

# All Hallows

## Catholic High School

# Newsletter

31st January 2025



**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

You may be aware that All Hallows was informed on Monday that we would be inspected as part of the Catholic Schools Inspectorate. This has not happened since 2018, so we knew that we were within the inspection window. As always, our pupils and staff were able to demonstrate to the Inspectors the vibrancy of our Catholic life, and the pupils showcased wonderful examples of reverent and thought-provoking prayer and liturgy. We will share the results of the inspection with parents in due course. We have also had a number of recent events whereby we have relied on our community members to support the school. This week, mock interviews took place for our Year 11 pupils. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their interview techniques and begin contemplating applications for colleges and apprenticeships. Thank you to all the parents and friends of the school who willingly gave of their time to support this event.

Years 8 and 9 recently enjoyed a great retreat, and the pupils demonstrated a willingness to explore their faith and take time for reflection and prayer. The newsletter this week is filled with examples of the good work that our young people are producing in their lessons, and we wanted to share some of this with parents.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper

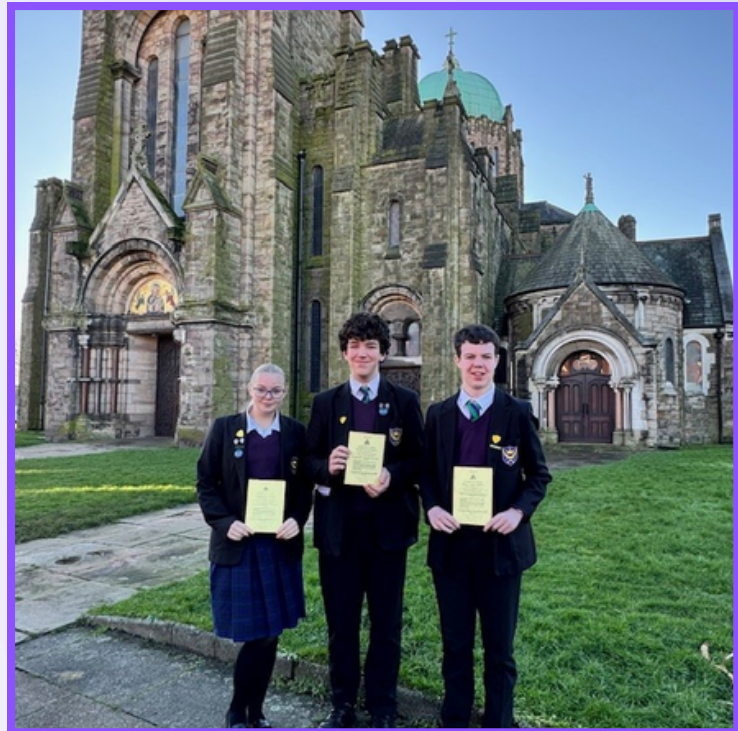
**Headteacher**



### **Vacancies**

We currently have several vacancies for exam invigilators for the upcoming summer exam series. If a parent or carer is interested in applying, please contact our Exams Officer, Mrs. Nicholson ([mni@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:mni@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk)), or check out our vacancies on the school website: <https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies/> Please pass this information regarding the role on to friends and family who may be interested in exploring this opportunity.

### **Eucharistic Minister Training and Commissioning**



Congratulations to Emily, Edward and John who were all commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion last Thursday following a training day with Animate Youth Ministries. These three have been an integral part of chaplaincy and the Catholic life of our school since they joined All Hallows in Year 7 and it was a joy to witness them respond to God's call to serve the Church in this way. Please pray for them as they begin this important ministry in our school and their parishes.



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## The Sacrament of Confirmation

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for any students in Year 8 and above who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament offers a wonderful opportunity for young people to deepen their understanding of their faith and to take an important step in their spiritual journey. Each year, we see a significant number of pupils take advantage of this opportunity, participating in a comprehensive preparation program that allows them to explore what it means to say their 'yes' to God through this meaningful and transformative sacrament.

