



NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2025

MESSAGE FROM MR THOMPSON

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. Detailed below you will see that the summer term has been action-packed, with many fantastic enrichment opportunities for the pupils. We truly believe that a rounded education means much more than just what happens in the classroom and this newsletter highlights exactly that!

Of course, whilst we strive to allow every pupil's light to shine, special mention must go to our wonderful staff body who consistently go above and beyond to provide a great range of activities.

As we approach the end of another academic year, I'd like to thank you for your continued support of St Mary's and wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer holiday!



SORRENTO 2025 VISIT

In June, The Geography & Food departments visited Sorrento Italy with 48 very excited pupils. Pupils were lucky enough to walk Mount Vesuvius, and experience Pompei during the first day investigating the devastating impacts a volcano can have. Pupils also visited a family farm where they made and ate their own pizza's using the ingredients grown within the farm and finished making Gelato in the centre of Sorrento. The pupils were incredible throughout especially having to deal with the heatwave over mainland Europe where temperatures were reaching 38 degrees.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

SO...WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING DURING THIS TERM?

YEAR 11 LEAVERS MASS

Earlier this term, we celebrated the end of 5 years at St Mary's for our Year 11 pupils.

The pupils showed exemplary behaviour during their last ever mass at St Mary's and time was allocated to allow pupils to share memories and sign shirts.

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Philippians 4:13).

Good luck — we are proud of you and walking with you in spirit every step of the way.



ASTLEY PARK BIRD BOX PROJECT

Pupils represented the school in May on a trip to Astley Park, having been invited to see their birdboxes up around the park. All were delighted to see the boxes and some even had birds flying in and out with food. They were treated to a talk on how the Friends of Astley Park have put up bat boxes and how they try to keep the park and its wildlife housed and safe.

Thank you Friends of Astley Park for a wonderful morning!



ICE CREAM AND NON UNIFORM DAY

Following a very successful and busy 2 day inspection by Ofsted, pupils were reward with an ice cream from Robinson's and had the opportunity to wear their own clothes for their incredible behaviour over the two day's. We are very proud of you all.



YEAR 11 SENIOR LEADERSHIP MEAL

In Late June, our Year 11 Senior Leadership pupils were invited to Papa Luigi's in Euxton, to thank them for all of their hard work and commitment within their specific roles over the last year.

Pupils enjoyed spending time with each other and eating the lovely food that they had ordered.



YEAR 8 PILGRIMAGE

Our annual pilgrimage to Liverpool was a truly memorable experience for Year 8 pupils. Over the course of two action-packed days, they enjoyed a tour of Anfield, attended Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, explored the majestic Liverpool Cathedral, and spent time at Crosby Beach, home to the striking 'Another Place' sculptures by Antony Gormley. They also relaxed with a movie night and, the following day, experienced the famous Mersey Ferry and had time to shop at Liverpool ONE. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to deepen their faith, strengthen friendships, and reflect on their spiritual journey together.





A BUSY TERM IN THE COMPUTING & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

OUR PUPILS SHAPING TOMORROW'S WORLD



What an amazing day! In June, a group of our Year 9 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to attend the TeenTech Festival, held this year at Edge Hill University. Selected for their excellence across all technology specialisms and their strong interest in STEM subjects, these pupils truly made the most of this inspiring experience.

From administering augmented reality (AR) epidurals and participating in electronic light shows for theatre design, to pitching tech innovations to a panel of industry experts, the day was packed with hands-on, forward-thinking activities. Pupils also took part in practical sessions on a simulated hospital ward using AI-powered healthcare robots—a real highlight for many. A standout moment was when our pupils were awarded Best Digital Innovation for their fantastic idea: a mobile app designed to manage and track spending. Our mentor for the day praised their maturity, creative thinking, and confident interactions, noting how impressive they were throughout the event. As always, they did us proud.

The group also had the chance to explore Edge Hill's impressive facilities, including classrooms, sports areas, social spaces, and even a learning hospital ward. Many were excited and inspired by the possibilities university life could offer.

The event was hosted by Maggie Philbin (formerly of Tomorrow's World), who captivated the students with her vision of how their ideas could shape the future of technology and innovation. Based on pupil feedback, this is one trip we'll certainly be repeating next year!



