



St Mary and St Andrew's Newsletter - March 2026

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Happy Easter

We break up for Easter on Thursday 2nd April at 1:15pm. We hope that you all have a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 20th April.

Catholic Life

As we are reaching the end of our Lenten journey, can we thank you all of the support that you have given the school with our fundraisers.

- For Mary's Meals, our "Dough for Dough" cake sales raised £300
- We have a good range of items that we can donate to our local food bank

Last Friday, our parishioners joined us in school for tea and cake whilst listening to our school choir perform their songs from Let's Go Sing.

Year 6 visited Ladyewell for a Lenten pilgrimage with an opportunity of prayer, reflection and Mass.

Next week, we begin Holy Week. Families are welcome to join us for our morning assemblies at 9am.

Monday: Wrens & Robins Psalm Sunday

Tuesday: Owls Maundy Thursday

Wednesday: Year 4 Good Friday

On the 1st Sunday of each Month, St Mary's Newhouse church hold a children's Liturgy at the 10:30am mass followed by drinks and biscuits in the Parish hall. We would love for families to join us in celebrating mass on these Sundays and for some children to read bidding prayers. The dates next term are 3rd May, 7th June and 5th July.

Sr. Sheinrose has asked if any of our children would like to be altar servers. This could be serving on a Sunday at St Mary's Newhouse or your own parish or serving during school time in our class and school masses. If your child is interested, please let school know and Sr. Sheinrose will enrol them and teach them about the role.



Easter Raffle

Thanks to all who bought raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle. We raised £130 that will be given to our PTFA.

Sport

Congratulations to our rugby team who won their rugby league this month!

Garden and Outdoor Classroom

We are going to tackle the garden and classroom on Wednesday 15th April from 10am. We would love our garden to be ready to welcome the bees and a Ribble Trust volunteer in the Summer term who is coming to make our pond a suitable habitat for creatures to live. We will be turning our outdoor classroom into the school's new library. Can you help? There will be weeding, painting (indoors and outdoors), stamping books, planting seeds, setting up bird tables cleaning the pond etc.

Book Day

Book Day was a great success in school. The children (and staff) looked amazing in their book character costumes. Each class carried out book-themed activities and we ended with all of our children reading to each other outside.



Science Week

To celebrate science week, Miss Simpson encouraged each class held an afternoon of practical science investigations. Lot's of fun learning helped the children to understand the importance of science in our lives.

Bunny Hop Day

Thanks to Mrs Foy for a fabulous Bunny Hop day. The children spent the morning playing games with carrots or Easter eggs.

We also got a visit from the Easter bunny.

Congratulations to St Patrick House for winning the competition.

Their house captains are thinking of a treat as a reward.



Easter Egg Designs

We have been blown away by the effort and imagination that has gone into our Easter egg designs. There are so many truly eggceptional designs! It has been lovely to see the children, families and visitors get joy from looking at them all. Well done everyone and thanks for joining in the fun.

Let's Go Sing

Mrs Williams has been busy preparing the children for our annual Let's Go Sing concert. Last week we took 50 junior children to Blackburn where they performed at the Ice Rink. They really did an amazing job and we were so proud watching them shine. Thanks to Mrs Williams for giving our children this amazing opportunity.



St Mary and St Andrew's Spring Dates

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- 30/3: Robin Wood Year 5 and Year 6 Three Day Residential
- 30/3: Wrens & Robins Psalm Sunday Assembly 9am (families welcome)
- 31/3: Owls Maundy Thursday Assembly 9am (families welcome)
- 1/4: Year 4 Good Friday Assembly 9am (families welcome)
- 15/4: Can you help with our garden(s) or outdoor classroom?
- 20/4: School reopens for Summer Term
- 19/5: PTFA Film Night 3:30-5:30 (details to be confirmed)
- 26/6: Sports Day 1pm (families welcome)
- 26/6: Summer Fair after Sports Day until 5pm

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have a fantastic opportunity for budding musicians at Preston Music Centre, which takes place at Corpus Christi High school on Thursday evenings.