For Year 8 pupils, there will be a special session scheduled in the coming weeks where they will engage with Animate Youth Ministry. This session will serve as an introduction to their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, providing them with the necessary tools, guidance, and support to embark on this exciting journey. We encourage all students to approach this experience with an open heart and mind, as it is a chance for personal growth and reflection within their faith. All pertinent information regarding the Confirmation process can be found on the Liverpool Called website, where prospective candidates can also complete their registration. We strongly encourage everyone interested to visit the website at <https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk/> to learn more about the program, important dates, and additional resources. Additionally, a letter has been sent out this week to all relevant pupils and their families containing further information on the Confirmation process, including details about the sessions and any requirements that may be needed.

If you or your child have any questions or require further clarification about the Confirmation program, please do not hesitate to reach out to Kate, our School Chaplain. She is here to provide assistance, answer any queries you might have, and support both students and families throughout this significant journey of faith. We are looking forward to embarking on this wonderful experience together and witnessing the spiritual growth of our pupils as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.



## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025**

If you are in year 8 and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

Registration is open:

**13th January 2025-17th March 2025**



Register at:  
**Liverpoolcalled.co.uk**



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## **Breakfast with God**

We recently enjoyed a delightful opportunity to come together for breakfast, featuring tea and toast, as we wrapped up the week in community and reflection. Over the past half term, we were truly blessed to have a significant turnout as pupils attended our gatherings, creating a warm and supportive atmosphere that resonated with friendship and camaraderie.

Each week, the breakfast provided not only nourishment for the body but also nourishment for the soul. As we shared our morning meal, it became a time for laughter, connection, and building relationships among pupils and staff alike. The presence of the pupils added vibrancy to our discussions, and their enthusiasm was infectious, bringing a sense of joy and togetherness to the gathering.



## **Chapel Cafe**

A heartfelt thank you goes out to The Youth SVP Group for their incredible dedication and service last Wednesday at the Chapel Cafe. By choosing to give up their break time, they not only created a warm and inviting space for both staff and pupils during a chilly midweek moment, but also highlighted the important work they do as a charity committed to supporting our community.

The hot chocolate, generously topped with cream and marshmallows, was an absolute hit, bringing smiles and comfort to everyone who indulged. This initiative serves as a wonderful reminder of how the Youth SVP Group raises funds to assist those in need, strengthening the bonds within our community while providing essential support to those facing challenges.

It's moments like these that showcase the spirit of giving and collaboration at our school, transforming a cold Wednesday into a delightful break for all. We truly appreciate the enthusiasm and hard work of the Youth SVP Group, as well as their unwavering commitment to fostering a sense of camaraderie and kindness within our school community. Thank you for making a difference in our day and for all that you do to uplift those around you!



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# Year 8 Castlerigg

Last weekend the second group of Year 8 pupils went on retreat to Castlerigg Manor in Keswick. 51 pupils had a fantastic weekend getting to know each other better, playing games, enjoying free time in the games room and importantly talking part in all the activities exploring the theme of the Holy Spirit. The weekend also included a walk up to Castlehead and some time in Keswick town. It has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils take up the opportunity to go on retreat this year and come away from the experience having learnt a lot but also having had an opportunity to explore their faith personally. Thank you to the wonderful team at Castlerigg for leading our retreats and to the All Hallows staff who have accompanied the groups each weekend.



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# Headteachers Commendation Award - Technology/Computing

We are excited to announce and extend our congratulations to the following pupils who have each received the Headteacher Award in either Computing or Technology! This prestigious recognition highlights their individual talents, hard work, and dedication in their respective fields.

To celebrate this achievement, the award recipients enjoyed a delightful complimentary breakfast with Mrs. Cooper. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to come together, share their experiences, and reflect on their successes.

Your commitment to excellence and passion for learning in Computing and Technology have truly set you apart. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and encourage you to continue exploring the exciting possibilities that lie ahead!