A Warm Welcome to Primrose Hill Primary

In June, we were delighted to welcome over 50 enthusiastic Year 5 pupils from Primrose Hill Primary School in Euxton—an annual visit that St Mary's staff always look forward to. Not only is it a fantastic chance to meet the wonderful pupils, but there's usually the added bonus of sampling a few cookies too!

As part of a special project at their school, the pupils research and design their own cookie product. Their visit to St Mary's marks the exciting 'make' stage of the process, where they put their plans into action in our food technology kitchens. It's a great opportunity for them to experience working in a secondary school environment, access specialist equipment, and meet some of our technology team.

Many primary schools don't have the space or facilities to carry out this kind of practical work, so we're proud to be able to support a creative and hands-on learning experience. A special thanks to Mrs. Chapman of Primrose Hill for arranging the logistics of getting the pupils to and from school.

We hope all the pupils had a brilliant time—we certainly enjoyed having them! As always, they represented Primrose Hill beautifully, showing outstanding enthusiasm, engagement, and impeccable manners. We look forward to welcoming next year's cohort for another fun and cookie-filled day!

A BUSY TERM IN THE COMPUING & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

YEAR 10 COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIP TO THE NORTH WEST COMPUTER SCIENCE MUSEUM

In June, some of our Year 10 Computer Science pupils enjoyed an engaging and educational trip to the North West Computer Science Museum in Leigh. The visit offered a unique look into the evolution of technology and gave pupils the chance to explore the roots of computing in a hands-on way.

Pupils took part in programming workshops using 1980s BBC Microcomputers. Despite their age, these machines provided an excellent introduction to the core principles of programming—perfect timing as we begin our own programming unit in school.

As well as learning about the development of personal computers, pupils also explored the history of gaming. Unsurprisingly, unlimited access to the museum's retro arcade games proved to be a huge hit!

A big thank you goes to Joe and Liz at the museum for delivering such engaging sessions and making the day so enjoyable. The overwhelmingly positive feedback from pupils means we'll definitely be returning next year.

Mrs. Doran, however, was slightly horrified to see the very technology she once used now on display in a MUSEUM EXHIBIT—much to the pupils' amusement!



SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

16th July saw our annual Summer Arts Festival. This evening brought together work from over 100 pupils! A wonderful performance of Macbeth from our Drama Group started off the evening, before the second half musical performances from choir, harmony group, rock bands and soloists. We also displayed our "Art Gallery" of pupils work for the audience to see before the concert and during the interval. Thank you to all who took part - what a marvelous evening to showcase your amazing skills!





OFSTED VISIT - JUNE 2025

Following our recent visit from Ofsted, St Mary's continues to be a good school. This judgement was reached following a 2-day inspection on 10 & 11 June, conducted by Ofsted Inspectors Timothy Gartside and Katy Robinson.

The full report is available via both the school and Ofsted websites, but extracts from the report include comments such as:

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- 'The school is ambitious for its pupils'
- 'Pupils are proud to be part of this inclusive school'
- 'Staff foster strong relationships with pupils'
- '[Pupils] enjoy coming to school because they appreciate being part of a close-knit and friendly community'
- 'Pupils feel safe when they are in school'
- 'In lessons, pupils listen respectfully to their teachers and to each other'
- 'Pupils dress smartly, maintaining the high standards of uniform required by the school'
- 'Pupils benefit from an extensive range of enrichment opportunities that develop their skills and self-confidence'
- 'The school's curriculum is broad and ambitious'
- 'Teachers are knowledgeable about their subjects'
- 'The school identifies pupils with SEND accurately Overall, pupils with SEND achieve well'
- 'Ensuring that pupils are fluent readers is a priority.... As a result, most pupils become fluent and confident readers over time'
- 'The programme to support pupils' personal development is well designed'
- 'leaders [and] governors have played a significant role in ensuring that the school has sustained its performance since the last inspection'



EXPRESSIVE ARTS EVENTS COMING IN 2025/26

Band Night - 8th October 2025
Christmas Concert - 10th December 2025
Band Night - 11th February 2025
GCSE Performance Evening - 25th March 2025
Piano Recital - 20th May 2025
School Production: 30th June, 1st and 2nd July 2025





SO...WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING DURING THIS TERM?

