



St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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March 2025

Let's Go Sing— We can't wait to see the children perform at the Let's Go Sing Concert at the Opera House, Winter Gardens on **Thursday 13th March**.



Cross Country Competition— Well done to the selected children from Y5 and Y6 who competed in the first event of the Cross Country competition at Witton Park. Good luck to all the children taking part in the following two events on **Monday 28th April** and **Monday 19th May both at 4.15pm**.

School Trips

All letters regarding school trips will be sent home in due course. All trips require school uniform unless instructed otherwise. Please dress to suit the weather, send a rain coat or a sunhat and apply sun cream before school. Let's hope for good weather! Please return consent slips/lunch order forms as soon as possible after receiving a letter. All payments for school trips should be made via the SchoolMoney system. Thank you.



Year 2 Class Trip— On **Wednesday 2nd April** Year 2 will be going to **Brockholes Nature Reserve** to learn all about living things and their habitats. Children will be taking part in Habitat workshops and a nature walk around the reserve to learn about the different habitats at Brockholes.

Changes to School Lunches— Exciting News! From **Tuesday 22nd April**, our school lunch menu and ordering system will be changing! Our school kitchen will be run and managed by Lancashire County Council who will be responsible for creating and running a new and exciting school menu with increased choice, which we hope will benefit all children. To name a few changes, our new menu will include the addition of halal-chicken (as well as non-halal) which is HMC approved. In addition to this, parents will no longer need to pre-order lunches as we are introducing a new ordering system which offers children the flexibility to change their meal options each week. A flyer will be sent out with more details on **Friday 14th March**.

School Menus



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals— A letter has been sent home with your child regarding changes to eligibility for additional funding from **1st April 2025**. If you are in receipt of benefits you may be entitled to free school meals. Please apply as soon as possible via the BwD website: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-meals>

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Poetry by Heart— Each Junior class has learnt a Poem by Heart as part of their curriculum. The children have been practising their speaking skills. One child from each class will be invited to compete in a BwD event on **Wednesday 26th March** at The Blackburn Central Library where they will be judged on Voice, Understanding, Performance and Accuracy. We are delighted with the way that so many children have learnt and performed these poems. Thank you for your support in learning these with your child.

POETRY
by Heart

Fun Day

Fun Day this year is taking place on Friday 20th June 3.30—5.30pm.

More details will follow about this event.

To the Friends of St. Gabriel's, an important meeting will be held week commencing 12th May. Please could Friends make a note of the date when finalised, as we will be preparing for FUN DAY—Thank you.



Decorate an Egg Competition— This year's Easter Egg challenge is to decorate a hard boiled/blown egg to represent an inspirational person from history to the present day. There will be a 1st & 2nd prize awarded to each class and all children in school will receive a small chocolate egg from The Friends. Please bring your creations to school on **Tuesday 22nd April.**

Easter Holidays

School will close at 3.30 pm for Easter Holidays on Friday 4th April.

We will re-open on Tuesday 22nd April.



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Regular Activities during and after school for **Spring 2**

Monday—	Lunchtime Ukulele Club Y4 Class Ukulele Lesson	Thursday—	Y5 Swimming/PE Y6 PE
Tuesday—	Gym Intervention (Y3/Y4) Y3 + Y4 PE Violin Music Lessons Gymnastics Club 3.30—4.30pm	Friday—	Y1 + Y2 P.E Lunchtime Football (Y5/Y6 alternate weeks) Brass Music Lessons Multi—Sports 3.30—4.30pm
Wednesday—	Reception PE Violin Music Lessons Woodwind Music Lessons Orchestra 3.30—4.30pm		

Dates for Diaries...

Thurs 13th Mar	Y5 Swimming (4/5) Let's Go Sing Concert (Winter Gardens) @ 6.30pm
Mon 17th Mar	Reception Class Height and Weight Check
Thurs 20th Mar	Y5 Swimming (5/5)
Wed 26th Mar	Poetry by Heart Speaking Event
Mon 31st Mar	Possible Eid (1 day authorised absence)
Wed 2nd April	Y2 Class Trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve
Fri 4th April	School Closes @ 3.30pm for Easter Holidays
Mon 21st April	School Closed— Bank Holiday
Tue 22nd April	<u>School re-opens as normal</u> New School Menu Launch
Thurs 24th April	Governors Finance Meeting @ 4pm
Mon 28th April	Cross Country (Witton Park) @ 4.15pm (2/3)

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