A 20-week course of beginner lessons on either **Clarinet OR Trombone/Mini Tuba**, that is fully funded by a grant from SCOPS arts trust. The instrument will also be provided at no cost by Lancashire music service!

The lessons will take place on a Thursday evening **starting on 16th April**.

Clarinet @ 5.45pm with our Woodwind specialist, Victoria Fletcher

Trombone/ Mini Tuba @ 5.30pm with our lower Brass specialist, Hugh Bruce

Places are strictly limited to 4 pupils per group, and we therefore advise you to register your interest with our head of centre, Rachel Hughes, asap.

Places will be allocated on a strictly 1st come 1st served basis and any further pupils will be placed on a waiting list.

All we require of yourself and child is a commitment to attend lessons each week and a desire to learn!

At the end of the initial 20 weeks fully funded lessons, your child will have the opportunity to continue lessons, either in a group lesson or by taking individual lessons at Centre.

Costs after the 20 weeks will be:

30 min Group lesson - £10 per week

20 min Individual lesson - £15 per week

30 min individual lesson - £17 per week.

The instruments will continue to be provided free of charge.

We are mindful that costs can sometimes be a barrier to access, and we don't want anyone to miss out due to this. Should you require financial assistance to allow your child to continue their musical learning after the initial 20 weeks, please see our "Help with Costs" page. [Financial Support - Lancashire Music Hub](#).

If you have any questions about the project, please contact the project lead Rachel using the details below.

With very best wishes

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The Great Preston Fairtrade Egg Hunt Is Back!



Back for a third year.

Come and join our great Fairtrade Egg hunt and win some Fairtrade chocolate.

- There are 12 knitted eggs located at different businesses in the city centre - all businesses that support Fairtrade. A knitted egg will be on display at each of these - either visible from outside in the window or inside in the counter area. Each egg will display a letter.
- Print off the map/entry form or collect one from the Harris Library or from one of the following: Lush, Holland & Barrett, Body Shop, Central Methodists, Oxfam, Waterstones.
- Write the letter found at each location on your entry form.
- When you have found all the letters, use them to find the hidden phrase.

Finally leave your completed form at the Harris Library or in Central Methodists letter box and wait to hear if you have won some tasty Fairtrade chocolate.

You can do this any time between Saturday 28th March and Saturday 11th April. Have a Happy Fairtrade Easter!

Fairtrade is about better prices, working conditions and fair terms of trade for the people who grow the products we love (coffee, tea, cocoa, bananas). It also ensures high environmental standards - all guaranteed by the Fairtrade Mark. Fairtrade products exploit neither the environment nor the people who produce them and buying them has a direct impact on the lives and well being of producers and their communities.