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL VISIT TO WALES

The year 9 Football Team were invited to attend a white water rafting activity over the weekend. The behaviour throughout was once again fantastic and the boys were a pleasure to have on the trip.

ECO TEAM NEWS!

What a fantastic opportunity for our Year 8 Eco Council members to be able to listen to Rachael Shah who is currently Head of Sustainability Strategy & Communication at a textile company. The pupils were given a huge insight to sustainability within the work place and a further insight to current career prospects and future roles.

The pupil's engagement was fantastic as they worked in small groups to be creative and discuss sustainability.

Litter-Picking Heroes - Our Eco Council seized a fantastic opportunity to make a positive impact in the local community through litter picking in the Wade Hall area— successfully filling 11 bags of rubbish! This initiative not only highlights the importance of keeping our environment clean, but also reinforces our commitment to creating a healthier planet.

Building on this success, the Litter-Picking Heroes hope to establish an ongoing relationship with regular monthly meetups. This could serve as a valuable addition to our Personal Development Programme, offering pupils hands-on experience in community engagement and environmental stewardship.

We had a fantastic morning last week with members of the Eco Council showcasing their gardening skills and planting with purpose for a more sustainable future. Their enthusiasm was infectious as they worked to enhance our local environment and encourage nature to thrive. It was heartwarming to see them take such pride in helping our surroundings bloom

BAND NIGHT

In June the Expressive Arts Department hosted Band Night. This event was an opportunity for pupils to let their light shine on our stage, showcasing their hard work in solos and small ensembles. A huge thank you goes to all pupils who took part - your resilience and determination to get to this point to perform your repertoire shone through!





PE NEWS!

SPORTS DAY

Thursday 19th June saw this year's Sports Day. A fantastic event with mass pupil numbers participating in a number of events across the entire day. Field events took place in the morning with track events in the afternoon. In the afternoon the entire school were out to cheer on and celebrate their house achievements – house flags waving with passion and excitement! The weather was hot!!!! Beautiful spectator conditions but tough for the participants. All pupils were well prepped however with hats, sun cream and an abundance of water!

A fantastic display of skill throughout with pupils going above and beyond to support other houses as well as their own. 14 points separating first and second place meant a comfortable win for House Josephine. The results are as follows:

- 1st Josephine
- 2nd Thomas
- 3rd Peter
- 4th John
- 5th Anselm
- 6th Benedict

A huge thank you to our Year 11 leaders who gave up their time to come and lead the day as well as BenniSound for providing the sound system for the day.



ATHLETICS

Athletics practice has continued to thrive this term, with outstanding commitment shown by pupils across all year groups. Over 30 pupils have been staying after school each week to run, jump, and throw with passion and determination, especially in preparation for both Sports Day and the highly anticipated South Ribble Athletics Championships.

This year's Championships took place on Monday 23rd June at Stanley Park, Blackpool, with an incredible 51 pupils representing St. Mary's across Years 7, 8, and 9. The atmosphere was brilliant, and our athletes gave it their all against tough competition from across the district.

There were numerous standout performances on the day:

- M. Gohil – 1st place in Year 9 Girls Long Jump
- S. Lomax – 1st place in Year 9 Girls Javelin
- C. Kingsbury – 1st place in Year 8 Boys Discus
- G. Sierawski – 2nd place in Year 9 Boys Long Jump
- J. Hoatson – 2nd place in Year 7 Boys 800m
- S. Harris – 3rd place in Year 7 Girls 800m
- A. Smazyk – 3rd place in Year 7 Boys 300m
- M. Griffiths – 3rd place in Year 7 Boys Javelin
- Year 9 Girls Relay Team – 3rd place in a competitive field

As a school, we placed 4th overall in the Championships – a fantastic team result. The Year 7 boys finished 3rd overall and the Year 9's also secured 3rd place overall, showcasing the strength and depth across our athletics squads.

Congratulations and a huge well done to everyone who took part. You represented St. Mary's with pride, resilience, and team spirit – we are incredibly proud of you all.





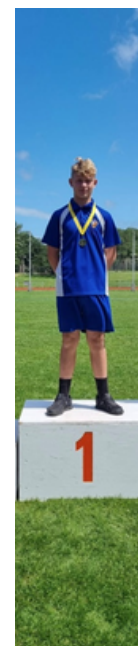
PE NEWS!

