



# St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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**September 2023**

Welcome to all of our children starting the new school year and a special welcome to all our new children in the Reception class and the families new to St. Gabriel's C.E. Primary School.



## **Classes for September 2023**

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| <b>Rec</b> | Miss Carter  |
| <b>Y1</b>  | Mrs. Mackley |
| <b>Y2</b>  | Mrs. Cross   |
| <b>Y3</b>  | Mr. Madeley  |
| <b>Y4</b>  | Mrs. Cooper  |
| <b>Y5</b>  | Mrs. Wilson  |
| <b>Y6</b>  | Mr. Cross    |



## **PE from September:**

All children should come to school in PE track pants or shorts (weather dependent), PE T-shirts, school jumpers and trainers on the days below:

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Reception:</b>              | Tuesday + Wednesday |
| <b>Year 3:</b>                 | Tuesday             |
| <b>Year 1, Year 2, Year 4:</b> | Wednesday           |
| <b>Year 5, Year 6:</b>         | Friday              |



**Milk Money Rec, Y1 & Y2**—Please can you ensure milk money is paid for your child as soon as possible via the SchoolMoney app. If your child doesn't want to have milk then please inform the office as soon as possible.

**Medication**— All children who have declared their child needs medication in school must have in date medication in school at all times. If your child needs temporary medication this must be brought to the office and a form must be filled out before it can be administered in school.



**Music Lessons**— have now started back up in school. Details of payment can be found on SchoolMoney and a letter has been sent out to all children who have music lessons. A reminder of your child's music lessons days are below. Please remember to send your child to school with their instrument on the day of their lesson.

**Woodwind**—Wednesday

**Violin**—Tuesday or Wednesday

**Brass**—Friday



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**Essential Information for Parents—** I would like to take this opportunity, at the beginning of the new school year, to clarify a number of school policies and procedures, many of which relate to the health and safety issues which are becoming increasingly important. **Please see the 'Essential Information for Parents' document that has been uploaded to our website** under 'Information'.



Important  
Information



**Class Information for Parents—** Class Information for all parents is available to view on the website for each class under 'Classes'. It contains information specific to each class detailing topics of work covered this term, along with details of homework and P.E. days.

**Attendance—** Attendance and the number of late arrivals is monitored closely in school. Our school's target attendance is 95% and above. When attendance falls below 90% this is officially classed as a 'cause for concern'. Please make every effort to ensure your child maximises every day in school. Parents taking holidays during term time will be fined (in accordance with our Absence Policy).



**Dinner Money—** For those who pay for school dinners the price is £2.20 per meal. Please note, our school dinner requirements are that dinners should be paid weekly or if preferred, termly in advance.

There is a lot of administration time that goes into setting up the new dinner choices at the beginning of the school year. We ask that you try and stick to these choices. If you wish to move your child from packed lunches to school dinners or from school dinners to packed lunches we require a weeks' notice for these changes to be put in place.



**Parking around School—** Wilworth crescent has an unofficial one-way system during school hours. We ask that parents do not stop in the road to drop children off, pull up on the zig zag lines or block residents' driveways.

Concerns can be reported to: [BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:BlackburnNE.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk).



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## Regular Activities during and after school

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| <b>Monday—</b>    | Y5/Y6 Ukulele 3.30—4.15pm (alternate weeks)   |
| <b>Tuesday—</b>   | Reception + Y3 PE<br>After School Gymnastics 3.30—4.30pm (starts 19th September)  |
| <b>Wednesday—</b> | Y6 Morning Maths Club (starts 4th October)<br>Reception, Y1, Y2, Y4 PE<br>Orchestra 3.30—4.30pm (starts 20th September)<br>Newspaper Club 3.30—4.15pm |
| <b>Thursday—</b>  | Choir 3.30—4.30pm (starts Thursday 21st September)  |
| <b>Friday—</b>    | Y5 + Y6 PE<br>Y5/Y6 Lunchtime Football (alternate weeks)<br>Multi—Sports 3.30—4.30pm (starts Friday 15th September)                                   |

## *Dates for Diaries...*

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Tues 26th Sept      | Nasal Flu Vaccinations                       |
| Thurs 28th Sept     | Reception Parents' Meeting @ 3.30pm          |
| Tues 17th Oct       | Parents' Evening (details to follow)         |
| Thurs 19th Oct      | Parents' Evening (details to follow)         |
| Fri 20th Oct        | <b>School closes @ 3.30 pm for Half Term</b> |
| Mon 30th Oct        | <b>School Closed—Inset Day</b>               |
| Tue 31st Oct        | <b><u>School re-opens as normal</u></b>      |
| Mon 6th—Wed 8th Nov | Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip                |
| Thurs 9th Nov       | Individual + Sibling Photographs             |

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