



# SCHOOL NEWS

**Our Motto:**  
Believe & Achieve

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

## Prayer

Dear God,

Today we remember the brave people who worked for peace and fought to keep us safe.

Thank You for their courage and sacrifice.

Please help us carry their kindness, bravery, and love in our hearts.

Teach us to be peacemakers, and to help others just as they did.

May we always remember them with respect and gratitude.

Amen.



## ☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Reggie	George
Reception	Alfie	Karlie
Year One	Nyla	Levi
Year Two	Maisie	Jaxon
Year Three	Pippa	Lottie
Year Four	Penelope	Reuben
Year Five	Lucas	Katie
Year Six	Lewis	Jacob

WINNING HOUSE THIS WEEK

# RIBBLE

Please click to find out more  
about our school

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'I came to give life - life in  
all its fullness.'

John 10:10

## Little Explorers

Little Explorers enjoyed a walk into the village to see all the lovely Remembrance Day displays. They talked about the poppies, the different colours and what it helps us to remember.



## Year 4

Year Four have been busy visiting our local churches this week to compare and contrast the buildings.

Many thanks to Fr Jordan at St. Mary the Virgin and Mr and Mrs Riding at Eccleston Methodist Church, for welcoming the children and sharing so much knowledge!



## Flu Immunisation Catch Up

The Flu Immunisation Team will be back in school on Wednesday 13th November to vaccinate any children who missed the first session.







# St Mary's School Open Day



You are warmly invited to visit our school on the following day:-

**Tuesday 3rd December**

**1.30pm to 3.00pm**

During this session you will be able to visit each of our classrooms whilst lessons are in progress and speak, not only to staff, but to the pupils too.

Staff and governors will be on hand to guide you around and answer any queries you may have. Mrs Birchall, our headteacher, will also be available to speak to you should you have anything you wish to discuss.

**We believe our school is a very special place where children are happy in their learning and have a full range of activities to enjoy.**

We look forward to welcoming you. No booking is required, please just turn up.

## Don't Forget!

### Children in Need Day

Friday 15th November



Children are invited to come dressed in their own clothes and wear Pudsey merchandise for a monetary **donation**.

#### On the day:

- Year 3 will be leading worship at 9.10am
- Bandana competition £1 to enter  
(Show us your creativity)
- Cookie sale (at playtime) 50p & 20p

Please send money in an envelope .

Write on the envelope what the money is for.

**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

#### School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

**School transport**



Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at [lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.



**CLOSING DATE  
15 JANUARY 2025**

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)



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## Upcoming Dates

Monday 11th November	9.00am	Little Explorers Library Visit
Monday 11th November	10.45am	Remembrance Service at School (Please Join Us)
Thursday 14th November	10.00-3.00PM	Y5 Boys& Girls Football Tournament (Westway, Chorley)
Friday 15th November	All Day	Children in Need
Friday 15th November	9.15am	Year 3 Class Worship (Please join us)
Tuesday 19th November	9.05am	Open the Book
Friday 22nd November	9.00am	Start of the Day Activity Y1 (Please join Us)
<b>Monday 25th November</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Staff Inset Day</b>
Wednesday 27th November	10.05am	Ben Green Worship
Wednesday 27th November	4.30-6.00pm	SPAG Challenge Y5 & Y6 (Tarleton Academy)
Friday 29th November	9.00am	Start of the Day Activity YR (Please Join Us)
	1.30 pm	Music Alive Jazz Band performance

## Letters Home

Whole School—Pantomime Letter

Y5 Boys Football Tournament—Letter

Y5 Girls Football Tournament—Letter

## Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Archery Games KS1 & KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Tuesday	Choir	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Thursday	Girls Football After School Club KS1 & KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm



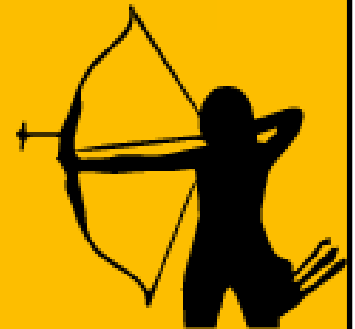
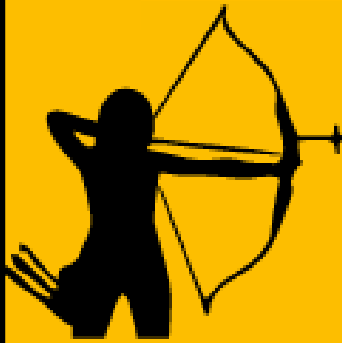
## Dates for your Diaries

As December is a busy time for everyone, we want to share some important dates for you to add to your diaries. These dates can also be found on our website.

Friday 6th December	4.00pm	Winter Wonderland (Please join us)
Wednesday 11th December	9.45-10.45am	EYFS/KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 12 December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	2.00pm & 6.00pm	EYFS/KS1 Performance (Please join us)
Friday 13th December	Whole School	Pantomime-Cinderella (Blackburn)
Friday 13th December	12.30pm	Christmas Lunch
Monday 16th December	9.30am	KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Monday 16th December	6.00pm	KS2 Performance (Please join Us)
Tuesday 17th December	9.30am	KS2 Community Performance (Please join Us)
Tuesday 17th December	2.00pm	KS2 Performance (Please join Us)
Thursday 19th December	9.30am	KS2 Party Day
Thursday 19th December	1.00pm	KS1 Party Day
Thursday 19th December	5.30pm	Carol Service St Marys Church (Please join us)
Friday 20th December	2.00 pm	School closes for Christmas

# ARCHERY GAMES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

JM COACHING ACADEMY



## CREATIVE AND FUN ARCHERY GAMES

**THE COURSE WILL RUN ON TUESDAYS FROM  
3:20PM – 4:20PM**

12th November | 19th November | 26th November | 3rd December | 10th December

**5 Sessions of Archery Games for £30.00**

This is a fun and engaging version of Soft Archery using creative games as featured at our holiday clubs.

This course is for children of all age and abilities.

The course will take place at Ecclestone St Marys Primary School either outdoors or indoors so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

This course has a limited number of spaces allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

To book your place please visit our website [www.jmcoachingacademy.co.uk](http://www.jmcoachingacademy.co.uk) head to the **BOOK NOW** page, scroll to **THE SPORTS HIVE** section to find **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** and click the **BOOK A PLACE** button.

This will then take you to our booking page where you can register your child to our club.

alternatively follow the link below to book directly

<https://jm-coaching-academy.classforkids.io/term/37>

When payment has been received your Childs place will be guaranteed.

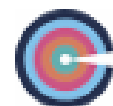
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# GIRLS FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

JM COACHING ACADEMY



**A GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**THE COURSE WILL RUN ON THURSDAYS FROM**

**3:20PM – 4:20PM**

14th November | 21st November | 28th November | 5th December | 12th December

**5 Sessions of Football for £30.00**

This course is for girls of all age and abilities.

The course will take place at Ecclestone St Marys Primary School either outdoors or indoors so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# FORTNITE



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

### FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### Meet Our Expert

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