Cricket

Cricket has seen a fantastic level of engagement across KS3 this term, with pupil uptake increasing week on week. It's been brilliant to witness such enthusiasm and commitment from our pupils, with numbers continuing to grow as the weeks have progressed.

Throughout the sessions, pupils have made significant progress in all areas of the game – from batting technique and bowling accuracy to sharp, confident fielding. The improvement in skills has been matched by a clear enjoyment of the sport, creating a positive and energetic atmosphere every week.

Looking ahead, we're excited by the potential and are hopeful that this enthusiasm carries into the next academic year. Our goal is to establish several cricket teams and begin competing in fixtures – a great opportunity for pupils to represent the school and showcase their talent on the pitch.



Girls Rounders

This term has seen an abundance of extra-curricular rounders. Years 9 – 10 have been down in their droves sharpening up their skills ready for their tournaments, girls will have represented school for their year group with well over 50 girls turning up for training each week...competition for team places was tough! The Year 10 girls completed their tournament in fine spirits despite some last minute team changes and the dramatic British weather. The tournament was played at a high standard and we finished 2nd place in the overall. Year 9 also played extremely well in their closely fought tournament and came third! Unfortunately we could not compete in the Year 7 and 8 tournaments this year due to low participation rates at practice. Efforts have been spent in promoting the sport during lesson time to ensure next summer we are back to our high standards of commitment and dedication.

Congratulations to all involved this year in such a fabulous traditional summer sport...long may this continue in the St. Marys way of 'Letting Our Light Shine'.



Sports Tour

Over 60 pupils and 6 staff will be embarking on a Sports Tour to Valencia over the Easter weekend of 2026. Mr Walsh and Mr Riley will also be undertaking an Inspection Visit in October, to ensure the hotel and playing facilities are fit for purpose. The school last visited Valencia on a Sports Tour in 2014 and had a wonderful sporting and cultural experience.

Boys Football

The teams and associated managers from September 2025, are as follows:

- Year 7- Mr Walsh
- Year 8- Mr Gill
- Year 9- Mr Booth
- Year 10- Mr McCann
- Year 11- Mr Riley



PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Following a rigorous application process, we are very happy to announce our new Head Boy & Head Girl, and Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for 2025/26:

Head Boy - Joseph R

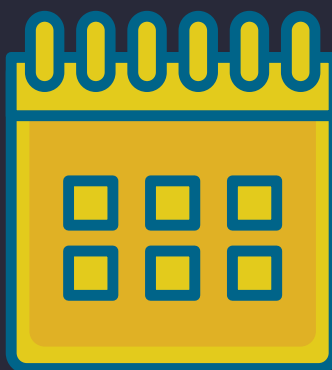
Head Girl - Lydia W

Deputy Head Boy - Harry B

Deputy Head Girl - Martha B

Also a special mention to the six other Year 10 candidates who presented and were interviewed; they were exceptional and did themselves proud.

IMPORTANT DATES



Wednesday 03/09/25 - School reopens after the Summer break

Tuesday 09/09/25 - Arbor launch evening for parents

Thursday 11/09/25 - Yr10 Humanities support evening

Wednesday 24/09/25 - Open Evening.

Thursday 25/09/25 - Year 7 Friendship Day

Tuesday 7/10/25 - Jubilee Mass for Year 7

Wednesday 8/10/25 - Band Night

Monday 13/10/25 - Dementia Cafe

Tuesday 14/10/25 - Careers Fair

Thursday 16/10/25 - Oxford University Visit

Friday 17/10/25 - Year 10 Travel & Tourism Visit

Tuesday 21/10/25 - Year 10 Geography & Photography Trip To Salford Quays

Half Term - Monday 27/10/24 - Friday 31/10/25

Thursday 06/11/25 - Year 7 & 11 Blackpool Lights Trip

Friday 07/11/25 - Year 10 Geography Fieldwork (Liverpool)

Thursday 13/11/25 - Year 11 Photography Trip

Wednesday 19/11/25 - Awards Evening

Monday 24/11/25 - Friday 5/11/25 - Year 11 Mocks 02/07/25

Wednesday 3/12/25 - Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 4/12/25 - Christmas Bingo

Wednesday 10/12/25 - Christmas Concert

Thursday 11/12/25 - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16/12/25 - Rewards Trip

Friday 19/12/25 - Pupils break up for the Christmas Break



UNIFORM SWAP

In July we hosted our first ever Uniform Exchange to support our local community. Thank you to all parents for their donations (money and clothing) and we collected £46.51 in donations for Mary's Meals

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DIARY

BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS TO LET OUR LIGHT SHINE



Career's Corner



London STEM Trip to Railway 200

Stem In Action!!

What a wonderful experience on the [@railway200official](https://www.railway200.co.uk/) experience with [@avantiwestcoast](https://www.avantiwestcoast.co.uk/).

Pupils have not only investigated a variety of careers but they have coded trains, designed rail routes, built bridges, and redesigned landscapes
And to top it off, they've got some cheeky free gifts!



Support St Mary's Careers Education

If you wish to support St Mary's with our careers education through classroom talks, assemblies, careers fairs, mock interviews....

Please scan the QR code to the right and sign up.
It will be highly appreciated.



College Taster Days

Year 10 pupils this last half term have visited college's to investigate what life will be like once they leave us here at St Mary's. Pupils have visited Runshaw, Preston College, Hutton and Cardinal Newman. Pupils behaviour was incredible throughout and we hope this day will contribute to their decision making when deciding their next steps.





PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DIARY

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2025/26 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM

YEAR	WIDER WORLD (1)	WIDER WORLD (2)	RELATIONSHIPS <u>Ten Ten (RSHE For Catholic Schools)</u>	HEALTH & WELLBEING (1)	HEALTH & WELLBEING (2)	Additional Module	LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE (Bespoke Module)
7	Careers Curriculum (Yr7) An introduction to Careers, teamwork and enterprise skills, and raising aspirations <u>(Morrisby Careers Platform)</u>	Financial decisions Making, saving, borrowing, budgeting and making financial choices	Life Live to The Full Our core identity changing bodies, healthy inside and out, changing bodies, where we come from, family and friends, my life on screen and living responsibly.	Religion and Belief: Christ at the Centre & First Aid Engage with the Catholic ethos and values of St. Mary's Compass Bloom Catholic Social Teaching	St Mary's & Me (Key Values Of Being A St Mary's Pupil) The role pupils play within school, Contribution towards school, our school history,	Year 7 British Citizenship Democracy, parliament, liberties and improving communities.	Welcome to St Mary's Expectations and standards at St Mary's.
8	Careers Curriculum (Yr8) Equality of opportunity in careers and life choices, and different types and patterns of work <u>(Morrisby Careers Platform)</u>	Digital literacy Online safety, digital literacy, media reliability, and gambling hooks	Life Live to The Full Created and chosen, appreciating differences, feelings, before I was born, tough relationships, think before you share and the wider world.	Drugs and alcohol Alcohol and drug misuse and pressures relating to drug use	Emotional wellbeing Mental health and emotional wellbeing, including body image and coping strategies Compass Bloom	Protected Characteristics & Extremism Pupils discuss equality, discrimination and investigate key aspects of extremism.	St Mary's & Me (Protecting Our School) What can you do to support the greater community at St Mary's (Sustainability)
9	Careers Curriculum (Yr9) Learning strengths, career options and goal setting. <u>(Morrisby Careers Platform)</u>	Diversity Developing on the protected characteristics module with a focus on misogyny, race, disability and religion	Life Live to The Full The search for love, love people & use things, in control of my choices, fertility and contraception, marriage, one hundred percent and knowing my rights & responsibilities.	Peer influence, substance use and gangs Healthy and unhealthy friendships, assertiveness, substance misuse, and gang exploitation	Healthy lifestyle Diet, exercise, lifestyle balance and healthy choices, and first aid Compass Bloom	Functional IT Skills in Employment Pupils developing key IT skills that are essential within employment... Word, Excel, Emails	Options (Preparing for KS4) Discussion of options and pathways at KS4.
10	Financial decision making The impact of financial decisions, debt, gambling and the impact of advertising on financial choices	Careers Curriculum (Yr10) Preparing For Employment Personal Statement Writing (Morrisby Careers Platform)	Life Live to The Full Authentic freedom, self-image, beliefs, values & attitudes, parenthood, pregnancy & abortion, abuse and solidarity	Mental health Mental health and ill health, stigma, safeguarding health, including during periods of transition or change Compass Bloom	Exploring influence The influence and impact of drugs, gangs, role models and the media	Year 10 British Citizenship The power of government, legislation, free press, human rights, international law,	Work Experience Preparing, completing and evaluating work experience placements.
11	Moving Forward Revision techniques/strategies and future opportunities	Careers Curriculum (Yr 11)	Life Live to The Full Self-worth, addiction, eating disorders, birth control, pornography, STIs and coercive control.	Addressing Year 11 Issues Working with the curriculum leader to target key barriers to success in Year 11. Compass Bloom	Independence Responsible health choices, and safety in independent contexts	Budgeting For Later Life Budgeting for a college/university pupil, what are taxes and how do mortgages work?	Options (Preparing for Exams & KS5) Pupil wellbeing, stress management and supporting applications at KS5.

