

# ST MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Shining with God's love, pride and success*

GAMULL LANE ~ RIBBLETON ~ PRESTON ~ PR2 6SJ

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**Values this month (January) Faithfulness and Integrity**

Happy New Year! Welcome back to all our wonderful families. The children have returned smart and ready to learn. Please can you make sure that the school policy is followed at all times regarding uniform. (No trainers or earrings) Thank you!

**Primary School Admissions 2024 The closing date is Monday 15th January 2024 for your application for a Primary School place for September 2024.**

We returned to the sad news of the passing of Michelle Williams. A loving mum to Harley, Ryley and Emilie. who died on Christmas Day. We are keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers. A HUGE thankyou to everyone who has donated towards this charity.

## Free School Meals

The Free School Meal Vouchers (£15) will be issued for the February Half term Holiday.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance • Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, not entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit • Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

## Parents Maths Class(Y6)

Mrs Bailey is running a few open sessions for the parents of Y6 children. These sessions are to show you the methods the children are being taught and to show you how much fun Maths actually is. Please join her each Monday at 2:45pm

## Y5 Hothersall Lodge

Letters have been issued to the parents of Y5. This is to inform you that this residential will soon come around. We have put together a payment plan to ease the burden of the final payment.

## My Happy Mind

As you know we are a 'HAPPY MIND' school. The children love the weekly sessions and as a school we love teaching the different strategies. The children listened well to the assembly on Friday and met the characters again. Please look out for the parent app which will be launched soon. Further details will follow.

Coming up!

**Tuesday 30th January** -You are all invited to 9am Mass to celebrate 'Candlemas' with us.

**Friday 2nd February** –NSPCC NUMBER DAY. We will be taking part in this event by each class being fully immersed in numbers all day. We have lots of fun activities planned and the children can come to school dressed as a number. We had some excellent costumes last year –let's see if we can do the same!

### Monday 5th February –Young Voices Concert

We are proud to be taking 60 children to the World's biggest Choir event on Monday 5th February. Y6 and the choir have been working hard to learn the songs in preparation for the concert. This is a fantastic event filled with live music and entertainment at the AO Arena in Manchester. The coaches will be leaving school at 12:30pm and will be returning at approximately 10:15pm

Please make sure the children are wearing a white T-shirt so they glow in the dark and they have a packed tea with them. If your child has ordered a YV Tshirt they will be given out before the event.

### Tuesday 6th February –Internet Safety Day

The day will kickstart with an assembly lead by Mrs Nuttall and every class will be involved in activities around the theme of 'Inspiring Change and Making a Difference'

### Thursday 8th February- 'Chinese New Year' school meal promotion.

If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please make a payment through Parent pay.



Valentine DISCO –DJ Simon has been booked and is looking forward to seeing all the love that SMG has to share.

£3 entry on the door and sweets and drinks will be available to buy on the night.

Reception and KS1 4pm-5pm, KS2 5:15-6:15pm –wear something **RED** if you can.

**School closes** for half term on **Friday 9th February** and reopens on **Monday 19th February**.

The PTFA will also be selling raffle tickets on the gates Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th. 50p each A List and pictures of the prizes will be posted on dojo.

HOLIDAY CLUB –Sportscool are holding their holiday club, here at SMG. This is not the FREE FUNDED CLUB. Details are below.

**FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB**  
AT ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY, PR2 6SJ.

12th Feb  
UNTIL  
16th Feb

8:30am  
UNTIL  
4:00pm

AGES  
4-11

**£20 PER DAY • £80 PER WEEK**

Inflatables • Multi Sports • UV Dodgeball • Football • Laser Tag  
Dodgeball • Archery • Tri-Golf • Dance • Ultimate Frisbee

To book on, head to [sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk](https://sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk) or scan the QR code

1. Sign in or create a parent account.  
2. Ensure your child is added to your account.  
3. Go to Book a course and find Holiday Clubs.  
4. Select the Holiday Club you would like.  
5. Follow the boxes and make payment.

**0845 094 2290**

arents Evening will be 5th/6th March –more details to follow.