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

15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

We begin this week by congratulating our Y6 children on their efforts in their SATS this week. As we tell the children, SATs are important, but they do not define them. They do not measure how kind they are or how sporty or musical or well-mannered they are. The children all did their best and we are very proud of them all.

They look fabulous in their new hoodies and they enjoyed a well-deserved treat having lunch out at Maxwell's in Clitheroe.

Well done Year 6!!!



The Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is telling his Father in heaven that he has now completed what was asked of him. Then, Jesus prays for his friends. This reminds us that Jesus prays for all his friends, which includes you and me too. This takes place after the last supper and, very soon, Jesus will be arrested. So before leaving his friends he is preparing them for the difficult time to come. Jesus wants his friends to stay united with one another and with God - forever.

Friendship is one of life's great blessings and Jesus' friendship is also offered to each one of us. When we have good friendships, we can support each other, have fun together, and share our joys and challenges. We can also learn from each other and grow in our faith.

Ask your child what the word 'friendship' means to them. Which friends do they spend the most time with? What is it that they like about them? Who is their best friend?

May - The Month of Mary



To honour Mother Mary children are asked to wear a little bit of blue alongside their uniform every Thursday in May. Prayer club - Month of Mary will also take place every Thursday at 8.15 am throughout May, please meet at the school office.

For the crowning of our Lady children are asked to bring in one single flower during May, this can be either a real flower, an artificial flower or a flower crafted by your child. Staff will support the children during the crowning of Our Lady.

Year 6 Maxwell's Lunch

After working hard all week, the Year 6 children enjoyed a special end of SATs celebration lunch at Maxwell's. Their behaviour was exceptional and thank you to Mrs Mabott, Mr Duckwoth, Miss Brindle and Mrs Turner for taking the children.



NFL Flag

On Friday last week, the Year 5/6 NFL Flag team played in the regional finals at the University of Preston Sports Arena. The children played fantastically well, managing to make the semi-finals. As this was our first year playing NFL Flag football, we think that they have done brilliantly. Well done to all those who took part.



Thank you PTA and staff

We thank our PTA who provided breakfast for our year 6 children during SATs week. This was much needed fuel and relaxation time and allowed for a calm and reassuring start to each day. Thank you to all the staff, teachers and TAs who came to breakfast club to be with the children.

Sports Day



Our annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 22nd May in the morning - weather permitting! Please make sure the children have their PE kits in school. Parents' are invited to spectate.

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 23rd May in the morning - weather permitting! Children will be able to attend school in their PE kits for the day and Parents' are invited to

spectate.

The children will be in their house teams, first taking part in a carousel of activities and then competing in races. Parents may wish to bring a blanked or foldaway chair to sit on.

Parents and Relatives attending are asked to abide by our Safeguarding and Health and Safety rules.

- Please stay in the designated areas
- Please do not ask your children to come up to you, they need to stay with their class and group so we can account for them
- Please do not give the children food or drink. They will have water bottles with them, fizzy drinks etc. are not permitted and snacks are a choking hazard.
- Please give all the children plenty of encouragement.
- Please do not take part post photos of other children on social media as some children do not have permission for this.

We look forward to a fun morning, hopefully in the sun, but not too hot!

| Sports Day Timings | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 9:20 am | Children arrive on school field |
| 9:30 am - 10:15 am | Activities commence |
| 10:15 am - 11:15 am | Races |

New Website

School is currently in the process of getting a new school website. The old website is still accessible but will not allow us to add any new information to it. The new website will be live after half term. Curriculum newsletters for this half term have been send out with the children and put on Dojo.

Mr Currid - Fundraising



Good luck to Mr Currid who will be walking 26 miles up and around Malham Cove this weekend. He will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society, and we wish him all the very best!

If you are in a position to help support his cause, any donations big or small will be greatly appreciated. His fundraising page is:

[Andy Currid is fundraising for Alzheimer's Society](#)

Thank you for the donations so far.

