try on the uniform!











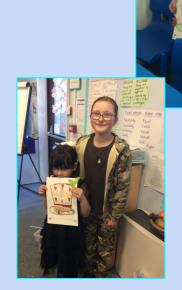


A few of Year 6's Easter Card Designs and GMSJ Book Day efforts.











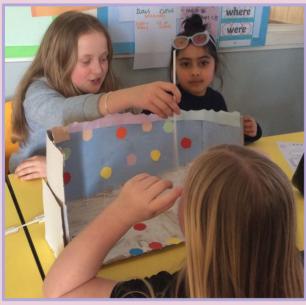
Meet some of our Mini Marsdens! Mini Marsdens runs every Tuesday in the school hall from 8.45am until 10am. It is FREE to attend for children aged 0-4 (Adults must stay).



Year 5 & Year 1 made some fantastic puppet Theatres on GMSJ Book Day.





































































here are a few pictures from our Reception class on their recent visit to The Little Lancashire Village, and celebrating GMSJ Book Day.











Our 2025 Egg Rolling Winners!

















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



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.

https://linktr.ee/absolutefutbol











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.



































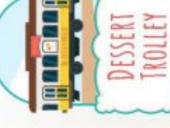


Week 1











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Homebakes

Homebakes

Tuna Mayo

Cheese or

Beans,

Tuna Mayo

Cheese or

Beans,

Homebakes

Homebakes

EVERY DAY Topped Pasta Tomato Sauce & topped with Homemade Hot Pasta MIRLE WAILABLE Cheese

Picnic Sausage

roll & Sauteed

New potatoes

Chicken Tikka Masala with

WEDNESDAY

Wholegrain Rice

Macaroni Cheese

Fingers & Chips Golden Fish

RAINBOW

Baked Beans

Pizza Slice with

21/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/05/25, 25/06/25, 14/07/25, 04/08/25, 25/08/25, 15/09/25, 06/10/25

Spring Summer

Wedges

Crudites

Sweetcorn

funa Mayo

Cheese or

Beans,

Green Salad

Tuna Mayo

Cheese or

Beans,

Peas

Tuna Mayo

Cheese or

Beans,

By Aspens















Week 2





Spring Summer

28/04/25, 19/05/25, 09/06/25, 30/06/25, 21/07/25, 11/08/25, 01/09/25, 22/09/25,

13/10/25

Bolognese Pasta Beef

Chicken Wraps Garlic & Herb and Paprika Wedges

Mash with Gravy Sausage and

Wholegrain Rice Butter Chicken Curry with

Battered Fish and Chips



Sweetcorn and Peas Green Beans

Mixed Greens

Green Beans Carrots and

Beans Baked



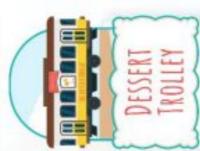
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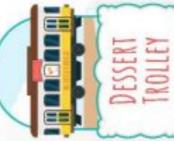




Week 3













RAIN BOW

16/06/25, 07/07/25, 28/07/25, 18/08/25, 08/09/25, 29/09/25, 05/05/25, 26/05/25, Spring Summer

20/10/25





Tuna Mayo

Cheese or

and Corn

Carrots

Stuffing, Skin on

Roast Chicken,

Beans,

Homebakes

Tuna Mayo

Cheese or

Beans,

Homebakes

Tuna Mayo

Cheese or

Broccoli

with New potatoes

& Onion Pie

Cheese

Beans,

Homebakes

Tuna Mayo Cheese or Beans,

Homebakes

Tuna Mayo

Cheese or

Green Salad

Sweetcorn Pizza

with Wedges

Beans,

EVERY DAY Topped Pasta Tomato Sauce & topped with Homemade Hot Pasta VAILABLE

and Chips

Roastles and Gravy Aspens all day

Golden Fish Fingers Breakfast

Baked Beans Peas

Cheese