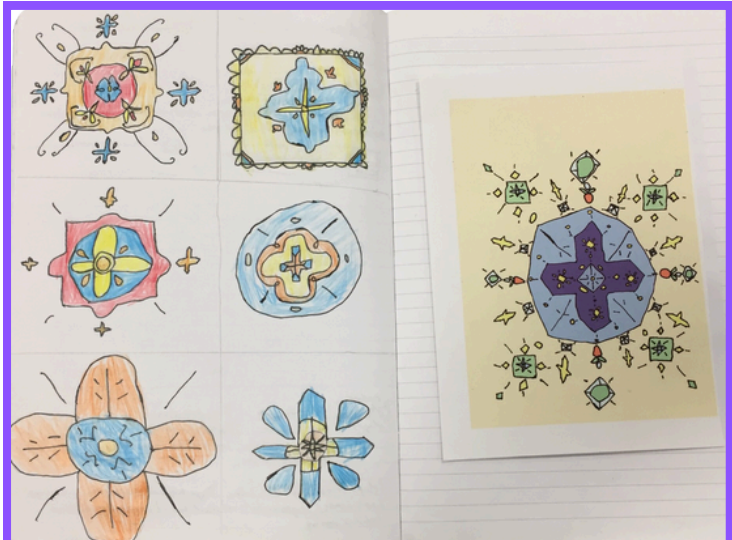
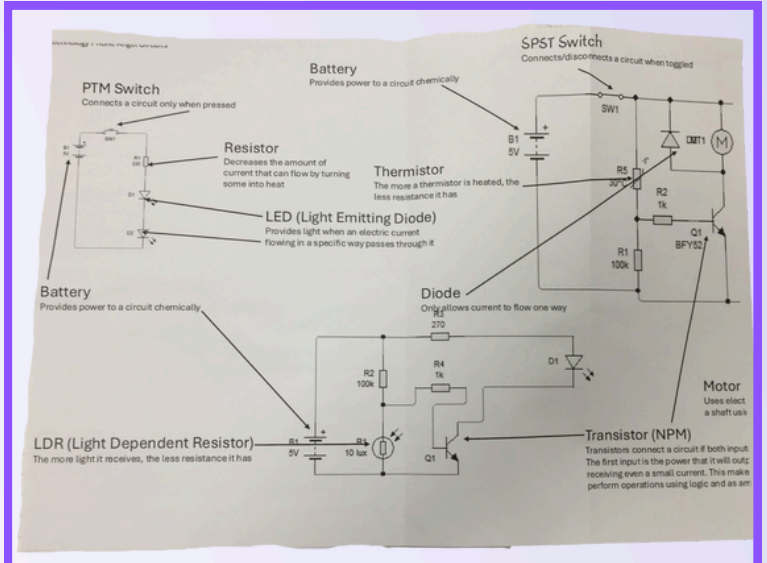