Polite Reminder of the use of the School Field

Please can we ask that before school starts and after you have picked up your children from the gates at the end of the school day, you do not go on to the school field. Unfortunately, there has been some damage to school property, and we do not wish for any more damage to occur. Children are aware that they should only be on the field if they are supervised by a member of school staff, during school hours. The field needs to be kept clear for use by our after-school clubs and in case the Air Ambulance needs to land in an emergency. There are lots of green spaces in Clitheroe for your children to use outside of school hours. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Football Cards

We kindly ask that football cards are not brought into school. Unfortunately, they have been causing disagreements and upset among some children.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a happy and positive school environment for all.

Thank you for your understanding.

Walk to school week.



Living Streets is a UK charity for everyday walking. They want a nation where walking is the natural choice for everyday local journeys. Their mission is to achieve a better walking environment and inspire people to walk more.

Progress starts here: one street, one school, one step at a time.

SSMJ are excited to announce the date for this year's Walk to School Week 2026! This year, the five-day challenge takes place between **18 and 22 May** and we can't wait for you to take part. Pupils will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride to school every day of the week.

Please send photos of you rising to the challenge to the office email or Mrs Canavan on Dojo. We will display these in school. Good luck and have fun!

PTA Classlist App



A few parents have been unable to process payment for the recent PTA events. Please see below a link to download the Classlist app and register your child to make future payments.

<https://classlist.page.link/m58MKMpyoHjSAjP48>

Tesco Blue Token Scheme



We are delighted to announce that our application 'Little Chefs Kitchen' for the Tesco Grant Programme has been successful. The Tesco Blue Token Scheme at the Clitheroe store is now running and will run until the end of July 2026.

Please help us to raise the most votes for our project. To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value to collect a blue token at the till, you will then be required to pop the blue token in the voting box as you exit the store. The project with the highest number of votes could receive up to the value of £1500, which if successful will go towards giving our children's real life experiences with food, improve their wellbeing and provide an exciting hands-on way to learn about healthy eating.

Your support truly makes a difference and helps us continue to enrich the learning experiences we offer to our children.

Girls' Summer Dresses



We still have a few brand new F&F girls' summer dresses in a range of sizes, which Tesco have kindly donated to us.

If you would like to collect a dress, please call into the school office and we just ask for a small donation towards the school fund. Thank you.

PE Days



| Year Group | PE Days |
|------------|--------------------|
| EYFS | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 1 & 2 | Monday & Tuesday |
| Year 3 & 4 | Tuesday & Thursday |
| Year 4 & 5 | Tuesday & Friday |
| Year 6 | Monday & Tuesday |

Clubs and Afterschool Activities



| Activity | Year Group/s | Teacher | Date/Times |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Make it Mondays (Craft) | All | Progressive Sports | Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm |
| Multiplication Club | 4 | Miss Parkinson | Monday 3.30 - 4.15 pm |
| Burnley Football Club | 3 & 4 | Burnley Football Club | Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm |
| Tennis Club | All Years | Tennis Coach | Wednesday 8.00 - 8.45 am |
| Create Club | All Years | Mrs Troughton | Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm |
| Prayer Club | All Years | Mrs Whyman | Thursday 8.15 - 8.45 am |
| Rounders | 5 & 6 | Progressive Sports | Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm |

Progressive Sports are booked through progressive sports: [Enrolmy | Progressive Sports South Lancashire](#)

Create Club is booked directly with Mrs Troughton:
portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/10363

BFC and Tennis Club are booked through Parent Pay.

Other clubs run by school staff do not require booking.



Happy birthday to Arlo in EYFS, who will celebrate his birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly



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| EYFS | Harper, Alex and Ainsley |
| Yr 1 & 2 | Kutenda, Alfie, Rueben, William and Coby |
| Yr 3 & 4 | Theo, Maisie, