

Children
and Young
People at
Formby
Methodist
Church

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Coming soon



Whizz! Bang! Wow!

Harvest
22nd Sept

FOOTSTEPS



28th Sept

WHO LET THE
DADS
OUT?

Formby

5th Oct ~ 2nd Nov

SHOEBOX
EXPRESS®

12th October
Please see
page ...

Have you collected
any shells or pebbles
on the beach this
summer?

Our children have
been to Somerset,
Wales, the Isle of Man
and Spain so they
might well have been
collecting ... just like a
young girl who lived in
Lyme Regis 200 years
ago. She collected
shells and fossils to
sell to
tourists to
make a lit-
tle extra



money to help her
mother afford food
and coal. She learnt to
read and write in Sun-
day school and went on
to be recognised as our
first female palaeon-
tologist (a
scientist
who stud-
ies fossils).



Can you repeat 'She
sells sea shells on the
sea shore', very
quickly? Try it!

It is a tongue twister
that many people know
but not everyone will

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realise that it could have been about Mary Anning who discovered fossils of large mysterious creatures and became famous for discovering the first dinosaur. Scientific study has helped us to understand the evolution of the world and unlock many of God's hidden treasures.

Another scientist who also believed in God helped us to learn about the solar system. One hundred years ago George Lemaitre realised that God had placed the earth just the right distance from the sun so that the degree of heat, gravity and spin was just right for humans, plants and animals to survive. An awesome creator God.



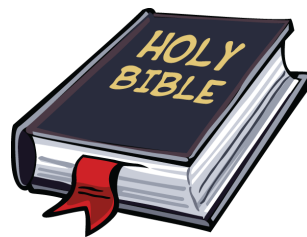
Have you ever been told to stop saying 'Why'?

In our whizz-bang-wow summer science theme we saw that

asking questions is a good way to learn but that science cannot answer **all** of our questions ... it leaves us with unsolved mysteries. We need to listen to our hearts and listen to God too.



In the Old Testament God told Job to stop asking so many



questions and to believe in him.

Gideon asked God to prove

that he really did want him to lead an army. He set up an experiment by putting a fleece on the floor overnight. He asked God to make the fleece wet with dew in the morning although the ground was dry.

God did this. Then to double

check that God did really mean it he asked God to make the ground wet but the fleece lying on it dry.



This was not scientifically possible but God's miracle convinced Gideon. He obeyed God's

Adventurers Every Sunday 10:30-11:30am

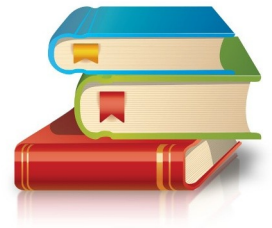
instructions and went on to win the battle leading a tiny army with torches, jars and trumpets rather than swords!

What was your favourite subject at school?

Whatever our children are looking forward to in their new classes

we wish them lots of fun learning with friends this year.

Happy new term everyone!



WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Give mum some time off

Free play group for dads, granddads and male carers with children up to 7+

Meet other dads

Tea, coffee, toast

FIRST SATURDAY IN EVERY MONTH
2024 **Sep 7th**
 Oct 5th
 Nov 2nd
 ...

10-11:30AM

Formby Methodist Church Hall
Elbow Lane, Formby L37 4AF

Tristan
07752 612775

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Shoebox Express Saturday 12th October



Did you know it is only fourteen weeks to Christmas? Very probably, by the time you read your copy of *Our News*, Christmas will be even closer! Here we are, enjoying the summer holidays (when the sun chooses to shine, that is)

while the Shoebox Express elves are busy getting everything ready for the Shoebox Express Grand Christmas Bazaar. We do hope you and your family will come and visit us on Saturday 12th October between 10am and 4pm. This is your chance to make Christmas

very special for a boy or girl in Ukraine, someone who has had to leave their home because of the terrible war there. A Christmas shoebox



full of gifts and a personal message from you will mean so much to them. Please tell your friends and get them to visit us too. There are free drinks and bacon rolls - perhaps one has your name written on it?



**Thursdays, term
time, 6:15-7:45pm**

We are bursting with excitement to share the adventures of a hilariously fun-filled term with our Brownies. This season was packed with memorable moments, from our very first pack holiday to laughter-filled campfires and creative carnival challenges.

This term, we embarked on a groundbreaking adventure: our inaugural pack holiday! Eighteen girls, brimming with excitement, spent a weekend at Glastonbrownie—a music-festival-inspired getaway crafted just for them. Picture it: laughter, friendship, and a sprinkle of magic in the air.

The weekend was divided into different zones: a Physical Zone where the girls ran, jumped and played their hearts out in a series of energetic games and challenges; a Music Zone where harmonious melodies filled the air as the girls explored instruments and sang their favourite tunes; and a Craft Zone where creativity took centre stage with activities ranging from tie dye t-shirts, neon-painted hats and weaving. But the star of the show was undoubtedly 'Daisy', our life-size wooden cow. Brown Owl ingeniously stood behind Daisy, funnel in hand, to

'milk' her for the girls' cereal. The giggles and delight were absolutely priceless.

For our girls who couldn't join the weekend escapade, we hosted a mini festival night packed with highlights from Glastonbrownie. Daisy made a triumphant return, this time serving up fancy mocktails. The night was a hit, filled with mocktails, dancing, temporary tattoos, a VIP zone, selfie station and more!

The fun didn't stop there! We attended The Big Birthday Bash—a day that was as exhilarating as it was wet. Rain? Pfft, no problem for our resilient Brownies! Daisy was back in action, 'dispensing' choc ices to keep spirits high and tongues cold. Our girls danced, laughed and showed the rain who's boss.

