



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

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Stars of the Week Class 1

William: for brilliant ideas, marching and rhythm in music.

Ruby: for her positive attitude and enthusiasm with all her work.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Arthur: for his inquisitiveness and excellent investigative skills!

George: for his high aspirations in all his work, and his enthusiasm during carpet time!



Happy Birthday to James S
and Jasmine R who have
turned 7 and 9!
Congratulations!

NOTICES

Hot weather: please ensure that while this hot weather continues your children come to school with hats, water bottles, and with **long-lasting** suncream already applied. Many thanks.

Numbers Club: our June winners are Lindsay Jones (no 60: first prize £50) and Rachael Darbyshire (no 177: second prize £20). Thank you to all our Numbers Club members. Your support of our school is much appreciated.

Change of morning routine: children are welcomed onto the school premises from 8:45am to 8:55am, to start the school day at 8:55am. Over the last few weeks, we have been trialling bringing the children straight into school when they arrive, instead of them going onto the playground. We have found this has allowed children to be more organised and ready for the start of the school day at 8:55am. Mrs Gornall, or another member of staff, will be at the gate to welcome to children into school from 8:45am. Please remember we have the early drop off from 8:30am – 8:45am, for just £1. The children who come in for the early drop off are supervised by Mrs Gornall.

Reception Class: our Reception boys have been writing lovely letters to local garden centres and nurseries asking for donations of plants that they can look after, which will support their learning. They will be visiting to collect the plants on Thursday 22 June. Slips have gone home. Please send the children in uniform that day, rather than PE kit.

Pyjamarama: on Friday 23 June, children may come to school in their pyjamas (sensible footwear, please) and donate a book that you no longer read. Please make sure the book is in good condition so that it can be donated to children's wards. Thank you for your support.

Summer barbeque: this fun event for families, friends and the community will take place on Friday 14 July between 6pm and 8pm. Please save the date! If anyone can help with setting up and clearing away on the day, please let us know. We are also asking for donations of cakes on the day.

Non-uniform: on Thursday 6 July there will be a non-uniform day. Please bring in a prize for the children's tombola or the adult's tombola (for the summer barbeque) if you can.

Raffle tickets: raffle tickets for the summer barbeque will be for sale at school on Friday 7 July.

Music Concert: We are incredibly excited to be able to invite you all to a huge musical showcase end-of-year collaboration concert at St Thomas's Church, Cloughton on Friday 14 July at 1.30pm. With over 80 children performing in the joint orchestra and choir, it will be a wonderful celebration of small school achievements. The children from both school musical theatre clubs will also be performing. We are delighted with the strength of music across both of our schools and our children are reading notation from Year 1. The pieces you will hear the children play in the band are superb and the children will also be performing songs they sang at The Last Choir Singing competition, as well as some real favourites.

The children have been working very hard and we are inviting all governors, our school adviser, parishioners from St Francis and St Mary's and all of our families and friends. We welcome you all to come to this joyful celebration of music as we approach the end of the school year.

Music lessons in school: if anyone would like keyboard or guitar lessons, these can be booked through Lancashire County Council, by registering at their music website, using this link: <https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration>

Earrings in school: a polite reminder that small plain studs are the only earrings that are allowed in school. Please ensure they are not worn on PE days.

New Starter Stay and Play sessions: these will take place on Friday 30 June and Friday 7 July. Please bring your children at 9.15am and collect them at 11.15am. We are looking forward to meeting our new starters!

Ordering uniform: the link for parents to order uniform directly from the suppliers is <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolPR30PN>
The cut-off date for ordering for guaranteed delivery before September is **24 July 2023**.

PE days: on Thursdays please send your Reception child in their PE kit. On Fridays, please send your Reception child in uniform with their PE kit in a bag. For everyone else, please could children come to school on PE days dressed in their kit with their school jumper over the top. Many thanks.

Term time holiday: just a reminder that we cannot authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are deemed to be exceptional. LCC will issue penalty notices where unauthorised absences reach the necessary threshold: 5 days in one term or 7 days over two consecutive terms.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 20 June	Music lessons in school
	Class One PE
	Class Two PE
	Band practice 3.30–4.30
Wednesday 21 June	Swimming for Yr 3 and 4
	Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30
	Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30 (sunhats and suncream!)
Thursday 22 June	Reception Class trip to garden centres (come in uniform)
	Class One PE
	Class Two PE
	Class One Tennis Club 3.30–4.30pm
	Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm
Friday 23 June	Come in pyjamas!

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 June	Taster days for Year 6 moving to Garstang Community Academy
Thursday 29 June	Year 6 Parents' transition meeting at Garstang 6.15pm
Friday 30 June	Stay and Play for new starters 9.15am to 11.15am
Monday 3 July	Mass at Claughton church (feast of St Thomas) 9.10am
Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 July	Residential trip to Tower Wood
Friday 7 July	Stay and Play for new starters 9.15am to 11.15am
Wednesday 12 July	Sports Day (time tbc: afternoon)
Friday 14 July	Music concert together with St Francis: band and choir 1.30pm in Claughton church
Friday 14 July	Summer barbeque 6pm to 8pm
Thursday 20 July	Leavers' Mass at Claughton church 9.10am
Friday 21 July	Leavers' Assembly 9.15am
Friday 21 July	School closes at 1.30pm for the summer break

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend. See you on Monday!