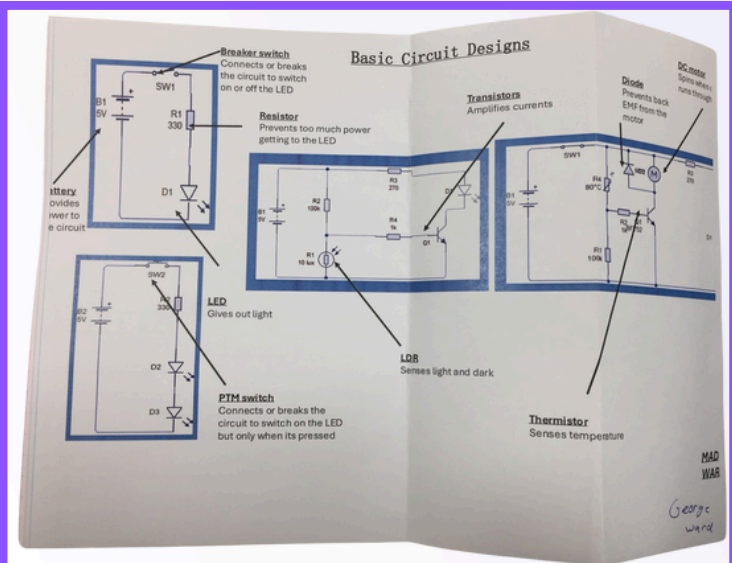
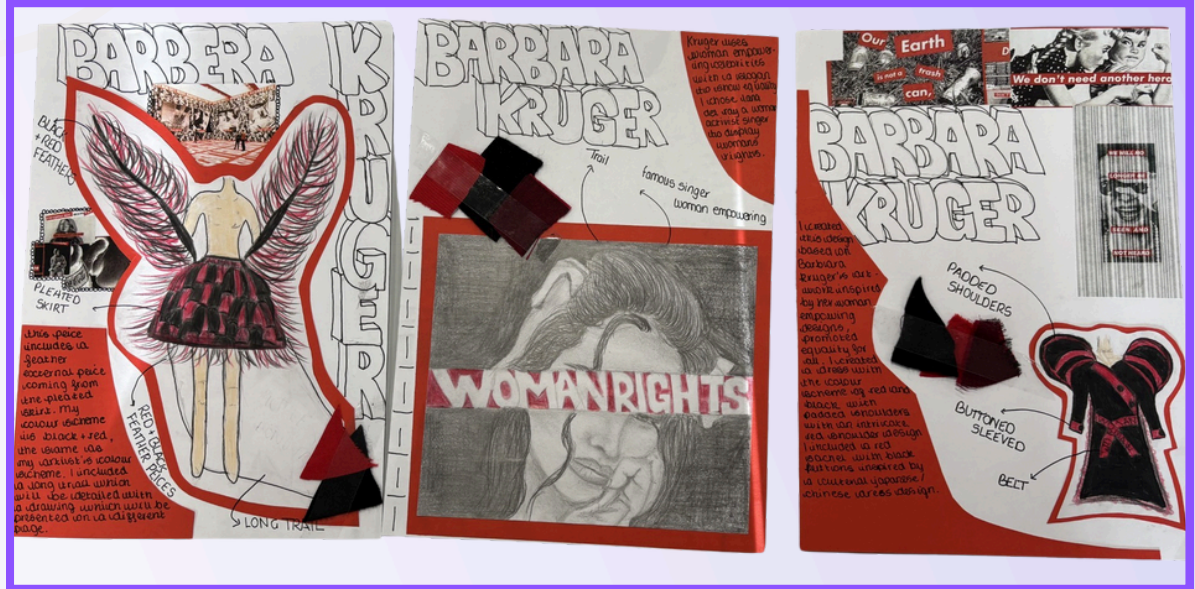
## Award Recipients:

### Computing

- Year 7 - Alex A
- Year 8 - Olivia D
- Year 9 - Oliver B
- Year 9 - Ruby Mc
- Year 10 - Marcus F
- Year 11 - Matthew L

### Technology

- Year 7 - Luke F
- Year 8 - Dawid P
- Year 9 - George W
- Year 10 - Maisie M
- Year 11 - Grace B



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## Year 8 Art Clay Gargoyles

Well done to our talented Year 8 pupils who have created some truly fantastic gargoyle sculptures as part of their Art and Architecture project. The level of creativity, skill, and dedication they have shown throughout this project is truly impressive. The students have not only explored the artistic techniques involved in sculpting but have also incorporated elements of architecture, making the project both educational and imaginative.

Each gargoyle showcases a unique design that brings their ideas to life. These gargoyles are not just works of art but also representations of the creativity that flourishes when students are encouraged to blend artistic expression with learning about architecture and the environment.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and can't wait to see where their creativity will take them next. Well done, Year 8!



Year 8 Gargoyles

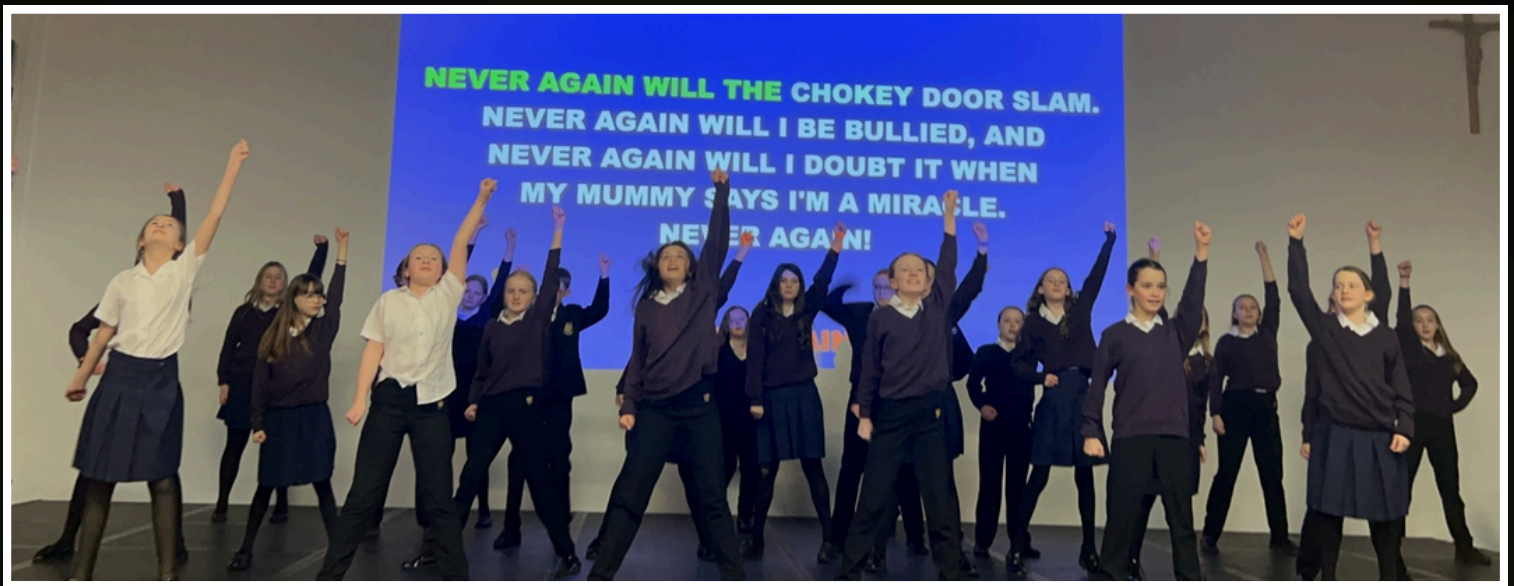
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# Matilda

In Performing Arts we have been rehearsing extremely hard to put together our production of Matilda Jr. We rehearse every Tuesday night and at the moment we have been rehearsing our group songs such as 'Miracle', 'School Song' and most importantly, 'Revolting Children!' While some people are practising their songs, some others are going over their lines for their scenes and some others will be rehearsing choreography for the many dances. For Matilda, the principles have extra rehearsals that are taking place on Wednesdays and Fridays where we can run through our scenes in more detail. We are given tips and tricks and ways to improve and bring out characters to life on stage. We are all so excited for our show and are working incredibly hard to wow all the people that come and watch us perform!

Written by Elvi Thornton in Year 8



**COMING SOON**

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
PRODUCTION OF



ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

TUESDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025

BOOK BY  
DENNIS KELLY

@7.30PM

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
TIM MINCHIN

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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## Year 7 Five a Side Football

The girls participated in the South Ribble District 5-a-side tournament on Monday, January 27th, and their performance was nothing short of impressive! Competing against teams such as Balshaws, Lostock Hall, and Penwortham Girls in the group stage, the girls showcased their skills and teamwork, ultimately finishing at the top of their group. This strong start set a positive tone for the rest of the tournament.

In the semi-final, they faced off against Brownedge St. Mary's. With determination and focus, the girls played exceptionally well, securing a 2-0 victory that propelled them into the final. Their teamwork, skill, and strategic play were evident throughout the match, and they should be proud of their performance.

The final match was against Priory, a strong contender. Despite their best efforts, the girls were unable to clinch the victory, ultimately losing 2-0. While it's always tough to come up short in a final, finishing as runners-up in a competitive tournament is still a significant achievement, and the girls showed remarkable sportsmanship and resilience throughout the day.