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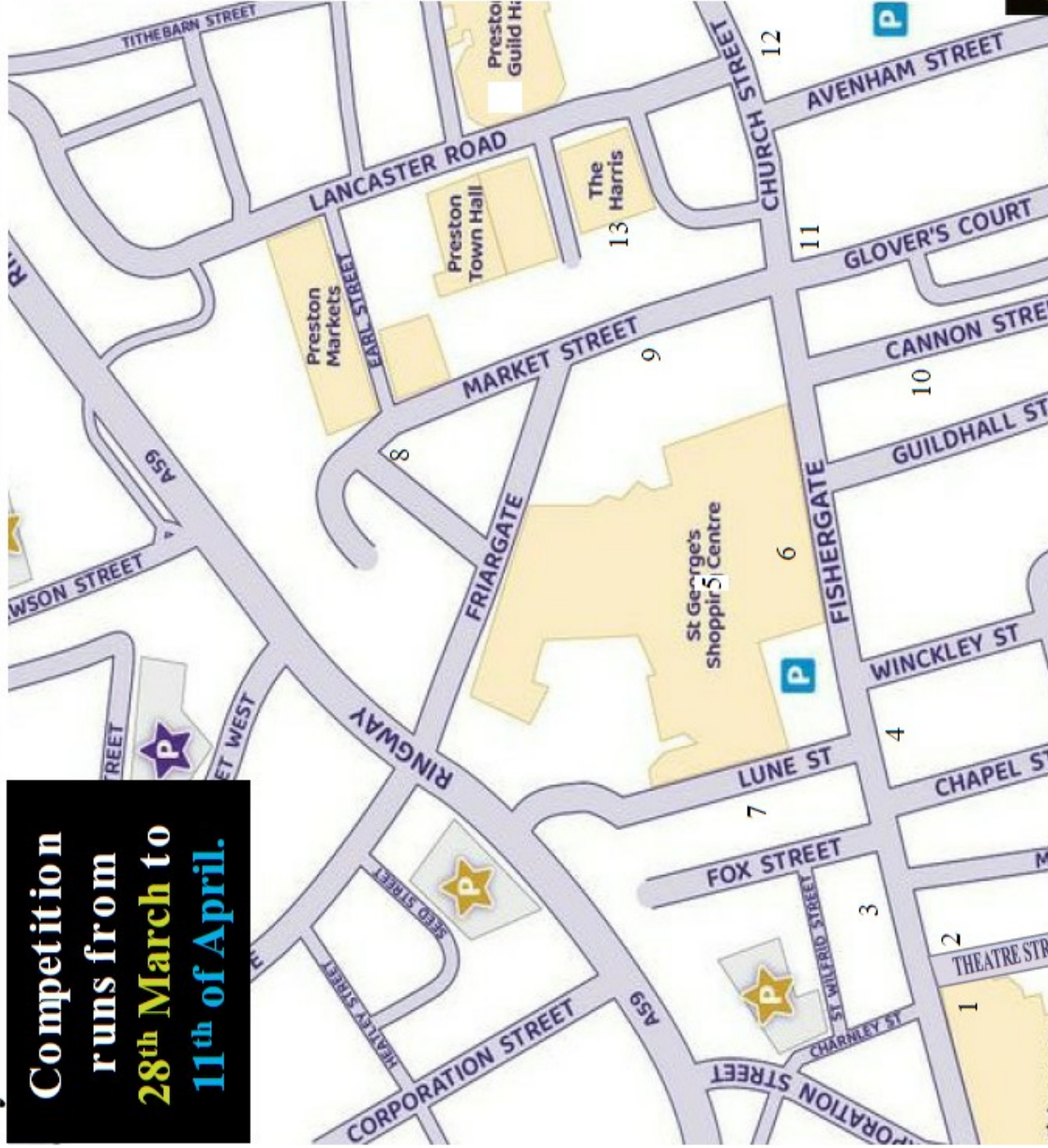
Fairtrade Preston, fairpreston@gmail.com, 07813 870641

My Name is..... Contact details:

Competition
runs from
28th March to
11th of April.

The Great Preston Fairtrade Egg Hunt.

Go to the * marked places to pick up a map, & find the knitted eggs on display in windows or on counters. Each egg has a letter. Write down the letter and work out what phrase they make. Drop off your finished sheet at Central Methodist's Letter Box or the Harris Library for the chance to win some excellent prizes in our chocolatey draw!



| | SHOP NAME |
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| 1 | Lush * |
| 2 | Holland and Barrett * |
| 3 | Greggs [Fishergate] |
| 4 | Sainsburys |
| 5 | Greggs [St George's downstairs] |
| 6 | Body Shop [Nr Fishergate entrance] * |
| 7 | Central Methodists Letter Box Drop Off |
| 8 | Greggs [Orchard Street] |
| 9 | Oxfam * |
| 10 | Preston Health Food Store |
| 11 | Waterstones * |
| 12 | Co-op bank |
| 13 | Harris Library* Drop off Point |



Now you have all the letters, work out the excellent phrase that they make and write it in the space below.



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Explore
amazing,
mind-blowing
research!

Children must be accompanied by an adult


Free family-friendly festival

Hands-on activities, crafts, games, experiments - and more!

Friday 10 April
10.30am-4pm
More Music, Morecambe

Meet QT the Humanoid Robot • Teddy Bear Hospital •
Morecambe Seaside Cinema • The Big Coastal
Quest Game • Physics Fun Factory • Be a Space
Size Explorer • Minecraft Game • Sssscience of
Sssnakes • Northern Lights through Virtual Reality



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