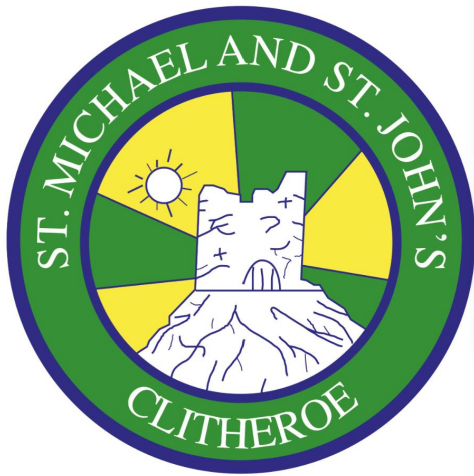


Welcome to SSMJ

Your EYFS adventure begins here!



Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be.



**We can't wait to welcome you and your child
into our SSMJ Family.**

A Warm Welcome

Meet the Team

Who will you meet at SSMJ



Head Teacher - **Mrs Mabbott**

Deputy Head Teacher - **Mr Duckworth**

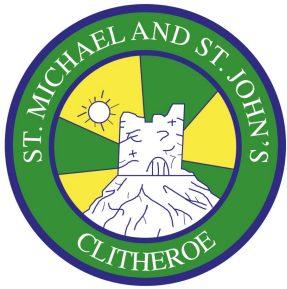
EYFS Teachers - **Mrs Russell & Miss Mabbott**

Members of the Teaching Staff

Office Staff- **Mrs Holmes & Mrs Davies**

Parish Priests -**Cannon Paul Brindle**

Chair of Governors - **Mr Downes**



A Message from the Headteacher

Develop passion for learning and curiosity.

Learning it's ok to make mistakes and learn from them.

Caring ethos

Bursar@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk
[Or Head@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:Head@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk)

Understanding everyone is a unique individual.

Understanding everyone has the right to opinion and a belief and having a different one is ok.

Enjoyment

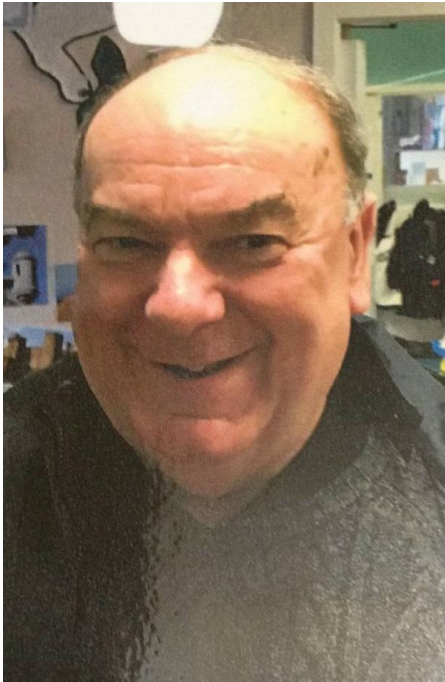
A close family that cares and recognises even small changes can make a huge difference.

- High academic standards
- Life skills
- Enrichment and Wider Opportunities e.
- Pupil Voice
- Development of the faith Life of the School Strong community links

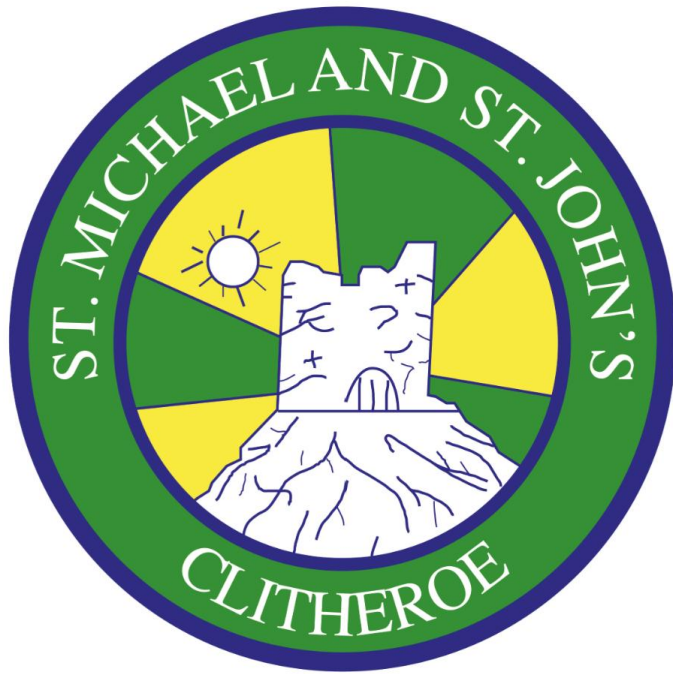


Meet the staff

Cannon Paul Brindle



I am excited to welcome you to the Church of St Michael & St Johns.