A special thank you must be extended to Ronan, Sam, Tom, and Finn from our Year 10 GCSE PE classes. Their involvement as referees and assistants was crucial in ensuring that the tournament ran smoothly and fairly. Their dedication and support helped create a positive environment for all the teams involved, allowing the girls to focus on putting their best foot forward during the matches.

In conclusion, the tournament was a fantastic experience for the girls, filled with memorable moments and valuable lessons on teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Congratulations to our team for their hard work and determination! We look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in future tournaments.



## Under 15 Girls Indoor Softball Cricket

What an incredible day of Indoor Softball Cricket at Bolton Arena! The atmosphere was electric as the under 15 girls team, made up of talented players from years 9 and 10, took to the court with enthusiasm and determination.

Their performance throughout the day was nothing short of outstanding, as they faced off against several competitive teams and showcased their skills, teamwork, and commitment to the sport.

Despite the tough competition, the girls rose to the occasion, demonstrating impressive resilience and strategy. They managed to secure victory in most of their matches, suffering only a single loss, which is a remarkable feat in a challenging tournament setting. This achievement earned them a well-deserved 2nd place overall, reflecting their hard work, perseverance, and the dedication they have put into their training.

The teamwork displayed by the girls was particularly inspiring. Each player contributed their strengths, from sharp batting and quick running between the wickets to solid fielding and keen strategic thinking. Their ability to communicate effectively and support one another on and off the court made a significant difference in their performance.

With this impressive finish, the team is now set to advance to the North Lancashire Finals in March, presenting them with an exciting opportunity to compete at a higher level and further demonstrate their abilities. This upcoming challenge will not only test their skills but also allow them to gain invaluable experience that will benefit them in future competitions.

A huge congratulations is in order for all the players, coaches, and supporters who have contributed to the team's success so far! Your collective efforts, enthusiasm, and passion for the game are commendable and truly reflect the spirit of sportsmanship. We are all eagerly looking forward to seeing how the girls perform in the upcoming finals.



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## Year 7 and 8 Netball

What a fantastic evening of netball we had on Monday, February 20th! We were thrilled to welcome Scarisbrick Hall's Year 7 and 8 netball teams for a friendly fixture that showcased incredible talent and teamwork.

The girls played exceptionally well, demonstrating their versatility as we mixed teams and age groups for a fresh experience. The matches were competitive and filled with impressive plays, highlighting the hard work and dedication that our players have shown in training.

A special thank you goes to Eleanor from Year 10, who assisted Mrs. Preston in umpiring the games after recently passing her Netball Umpire award. Your contribution ensured a smooth flow to the evening, Eleanor!

We also want to express our gratitude to Scarisbrick Hall for making the journey to join us. Your sportsmanship added to the success of the event.

We are proud to announce that the Players of the Match were Isabella and Scarlett from Year 7 for their outstanding performances. Congratulations to everyone involved for making the night such a success! We look forward to more friendly fixtures in the future as we continue to enjoy the wonderful game of netball together!



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### **Year 8 Netball B Team**

Congratulations to the Year 8 Netball B Team for their performance during their last league matches at Priory on Tuesday! The girls showcased exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship, playing extremely well together as a cohesive unit. The player of the match was awarded to Lucy for her outstanding contributions on the court. Additionally, players' players of the match honors went to Bella and Jessie, recognizing their teamwork and effort throughout the games. Well done to all three for making such a significant impact.

Thank you to Mrs. Roscoe for her coaching and support, guiding the team through the matches. Her enthusiasm and commitment have been crucial for the players' development and success this season.

As the season continues, we look forward to more exciting matches ahead. Keep up the fantastic work, girls! Let's keep pushing forward and finishing strong!

### **Best of Luck to Our Cross Country Runners!**

Tomorrow is a big day for our talented cross country runners as they represent South Ribble at the prestigious Lancashire Schools Competition, held at Whitton Park. We wish each and every one of them the very best of luck as they take on the challenge and compete against the best runners from across the county.

We are incredibly proud of our students for earning the opportunity to represent South Ribble at this high-level competition. Their dedication, hard work, and perseverance have paid off, and we have no doubt that they will give it their all and make us proud.

