



SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

Dear Lord,
We pray for our recently inducted new Rector, Fr Jordan, as he comes into school to lead us in worship and join our governing board. Help us all to give him a warm welcome into our St Mary's school family. We pray for Fr Jordan and his wife Becky, that they settle quickly into village life and that they soon feel at home here. Be with all, who have dealt with a time of change and look to the future ahead of them.
In Jesus name
Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Arabella	
Reception	Archie	Olivia
Year One	Jaxon	
Year Two	Emily	Alice
Year Three	Lola	Oliver
Year Four	Francesca	Annie
Year Five	William N	Louie
Year Six	Oliver	Matthew

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

RIBBLE

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'I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.'

Phil 4:13



CERTIFICATES



Bronze certificates are awarded for gaining 50 house points.

BRONZE

Year 5 Eloise Scarlett Theo

Year 3 Cassidy

Silver certificates are awarded for gaining 100 house points.

SILVER

Year 6 Alpha

Year 5 Thomas T Monty River

Year 4 Lucas Lucianna Sofia Saoirse Archie

Saffron Aria Annabelle

Year 3 Penny

Gold certificates are awarded for gaining 200 house points.

GOLD

Year 6 Olivia

Year 2 Rory George Pippa Myla Austin

DIAMOND

Diamond Certificates are awarded for gaining 300 house points.

Year 3 Harry

Robinwood Special Edition

Y6 had the most amazing time last week at Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre, just outside Wrexham, as you can probably tell from these photographs! To see many more photos, please visit the Gallery section of our school website.



Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed taking part in some problem solving activities this week, related to capacity, den building, sharing and magnetic objects.



They showed really good teamwork and communication skills!

Reception

After searching for minibeasts in Forest School last week, Reception class have been busy creating bug hotels from natural and recyclable materials. They hope to find lots of "customers" using their hotels over the next few days!



Year 1

We are delighted to see the wonderful art work of Year 1 and Nursery beautifully displayed at Olive Green in the village as part of our ongoing 'Art in the Courtyard' project. Thank you so much to Phil and Esther for displaying the creations of the children and to everyone who has supported the project so far!



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed learning to tell the analogue and digital time through an orienteering activity in Forest Schools on Wednesday! They worked well in pairs and made the most of learning outdoors!

Well done Year 3!



Synagogue Visit

Years 1 and 2 had a very informative visit to the Hebrew synagogue in Southport this morning. The children were given lots of interesting information and then had a chance to look around. Their favourite activity was counting how many Stars of David they could find around the synagogue. Well done to all the children for super



Swimming Gala

The Year 5 and 6 swimming team participated in the Chorley Schools Swimming Gala on Thursday evening.



They showed excellent sportsmanship by cheering each other on and working together as a team. Well done to Rohan, Tallulah, Ted, Millie, Freddie, Lilly-Ann, Lucas and Aoife for performing excellently and having fun! A special mention for Tallulah who came 3rd in the



Butterfly stroke and Rohan who came 1st in the Back stroke. Well done!

Champions!

Congratulations to our Y6 mathematicians who won the Maths Challenge held at Bishop Rawstone Academy last night. With their amazing mathematical know-how they saw off eight other schools to be crowned overall champions. A huge well done, team! We are very proud of you!



Good News!

Further to a grant application submitted to Anwyl Homes through their 'Love From Anwyl' support scheme, we are pleased to advise we have received £1000 towards the construction of a greenhouse and decking area.

We will be starting our garden makeover in the new academic year and would be grateful to hear from any of our families who may be able to help.

This area will be a wonderful addition to our primary curriculum when learning about plants, flowers, vegetables, nutrition, life cycles and more. We also hope to start a Gardening Club once this area is complete.



Important information

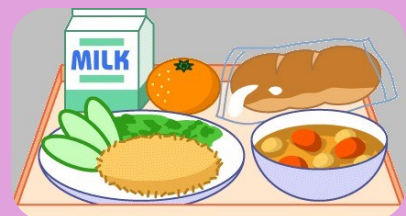
School Reports will now come home with your child on **Monday 15th July**.

There will be no after school Care Cub on **Monday 8th July** due to staff training.

Please remember there will be a change to our school hours on our return to school in **September**. School will open in the morning at 8.45am for an 8.50am start and all children will finish the school day at 3.20pm except for Little Explorers who will finish at 3.15pm, as usual.

School Dinners

Due to rising food costs we have been advised by Lancashire County Council that the price for school meals will increase to **£2.70** in September.



Please remember to pay any outstanding dinner arrears before we break up for the summer holidays.