What makes us special?

- We know every child as an individual.
- We are a loving, child centred Catholic community following the example of Jesus.
- We celebrate every child's gifts — academic, creative, sporting, social.
- We work closely with families to give every child the very best start.



Our Faith in Action

- Children learn how to follow the example of Jesus in their daily choices.
- Our GIFT Team lead worship, charity work and prayer across the school
- We learn about and respect the faith of others
- We put children at the heart of all we do realising that everyone is a unique individual.
- We strive to ensure every child can be 'the best they can be'.

What people say about SSMJ

Our most recent Ofsted (July 2023) states:

St Michael and St John's Roman Catholic Primary School is a welcoming place to be. Pupils are friendly and respectful

Pupils said that they feel cared for and safe."

In early years, skilled staff take every opportunity to engage children in high-quality conversations as they learn and play

Friends of SSMJ

- Our wonderful Friends group raise money and create magical experiences for the children.

- **Events include;**

- Chocolate Bingo
- Film Nights
- Christmas and Summer Fair

- **Funds have supported;**

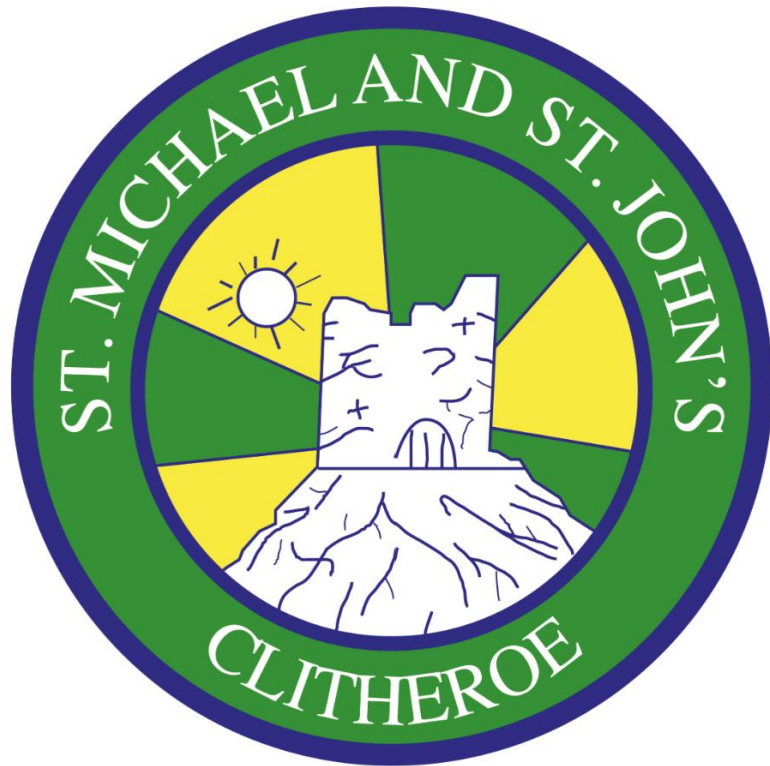
- New DT and Art room
- Picnic benches
- Communion cake for Year 3
- School trip contributions for all year groups



After School Club

- Our After School Club is run by Progressive Sports. They start from 7.30am until 8.45am for Breakfast Club and then 3.30pm – 6pm for After School.