The scenic Whitton Park will provide a stunning backdrop for the competition, with its challenging terrain and picturesque surroundings. Our runners will need to draw on all their skills, strategy, and endurance to navigate the course and achieve their personal bests.

To our cross country runners, we say: go out there, give it your all, and enjoy every moment of this exciting experience!

Remember to stay focused, pace yourselves, and support each other every step of the way. We will be rooting for you all the way, and we can't wait to hear about your achievements tomorrow!



### **A Beautiful New Beginning Celebrating the Arrival of Summer Margot Thomas**

Congratulations to Miss Goodwin and her family on the arrival of their precious baby girl, Summer Margot Thomas. Born this week, weighing 5.5 lb, the new addition to the family is sure to bring joy and happiness to all who meet her.

Miss Goodwin and her loved ones must be over the moon with excitement and pride as they embark on their new journey as parents. The arrival of their little bundle of joy is a momentous occasion, and one that will be cherished and remembered for a lifetime.

As the family prepares to welcome Summer Margot into their lives, they will undoubtedly be filled with love, excitement, and a sense of wonder at the tiny, perfect human who has entered their world. The coming weeks and months will be a journey of discovery, growth, and adventure for Miss Goodwin and her family, and we wish them all the love, happiness, and joy that comes with this new chapter in their lives.

Here's to Summer Margot Thomas, the newest member of the Goodwin family! May she bring laughter, joy, and sunshine into the lives of those around her, and may her parents cherish every moment they spend with their precious little one.

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## Blazer and Uniform Donations

We would like to remind all pupils who have borrowed blazers from the school to please return them as soon as possible. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us maintain our uniform supply.

Additionally, if you have any outgrown blazers or other school uniforms that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful to receive them. Your generous contributions will help support fellow students in need and ensure that everyone has access to the proper attire for school.

Thank you for your support! Please bring any borrowed or donated items to the main office.

## PNE Giant Scarf Scheme



You may have already heard about the PNE Giant scarf scheme, a collaboration between the National Football Museum and Preston North End Community. Inspired by a historic hand knitted fan scarf from the 1960s, participants are invited to knit a strip (or strips) to form a giant PNE-coloured scarf which will go on display at a special celebration in Spring 2025. As part of the scheme, PNE are also collecting full size scarves in any colour for the Foxton Centre in Preston, so it is possible to get involved in a variety of ways.

We have been working with PNE to develop the pattern for this and we are now inviting our pupils and families to contribute to the scheme by knitting (or crocheting!) strips of the scarf in blue, navy or white wool. I have limited amounts of yarn from PNE which pupils can use in school.

Full information is available here:

<https://nationalfootballmuseum.com/news/giant-scarf-project/>

<https://nationalfootballmuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Giant-Scarf-Project-Introduction.pdf>

<https://nationalfootballmuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Giant-Scarf-Project-Knitting-Guide.pdf>

## PNE Giant Scarf update

We have our first scarf for the Foxton Centre, knitted by one of our lovely knitting club students! For any questions on how to contribute to the project, please e-mail me at [bsh@allhallows.lanacs.sch.uk](mailto:bsh@allhallows.lanacs.sch.uk). Knitting club takes place every Thursday at 12:50 in room 19.


# Say YES to the prom dress



## Our prom dress pop-up shop is back.

Featuring quality pre-loved dresses in a range of styles and sizes. We've got price points to suit every pocket and no appointment needed. Pop along and try on all of your favourites. Say yes to the dress and support your local hospice.

 The Garden Room,  
St Catherine's Hospice  
PR5 5XU

 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
February 2025  
10 am to 4 pm

For further details,  
call our team on  
01772 695299

Shop to Support  
St Catherine's  
hospice care 

## + THINK PHARMACY FIRST +



OVER 95% OF PHARMACIES IN ENGLAND HAVE SIGNED UP TO THE NHS PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE, WHICH SUPPORTS PEOPLE IN CERTAIN AGE GROUPS WHO NEED HELP WITH:

- EARACHE (AGED 1 TO 17 YEARS)
- IMPETIGO (AGED 1 YEAR AND OVER)
- INFECTED INSECT BITES (AGED 1 YEAR AND OVER)
- SHINGLES (AGED 18 YEARS AND OVER)
- SINUSITIS (AGED 12 YEARS AND OVER)
- SORE THROATS (AGED 5 YEARS AND OVER)
- URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS (UTIS) IN WOMEN (AGED 16 TO 64 YEARS).

