



Newsletter

16th January 2026

A warm welcome from your headteacher

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Hello – officially! It has only been two weeks, and I feel like I have been ‘home’ longer!

I am delighted to be joining SS Mary & Michael as Headteacher. It is a privilege to work with your wonderful children and to build on the many strengths of the school. I look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every child feels safe, supported, and inspired to achieve their best. Over the coming weeks, I hope to meet many of you and learn more about what makes our school such a special place.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have already received. I am excited for the journey ahead.

Kind regards,
Mrs A Dodd
Headteacher



Admissions – September 2026

Please note that 15th January 2026 is the closing date to apply for a place in Reception for

September 2026 intake. You can find further details at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

Sports News

Our football team played a friendly match at GCA yesterday. SSMM won overall and Mr McGown was very proud of the standard of play and the great sportsmanship. Well done team!



Upcoming Events

- 16th January – Meet & Greet Headteacher
- 22nd January – Poolfoot small school county finals
- 5th February – Maths Challenge at OLCHS
- 10th February – SATS information evening for parents - 5pm
- 13th February – interim reports to parents
- **13th February - school closes for HALF TERM**
- 18th Feb – 5th April - LENT
- **23rd February – INSET**
- **24th February – School opens**
- 4th March – Parents Evening
- **27th March – School Closes for Easter**
- 11th – 14th May – SATS Week
- 19th May – Sports Day
- **22nd May – school closes for HALF TERM**
- **1st June – INSET**
- **2nd June – School opens**
- Week of 1st June – Y4 Multiplication table check
- Week of 8th June – Y2 SATs
- Reports out to Parents
- **17th July – School closes for Summer**

PTA events: (more details to follow about each event)

- 12th February – School disco 6-6:45pm KS1 / 7-7:45pm KS2
- 13th February – Break the rules day
- 5th March – World Book Day – dress up day
- 13th March – non uniform day in return for chocolate for the Easter Bingo
- 20th March – Easter bingo
- 22nd April – Film night in school from 3:30pm
- 15th May – Ice cream
- 19th May - Colour dash / Sports Day
- 10th July – Fun Night

SS Mary & Michael Parish News

Please click on the link below for the most recent news bulletin

<https://ssmaryandmichaelsgarstang.org.uk/newsletters/>



AWARD WINNERS:



Weekend ending 9th January

Wren:

RS- Albert

BB – Shiloh

Writer – Monty

Owl:

RS – Malachi

BB – Hazel

Writer – Ruby

Woodpecker:

RS – Thea

BB – Daisy

Writer – Lottie

Heron:

RS – Stanley

BB – Lara

Writer - Scarlett



UNIFORM REMINDER

We kindly remind parents of the importance of ensuring children always wear smart school uniform, as it reflects pride in our school community. Please remember school shoes should be smart, and trainers should only be worn for PE lessons. Tie checks will be happening periodically to ensure we are all meeting the standards. Should anyone have any spare ties at home, I would really appreciate them to use as spares!! Many thanks you for your continued support in maintaining high standards of appearance across our school.