Following feedback from staff, parent and pupils, this is our Personal Development curriculum for 2025/26.

There has been many amendments however one of the major changes is implementing a bespoke Mental Health lesson for every form group ran by professionals in the field. Please do not hesitate to contact pd@lsmchs.com if you feel we need to include any additional to our current Personal Development curriculum.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



A massive well done to Levi who is one of Rovers new intake of first year scholars to the club's Academy-we are very proud of you!

Riley competed at the British Championships and was crowned champion in his weight category (35-40kg). Riley has now qualified for the World Championships in Germany where he will be representing Great Britain! Magnificent achievement, Riley!



Daniel and Josh have won the Mark Bottomley memorial trophy with their team Lostock St Gerards u16 with Josh scoring and Daniel saving a penalty in regular time. The match went to penalties with Daniel saving another 2 as they beat Burscough Dynamo's

This is a new feature for the newsletter for this term. We love hearing about how the children are succeeding outside of school, and as such if you have any achievements/stories you wish us to share with our school community, please email pd@lsmchs.com



Dear Parents,

We hope this letter finds you well. As members of the Preston Community Safety Partnership, we are reaching out to address a concern within Preston that requires your attention and cooperation.

Empty buildings in Preston have been attracting children and young people who may sometimes find open access where damage has been caused to doors, windows and security boarding. If a building is found open to access, please report this to Preston City Council so that it can be secured (contact details for reports can be found below).

The curiosity and sense of adventure these places might provoke could tempt young people to want to explore but it is crucial to highlight the serious dangers associated with entering empty buildings.

Empty buildings are normally secured to prevent access and boarded up doors and windows and locks and chains on gates mean that the building shouldn't be entered, gates and scaffolding shouldn't be climbed.

The Dangers:

1. **Structural Instability:** Empty buildings are often in a state of disrepair, with weakened floors, ceilings, and walls that can collapse without warning. This poses a significant risk of injury or even fatality to anyone inside. Some roofs are not capable of supporting the weight of a person and a person walking on a roof may cause it to collapse.
2. **Hazardous Materials:** These buildings may contain hazardous materials such as asbestos, broken glass, sharp metal, and other debris that can cause serious injuries or health issues.
3. **Electrical Hazards:** Exposed wiring and damaged electrical systems within these buildings can lead to severe electrical shocks or fires.
4. **Gas Leaks:** Gas supplies to empty buildings may not have been safely disconnected and where leaks occur gas can accumulate to dangerous levels inside.
5. **Presence of Unwanted Individuals:** Abandoned buildings can sometimes become havens for illicit activities or squatters, potentially exposing your children to unsafe and undesirable situations.

Advice for Parents:

- **Educate Your Children:** Talk to your children about the dangers of entering empty buildings. Explain why these places are unsafe and the potential risks involved.



- **Monitor Their Activities:** Be aware of where your children are spending their time, especially during evenings, weekends and holidays. Encourage them to stay in safe, supervised areas.
- **Encourage Safe Alternatives:** Promote engagement in safe and supervised activities such as sports, community clubs, or local youth groups. These provide constructive ways for children to explore and socialise.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you notice children entering or loitering around empty buildings, please report it to local authorities. Your vigilance can prevent accidents and ensure the safety of our community's youth.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep up to date with local news and announcements from the Preston Community Safety Partnership regarding any measures being taken to secure and manage empty buildings in the area.

We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our children and young people. Your cooperation and proactive involvement are essential in helping us address this issue effectively. Let us work together to create a safer environment for all.

Buildings which appear to be in a dangerous condition or are open to unauthorised access should be reported to Preston City Council.

Reporting a dangerous building: [Report a dangerous building - Preston City Council](#)

Reporting a building open to unauthorised access [Reporting a housing standards issue - Preston City Council](#)

If you have any concerns or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Preston Community Safety Partnership on the email below, referencing 'Community Safety'.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Preston Community Safety Partnership

info@preston.gov.uk

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18 July 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

I write with regards to a significant increase in the use of E-Bikes, E-Scooters, E-Motorbikes and Off-Road Motorcycles used by our young people in Lancashire. With the impending summer holidays, I would expect to see an increase in their use on our roads and in turn there will be an increase in Police activity.

Therefore, I have provided an information leaflet to educate on the legalities of these machines, where they can be ridden and the penalties if stopped by Police.

For context, we have seen a significant increase in collisions involving these machines, not only in Lancashire but nationally. Anti-Social Behaviour from these vehicles are one of the most reported matters to the Police and we are looking to reduce this by listening to what effects our communities the most. These machines are subject to thefts and robberies and are often used to facilitate criminal activity by some and in some areas.

I appreciate that the majority of our young people see riding as a fun activity, but I would urge them to do so lawfully with your support. By understanding the legalities and working together I would hope to see safer roads, less injuries with a decrease in crime and ASB.

I thank you for your understanding and hope you and our young people can enjoy a fun and safe summer period before going back to school.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Scott

Inspector 2778

Roads Policing Unit

Lancashire Constabulary

E-SCOOTERS & E-BIKES

A guide for parents, carers & professionals

Where can you use an e-scooter/bike

- ✓ Only on private land with the landowner's permission
- ✗ Not on roads, pavements, cycle lanes, car parks, or any public space.

Did you know?

- ⚠ In the last 12 months e-bikes, e-scooters and electric dirt bikes have been involved in 6 fatal collisions in Lancashire
- ⚠ Nuisance bikes are one of the most reported issues by the community to the police.

The law & consequences

- E-scooters/bikes can be classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988
- They require a valid driving licence and insurance to be used legally on public roads
- No licence or insurance? Your e-scooter/e-bike can be seized under Section 165a.

⚠ If you are prosecuted

- Riding with no licence? You'll receive 3 penalty points and a minimum of a £100 fine
- Riding with no insurance? You'll receive 6 penalty points and a minimum of a £300 fine
- Penalty points will be held on a 'Ghost Licence' by the DVLA
- These points will carry over to your future licence and could result in an instant disqualification
- Your insurance costs may significantly increase for years and you may be sent to court.

TYPES OF E-BIKES & E-SCOOTERS



E-SCOOTER

MOT INS TAX 16+ CBT

Personal Light Electric Vehicle (PLEV)

Includes powered unicycles, go peds and hoverboards.

There are two types:

- Privately owned
- Rented through an authorised scheme.

An E-scooter is legal for use on the roads only if rented through a government trial scheme in a designated area (conditions apply).



EAPC

14+

Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle (EAPC)

No separate insurance, tax, MOT or driving licence is required if you comply with the legal framework for the EAPC's

Only Legal for use on the roads if:

- Propelled by pedals
- Doesn't exceed max output of 250w
- Cuts off electric assistance over 15.5mph
- The rider is over 14 years old.



E-MOTORBIKE

MOT INS TAX

Twist & Go (PLEV)

16+ CBT

Not legal on roads unless:

- Registered with the DVLA
- Tax, insured and MOT'd
- The rider has completed a CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) and holds a provisional or full driving licence
- The rider must be wearing a motorcycle helmet.

Know the Rules Before You Ride

A road is classed as a:

- Highway
- Footpath
- Cycle lane
- Bridleway
- Grass verge
- Car park



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GETTING TOUGH ON
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

If you have information which could help Lancashire Police or other agencies tackle anti-social behaviour in your area, please report it by scanning the QR code or visiting: LancashireTacklingASB.co.uk