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS THAT SUGGEST YOU MAY HAVE ONE OF THESE CONDITIONS, YOU CAN WALK INTO A PHARMACY AND BE OFFERED A CONSULTATION WITH A PHARMACIST IN A PRIVATE CONSULTATION ROOM. OUR STAFF CAN ALSO ELECTRONICALLY REFER YOU TO A PHARMACY OF YOUR CHOICE FOR THE SERVICE.

PHARMACISTS WILL PROVIDE ADVICE AND, IF CLINICALLY NECESSARY, OFFER YOU AN NHS MEDICINE TO TREAT YOUR CONDITION (NHS PRESCRIPTION CHARGES APPLY IF YOU NORMALLY PAY FOR MEDICINES SUPPLIED ON PRESCRIPTION). THEY WILL THEN SEND US AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE SO YOUR GP HEALTH RECORD CAN BE UPDATED.

SHOULD THE PHARMACIST BE UNABLE TO HELP, YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO OUR GP SURGERY OR OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONAL AS APPROPRIATE.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS THAT SUGGEST YOU HAVE ONE OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS, WHY NOT GIVE THE PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE A TRY?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [NHS.UK/THINKPHARMACYFIRST](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)



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# HERE I AM LORD



## WORD OF WEEK

Luke 2:22-33

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."  
The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him.



## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, Like Simeon, we say, "Here I am, Lord." Help us to trust in Your plan, even when we don't see the whole picture. Guide us to be patient and hopeful, knowing that You are always with us. Give us the courage to follow Your light and to listen for Your call in our lives. May we serve You faithfully and share Your love with others.  
Amen.



## CANDLEMAS

*Candlemas, celebrated on February 2nd, is a Catholic feast that commemorates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to fulfill Jewish law, and it's the moment when Simeon, a holy man, recognized Jesus as the Savior. The day is marked by the blessing of candles, symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World. It's a time to reflect on Christ's revelation to the world and His role as our guiding light.*





## THE SONG OF SIMEON

**“Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace,  
according to Your word;  
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
Which You have prepared in the sight of  
all the peoples,  
A light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and the glory of Your people Israel.”**



- Simeon was waiting for the fulfillment of God's promise to him. Can you think of a time when you had to wait patiently for something important? How did you handle the waiting, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Simeon responded with joy and peace when he finally saw Jesus. How do you feel when you recognize God's presence in your life? Are there moments when you've felt especially close to Him?
- Simeon trusted God's plan and said, “Now you can dismiss your servant in peace.” How do you trust in God's timing and plan for your own life? What are some ways you can deepen that trust?



Good Plans- Red Rock Worship  
[LISTEN HERE](#)

Plans for us- Eleventh Hour  
Worship  
[LISTEN HERE](#)

Nunc Dimittis - Song of Simeon  
[LISTEN HERE](#)

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: A STORY OF PATIENCE AND FAITHFULNESS

This week we hear in our scripture reading about Jesus being presented at the temple after his birth. We are reminded this week, as we celebrate this feast day, that God has a promise and a plan for each of us. Just like Simeon, who waited patiently and faithfully, we have to trust in God's timing even when answers or blessings seem delayed, staying faithful and patient is crucial.

This week we pray for the faith to trust in God's plan for us.



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: HERE I AM LORD

Simeon's meeting with Jesus shows the fulfillment of God's promise. It reminds us that God keeps His promises, and our faithfulness in waiting and trusting will be rewarded. Our theme of the Week, here I am Lord, invited us to show our willingness to follow God's will. Like Simeon, we are called to present ourselves to God, offering our lives and actions in service of His will. This week we pray we are able to listen to God's call on our lives and act upon God's invitation.