



SS Mary & Michael's Catholic Primary School

September 24th 2026



Another amazing fortnight!

We hope that you and your families have had a lovely few weeks and that everyone is keeping well. It has been another busy and exciting time in school, with lots happening across our school community.

☀️ Our Open Day – A Huge Success! ☀️

What a fantastic day we had at our Open Day on Tuesday! It was wonderful to welcome so many visitors through our doors and showcase all the amazing things happening in our school community. We were delighted to welcome a wide range of visitors, including Sandra Perkins - Garstang Mayor, high school headteachers, parishioners, past pupils, families of our new starters and members of the wider community who came along for a drop-in visit.

A very special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who did an absolutely amazing job as our tour guides. They confidently welcomed visitors, proudly showed them around our school and shared their experiences of life at our school.

Well done, Year 6! You were fantastic ambassadors for our school and represented us with such confidence, kindness and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of you!

🏛️ Bringing Our Local History to Life 🏛️

Our Open Day was also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich history of our local area. We were delighted to welcome members of our local archaeology society, Ribchester Museum and the Hertiage services, who have previously helped to uncover the remains of a Roman road on our school field. Their work has helped us to discover more about the fascinating history right on our doorstep.

During the day, our new heritage signpost was officially unveiled and blessed by Margaret Wright, Primary RE Advisor from the Diocese. It was a very special moment and a wonderful way to recognise the importance of our local history and our connection to the community around us. A huge thank you must also go to Mr Percy, who has been amazing in coordinating this project and helping to bring history alive for our children. His enthusiasm has helped our pupils to see that history isn't just something we learn about in books — it is right here in our own school grounds and local community!

We are grateful to everyone who has helped make this project such a meaningful part of our school.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make our Open Day such a huge success. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our school and the special community we are so proud to be part of. ❤️



Mrs A. Dodd
Headteacher



After School Activities

Monday - 3:30-4:30pm

TEAMTHEME (Multi-sports) £60. This will continue until Christmas. (Y1-Y6) **There is still LOTS of spaces and not too late to join.**

Friday - 3:30-4:30pm

DANCE CLUB (Mrs Dodd) £40. This will continue until Christmas. **We have LOTS of spaces still so we are opening this to year 3 as well.**

Tuesday 8am - 8:30am

RUNNING CLUB (Miss Hopkinson) £20 up until Christmas. (Y1-Y6)

Tuesdays 3:30-4:15pm

SINGING CLUB (Mrs Guinan) £5 for 4 weeks. (Y3-Y6) Maximum of 15 places



Other news...

We are delighted to launch our new Reading Stars initiative on Monday 28th September! This exciting scheme is designed to celebrate and reward children's reading efforts. Pupils will have the opportunity to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Reading Star badges by reaching reading targets set specifically for their age group. Once achieved, they can wear their badge proudly on their school uniform as a symbol of their commitment to reading. To recognise their success, the names of all children who achieve a badge will be displayed on our special Reading Stars Scroll of Honour. We look forward to seeing lots of children challenge themselves, develop a love of reading, and become our very first Reading Stars! ★📚

Good Luck Everyone!



Well done to our football team for their fantastic efforts at GCA last night. The children played brilliantly against some very strong opposition and showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. As always, they represented our school with pride and were a credit to both themselves and their families. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and attitude, and we would like to thank them all for their hard work and effort.

Keep up the excellent work! ⚽🏆👏



Upcoming Events

- OLCHS OPEN evening - 1st Oct
- Y3/4 glo disco GCA@4-5:30pm - 5th Oct
- AGM for PTFA - All welcome (Bellflower) 7pm
- Parents evening - 8th Oct
- Y5/6 girls football GCA@ 4pm - 15th Oct
- Mayor Singing event - 24th Oct @ 7pm
- School INSET - 23rd Oct
- Closing date for high school applications 31st Oct
- **HALF TERM - 26th Oct - 30th Oct**
- **School INSET - 2nd Nov**
- **Back to school - 3rd Nov**
- Y5/6 Glo disco GCA -@ 4-5:30pm - 12th Nov
- Wyre Dance festival (Dance Club) 12th Nov
- Assessment week - 23rd - 27th Nov
- Y5/6 Basket ball girls & boys - GCA 4-5:30pm 3rd Dec
- RE Enrichment day - 3rd Dec
- Pantomime trip week of 7th Dec (date tbc)
- Party day for Christmas 14th Dec (date tbc)
- Finish at 1pm for Christmas - 18th Dec



Our Lady's Catholic High School

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025

6PM UNTIL 8.30PM

Headteacher Talk at 6pm | 7pm | 7.45pm

COME AND FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE
One of Ours



Reminders

Arbor Updates

Please take a few moments to check and update your child's details on Arbor to ensure that all of our records are accurate and up to date. In particular, please make sure that:

- Medical information is current and reflects any recent changes.
- Emergency contact details and mobile phone numbers are correct.
- Any changes to addresses or family contact information have been updated.

If you have not already done so, please also ensure that you have completed the relevant consent forms relating to:

- Photographs being used on the school's Facebook page, website and other school publicity materials.
- Visits from Orla, our school dog, who spends time in school every Wednesday and is a much-loved member of our school community.

PARKING

Please could you take care when parking in the church car park at drop off and when collecting your children. There have been a few car doors being scratched.

Many Thanks



Rising Stars

Weekending September 18th

Rising Stars:

Hazel - Monty
Aspen - Cara
Oak - Xander

Blue Badges:

Hazel - Alfie
Aspen - Bodhi
Oak - Iris

Marvellous Maths:

Hazel - Florence
Aspen - Arthur
Oak - Skyklar

Headteacher Award:

Maia - Y1

Weekending September 25th

Rising Stars:

Hazel - Bonnie
Aspen - Mia
Oak - Sonny

Blue Badges:

Hazel - Ayda
Aspen - Hazel
Oak - Abigail



Star Writer

Hazel - Olivia
Aspen - Sophia
Oak - Maisie

Headteacher Award:

Lucie - Y3

St Mary & St Michael's Catholic Church -
Newsletter:

<https://ssmaryandmichaels-garstang.org.uk/onewebmedia/26%20A%20Ordinary%20Time%202026%20---%20website.pdf>



PTFA events

September

- 25th - Macmillan tea/cake

October

- 2nd - Film night
- 9th - Wear Yellow for young minds £1
- 16th - Sip & Paint (adults event)
- 22nd - School disco

November

- 13th - Non uniform in exchange for bottle (for tombola)
- 20th Winter warmers
- 27th Wreath Making 7pm (hall)

December

- 4th - Non uniform for chocolates
- Victorian festival - teddy tombola
- 11th - Winter Wonderland

More information will follow for each event nearer the time.