



St Mary and St Andrew's Newsletter - May 2025

Guide us O God to be the best we can be: in every thought, in every



I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome I've received as the new head teacher at SMSA.

I am dedicated to building upon the school's successes and ensuring a nurturing environment for all our students. Your support and engagement are invaluable and I look forward to our collaboration in the weeks, months and years to come.

Thank you for your trust and for making me feel so welcome.

Mr Waywell

This Month's News:

Year 6 made everyone proud with their determination and positive spirit when completing their SATS, we look forward to some great results in July. They celebrated with a day of bowling followed by ice creams. Wrens had a fabulous day out at Barton Grange, with several members of the public commenting on what a delightful bunch they were! Year 4 and Year 5 had a great day at the UCLAN Science Fair. As a school, we celebrated VE Day with an own-clothes day and activities in class. The Fizzy Tree showcase was a spectacular performance and really let our children's confidence and abilities shine (thank you all for celebrating with us).

Catholic Life of the School:

We held a school mass for the month of Mary. This was such a lovely celebration and the children were very respectful and prayerful—with some fantastic singing too! We welcomed the arrival of Our Lady of Lourdes statue in our Jubilee Pilgrimage year. She will be with us into next month where we will celebrate in class and have a school procession.

Our three local parishes are holding a joint pilgrimage at the Lady Shrine at Fernyhalgh on Wednesday 25th June. There is a procession from St Mary's Fernyhalgh at 4pm followed by a short mass. There is then a family picnic followed by a Jubilee reflection at 6pm. You may wish to come for the whole event or just wish to drop in after school or after work.



Sporting News:

Thanks to Miss Simpson for organising the netball tournament here at school. Schools from Preston joined us for the event our team outdid themselves with some great wins.

Tri Kids put the children through their paces with some running and cycling activities (they are back next term for more fun!)



Attendance:

Please find this school year's attendance so far. Please do help us by bringing your child to school every day, unless they are unwell, and by booking holidays outside of term time. You can report an absence on ARBOR on the day (before 8:50am) or please contact the school office on 01772 862335 before 8:30am. Planned absences, i.e. dentist or doctors appointments can be reported earlier using the online Pupil Absence Form.

96.9%

Reminder that for any instances of vomiting or diarrhoea, children must remain off school until a full **48 hours has passed since the last episode**. If symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP or to seek advice visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus).



After School Club:

A reminder that children cannot be admitted if they are not booked on Arbor.

Medicines:

We have added the Parental Agreement for School to Administer Medicine From to Microsoft Forms, please follow the link to complete. Also available on our website under Key Information/Policies/Microsoft Form List.



Cool Milk:

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Midmorning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5. For children who are already over 5, it's not too late - the scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. They offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember. If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Events Coming Up:

9th June – Multiplication Checks begin in Jays

13th June – Non-uniform day (Wrens and Robins bring stationery, toys etc—Owls, Jays and Eagles bring a bottle)

19th June – Art Exhibition in school 3pm

24th June—Mad Science Assembly

27th June— Bring cakes to school for the Summer Fair

Sports Day (times to be confirmed)

Summer Fair 3-5pm

Garstang Library:

Celebrate the books of Julia Donaldson Tuesday 27 May 11.00am – 12.00pm 'Treasure Island' Minecraft Booking required, ages 8+ Thursday 29 May 2.00pm – 3.00pm 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' Afternoon Friday 30 May 2.00pm – 4.00pm

PTFA:

Thanks to those who met for PTFA. There exciting ideas and events planned for the future, including our Summer Fair on 27th June. They would also like to revive our outdoor classroom on Saturday 19th July from 10am onwards. If you can help, email school with your name and what you can offer.

We need gardeners, builders, decorators, DIY'ers and lots of helping hands to transform our outdoor classroom and extend our nature space in to a fun, nurturing outdoor learning environment for our children to use throughout the year.

We welcome any donations of materials, plants, paints and creative ideas!

We'll also need help fixing the leaks in the roof.

transform the outdoor classroom space

clean out the pond

paint the classroom

make the garden bigger

St. Mary & St. Andrew's



Calling all budding artists and designers

Out of School Club are looking for a new logo and we want you to design it!

This competition is open to EVERYONE in school.

You can use crayons, coloured pencils or felt tips. The design must be simple yet easily recognised.



All entries must be submitted by Fri 20th June to Mrs Hand, who, alongside Mr Waywell, will choose the winning design.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



AFTER-SCHOOL MULTI-SPORT CLUB

VENUE

St Mary and St Andrew's
Catholic Primary School
Station Lane, Barton,
Preston, Lancashire, PR3 6DY

SESSION DATES

- Friday, 16 May 2025
- Friday, 23 May 2025
- Friday, 13 June 2025
- Friday, 27 June 2025
- Friday, 18 July 2025

TIME

3:30 PM
– 4.20 M

PRICE

£49.00
for 7-session
term

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



Football



Basketball



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- Boost coordination and confidence
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kids' country club

Activities

We create a unique experience for every child who joins us, with activities designed to spark creativity, adventure, and fun. Your child might enjoy:

- Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor Activities
- Nature walk
- Talent show
- Mini Olympics
- Camp Sing Along
- Treasure Hunts
- Just Dance
- Sports

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