Thank you

Upcoming Dates

Monday 1st July	1.30pm	Y4 Swimming
Tuesday 2nd July	9.00 am	Y5/Y6 SRE Talks
Tuesday 2nd July	9.10am	YN & YR Bears & Prayers
Tuesday 2nd July	10.00-11.30am	Y6 Leavers Service (Blackburn Cathedral)
Tuesday 2nd July	4-6.00pm	Cluster Rounders (Eccleston Primary Doctors Lane)
Wednesday 3rd July	am	Move up Morning
Thursday 4th July	All Day	Y2 Trip to Martin Mere
Friday 5th July	All Day	Y4 Trip to Chester
Monday 8th July	1.00pm	Y5 at Eccleston Cricket Club
Monday 8th July	1.00pm	YR Visit to Church
Monday 8th July	1.30pm	Y4 Swimming
Tuesday 9th July	9.10am	Open the Book
Tuesday 9th July	9.45am	Outdoor Prayer Walk
Tuesday 9th July	3.30-4.30pm	Choir concert for Parents
Thursday 11th July	3.15-4.15pm	Little Explorers Leaving Party
Friday 12th July	3.15pm	PTFA Infant Disco
Friday 12th July	4.45pm	PTFA Junior Disco

Letters Home

Y6—Taster Day Bishop Rawstorne Academy

Y6—Rounders Team Letter

Y5— RSE Letter

Y6—RSE Letter

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Summer Games Club EYFS & KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Rounders Club	3.20-4.30pm
Thursday	Summer Games Club KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Fencing Club	8.00am
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

Guitar Lessons

There will be a beginners ukulele / guitar group starting in September on Mondays at 12.00pm. The lessons will be provided by Carmel Galea who teaches at many local Primary and High Schools.

Beginners guitar / ukulele letters have gone out to the present pupils in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Should anyone require extra letters please email carmel@cmg-guitars.co.uk or ask at the school office.



FREEZE FRIDAY!

COME AND COOL DOWN
WITH A TASTY TREAT!
ICE LOLLIES WILL BE FOR
SALE IN THE PLAYGROUND
AFTER SCHOOL ON:

14TH JUNE
21ST JUNE
28TH JUNE

£1 EACH



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GAMBLING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Gambling can be defined as betting or risking money or something of value on the outcome of a situation involving chance. Under current regulations, gambling is legal for adults in the UK. Its potential impacts on the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities are well documented – emphasising the importance of safeguarding children and young people against these hazards.

MANIPULATIVE ADVERTISING

Adverts for online bookmakers and betting exchanges can raise concerns about targeting vulnerable groups, fostering addiction, promoting misleading expectations, impacting mental health, affecting social norms, posing regulatory challenges, influencing minors and other ethical issues. Effective regulation, responsible advertising practices and public education are essential to mitigate these concerns and address the potential harms associated with excessive exposure to manipulative advertisements.

FREE BET!!

ADDICTIVE FEATURES

All gambling products carry safety concerns, but some can be even riskier and more addictive. The frequency with which people can place bets can encourage them to do so often – with rapid spins and multiple betting options, for example. Betting on sports events, especially with live in-play betting options, can be highly engaging and habit forming. The 24/7 availability of online platforms can also increase the risk of excessive gambling, particularly among young people.

PEER PRESSURE

Exposure to gambling through friends, influencers or social circles can normalise risky behaviour and create unrealistic expectations about the chances of winning. Addressing peer influence requires support services, responsible advertising practices and effective education on the subject to minimise the impact on children and promote healthier choices.

IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH

Gambling can exacerbate mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, and stress – especially if it leads to financial loss. Individuals with existing mental health conditions may use gambling as a coping mechanism – but the cycle of gambling can worsen their symptoms, creating a detrimental impact on overall wellbeing. Integrated support services and treatment options are crucial to address these interconnected challenges effectively.

GATEWAY BEHAVIOURS

Certain features of other products – such as video games that offer in-game purchases – can lead to gambling among young people. These mechanisms can sometimes be designed to exploit psychological vulnerabilities, encouraging repeated spending to acquire virtual items or advantages. Such practices can normalise the associated risks and desensitise young people to putting their or their family's money in danger.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

The most common impacts of online betting come in the form of financial losses and debt. This, in turn, can lead to distorted perceptions of money, deterioration of relationships, social isolation, and poor academic and career outcomes. Regular gambling can even exacerbate other risky behaviour by making it seem less significant – potentially leading to a cascade of health impacts and financial loss.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Sporting events can be a good opening for conversations about gambling, as some sponsorships may reference and even glamourise it. Talk to children about how these promotions make them feel and encourage frequent conversations about any concerns they may have. Adverts, influencers and online platforms may also feature gambling products. As a child grows, it's important to encourage their critical thinking skills to help them avoid being manipulated by this type of marketing.

KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

Parents and educators should be vigilant for signs of gambling harm among young people. Look for changes in their behaviour such as increased secrecy, unexplained money issues, mood swings or withdrawal from their usual activities. Open conversations about gambling risks and maintain a supportive, non-judgemental environment. Try to familiarise yourself with resources and helplines for assistance and guidance.

MONITOR SPENDING

In-game purchases can be appealing to children, allowing them to unlock new features or cosmetic items in a fraction of the time it would take to win them by playing. Talk to children about how they spend money online; an interest in what video games they play can encourage the conversation. Consider setting up restrictions on their devices, requiring their parent or carer's permission before making any purchases. Talk about finances regularly and openly.

GET FURTHER SUPPORT

Support and treatment for young people is available via the Young People's Support Service at GamCare, who can be contacted at 0800 8020133. A link to their website has also been included in the sources of this guide, along with links to several other support networks. Your GP and local NHS gambling clinic are also available if you require additional advice. Don't hesitate to reach out for help if you're concerned about a child's gambling behaviour or their financial situation.

Meet Our Expert

Ygam's mission is to prevent children and young people from experiencing gaming and gambling harms through awareness raising, education, and research. The charity was established in 2014 as a result of the lived experience of their founders.



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