In a flurry of newspaper, cellophane and recycled yoghurt pots, our girls earned their carnival badge with flying colours. They were challenged to create carnival outfits using

only recycled materials. The ingenuity and creativity on display were nothing short of spectacular. Who knew yoghurt pots could be so fashionable?

Next, we turned up the volume with a campfire event that had a twist. Instead of a traditional fire, the girls spent the meeting learning and belting out new campfire songs. The Church garden was alive with music and laughter. It was a night to remember, filled with harmony and hilarity.

We wrapped up the term with our famous 'Camp Court'. Brown Owl, donning her judge's robes and wig, presided over a court where girls were hilariously charged with 'crimes' such as having an untied shoelace or forgetting their Brownie promise. If found guilty by a jury of their giggling peers, the 'criminals' had to perform silly forfeits. The laughter was contagious.



FOOTSTEPS

Bible-based family fun
and games with tea

Saturday 28th September

3:30pm – 6pm

ADMISSION FREE

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Email: footsteps_fmc@yahoo.co.uk

You are all

WELCOME

To join us for our

HARVEST SERVICE

10:30am, 22nd September

During the service the children will leave for crèche
(0-3 year olds), Adventurers (3-10 year olds) and
Explorers (11+)

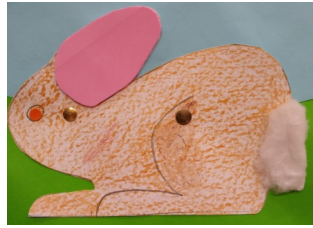
Toddlers Thursday 9:30-11:30am

On the last day
of the summer
term 12 of the
older boys and
girls left us to go either to
nursery or to big school. The



leavers received a book of Bi-
ble stories. We will miss each
one and do hope all of them
settle in and are happy. Hope-
fully we shall see you at TLC,
Adventurers or Footsteps.

On the craft table pets were the theme for part of the summer term. These included dogs,



cats, rabbits and even parrots.

On the week of the church flower festival the children made a small paper flower arrangement in a 'vase'



and some of the parents took their young children round

the church and found a couple of hidden soft toys within the amazing displays.

The kitchen is always very

popular on a Thursday morning, particularly the eggs and salt and pepper pots. Some of the children spend a lot of time being read to in the book corner. There are also plenty of cars, trikes and a slide for the older children in the hall,



where the refreshments are held, before everyone comes back into the Circle room for singing, notices, birthday celebrations and a prayer. Our action songs conclude with everyone joining together singing the 'Hokey Cokey'.



FOOTSTEPS

Next one ... 28th
Sept., 3:30-6pm

The summer holidays seem a long time ago now but in August we welcomed loads of children to our summer Footsteps. The plan was to have a water theme as we could then play loads of wet



games outside and if we got wet it wouldn't matter as it would be hot. Ha ha!

We were wet before the water games due to the rain!



The water theme meant we heard about Jonah. He was a prophet. It was his job to pass



on messages from God. However, Jonah wasn't too keen

about heading to Nineveh to tell the bad people there that they had to behave. He really didn't want to go, so he decided to catch a boat heading in the opposite direction, to Tarshish.

There was a problem though: there was a huge storm. Everyone on the boat got really quite scared. Jonah realised that actually it was his fault; he told the sailors to throw him overboard, which they did, and the storm calmed down. God didn't leave Jonah in the middle of the sea. God sent a huge whale to pick him up and take him back to land. This meant that Jonah could then head to Nineveh, just like the original plan. Jonah actually went this time and much to his surprise when he told the scary people of

Nineveh to behave they did. They changed their ways.

The story was told with a fantastic cast of children, lots of audience participation and a great big black whale. Everyone played their part brilliantly.

I bet you can't guess! The junk challenge was making ships. They were great.



Crafts included a wooden Jonah model, door hanger, ball catcher, shell

decoration and fish biscuit. For the more competitive children there were



games including: knocking over tin cans, pin the eye on the whale and throwing bean bags. Some children even went outside and got wet, either from the rain or bursting water balloons!

The morning ended with lunch including plenty of cakes and ice cream!

Thanks to everyone who came and a big thank you to everyone



who helps make Footsteps so much fun.

The next Footsteps is Harvest, 28th September. Come along for another Saturday afternoon full of fun.

A Sunday morning group for teenagers – join us for games and chat at 10:30.

Explorers

Save the date * Save the date * Save the date

CHRISTMAS FOOTSTEPS

Saturday 23rd
November

3:30pm to 6pm



Save the date * Save the date * Save the date

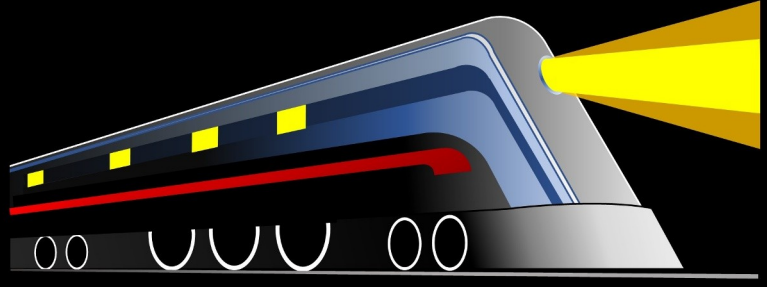
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CHRISTINGLE & CAKE



14th
December

Save the date * Save the date * Save the date



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