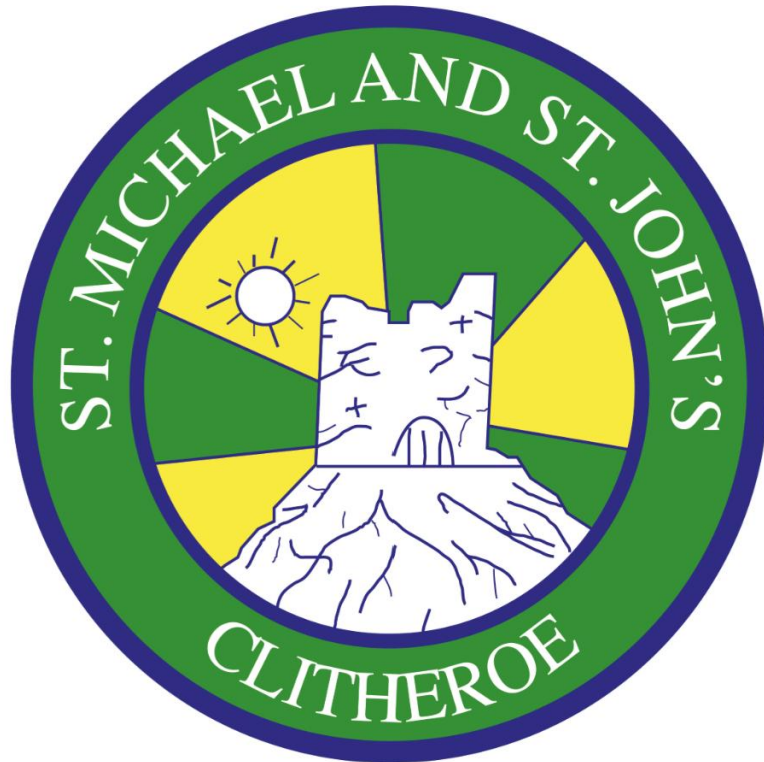


EYFS Staff

- Mrs Russell & Miss Mabbott



Our Reception Vision



In our EYFS, every child is cherished as a unique child of God. We nurture joyful, curious, and confident learners through play, exploration, and loving relationships. Rooted in Gospel values, we help children grow in faith, kindness, and independence as they discover the world God created. Our environment is welcoming, inclusive, and full of wonder, where every child feels safe, valued, and ready to flourish.

A Day in Reception

Meet and Greet

Worship

Learning including
continuous provision

Snack and play

Learning including
continuous provision

Lunchtime

Learning including
continuous provision

Hometime



Our EYFS Curriculum

Children's skills and knowledge are developed through seven areas of learning, with a strong emphasis on play-based learning.

Communication and language,

Physical development

Personal, social and emotional development,

Literacy

Mathematics,

Understanding the world,

Expressive arts and design.



How Children Learn

- Playing and Exploring
- Active Learning
- Creative and Critical Thinking



Our Curriculum

Key Points:

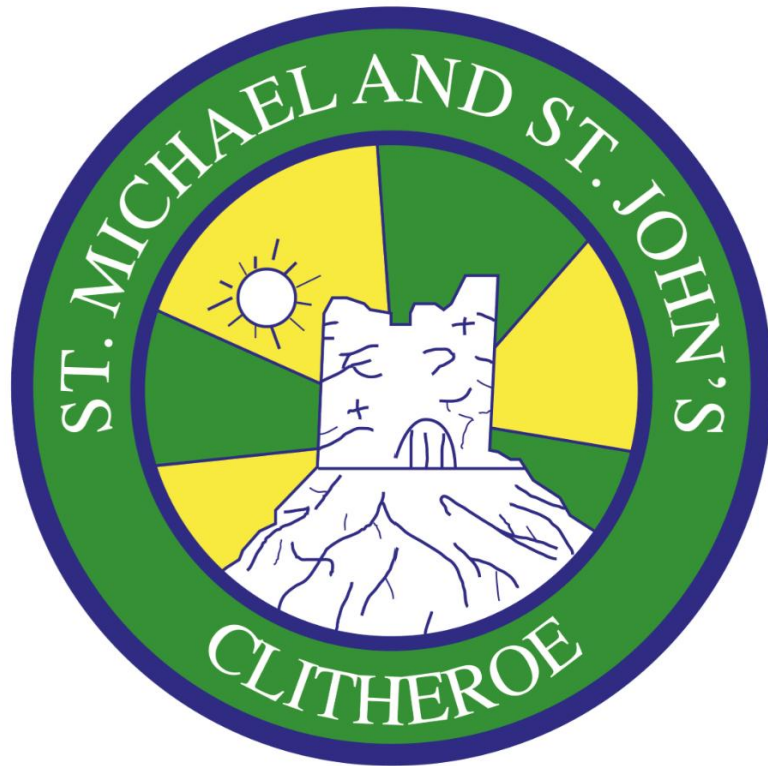
- Following children's interests and needs.
- Structured learning through play and interaction
- Positive relationships
- Language development
- Self-regulation and a desire to learn
- Stimulating environments
- High expectations at the End of Year - 'Readiness for Year 1'.
- Ongoing assessment- Baseline to Good Level of Development



Working in Partnership with you.

- Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you have or make suggestions. We want to work in partnership with you- no question is too small





Practical Information

- Forms for E mail Addresses
- Data Collection Forms
- Pupil Premium & Free school Meals
- Snacks & Fruit
- Permissions for local visits, photography & food tasting
- Home School Agreement

What happens next?

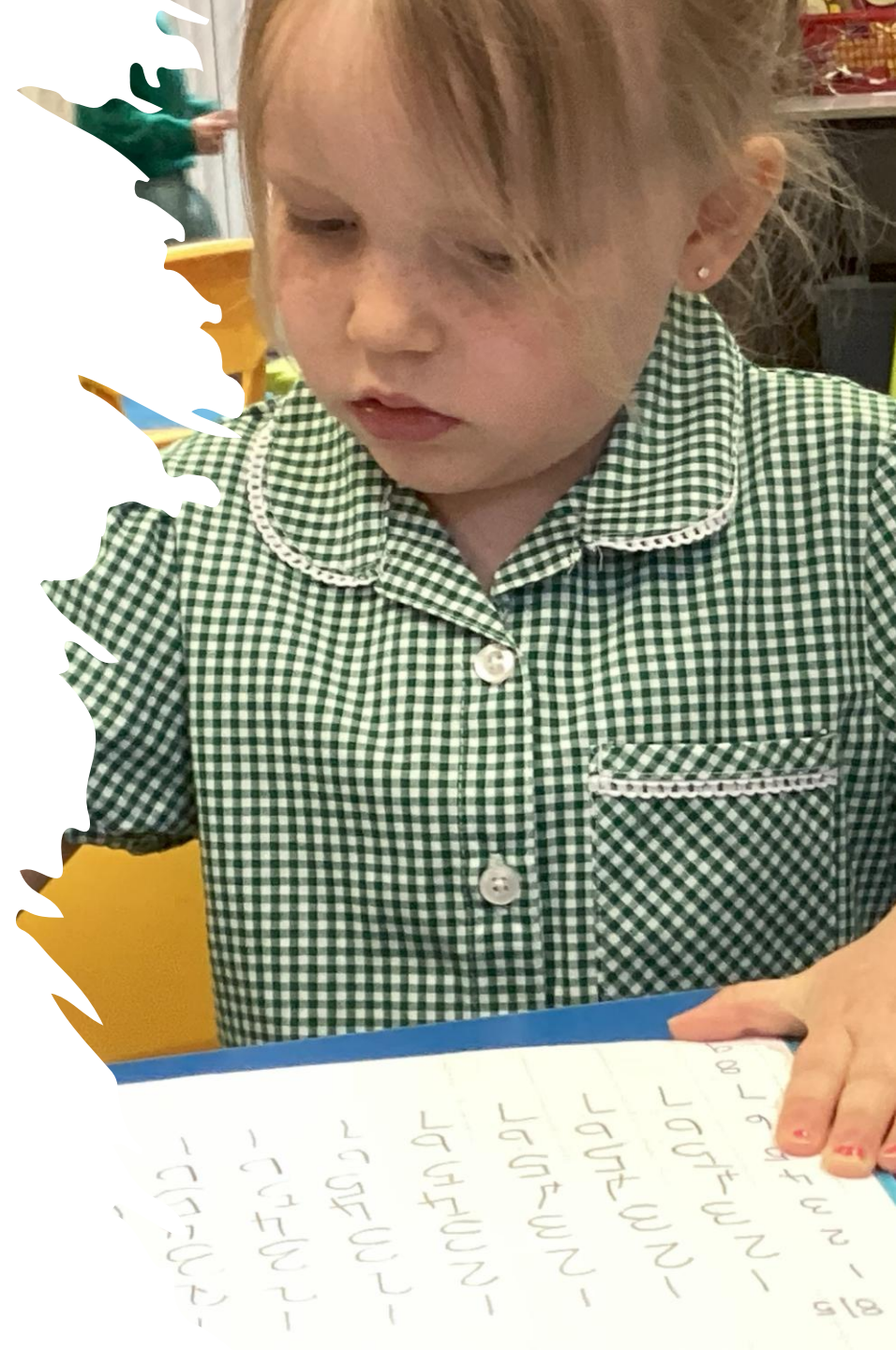
Children's visits

Staff visits

Home visits

Website and dojo information

Practicalities for the first few days



At the start of term

A warm welcome
Curriculum Information
Opportunities to come
and join us in school.
Photos and updates on
dojo.

Parents Evening
Parent workshops

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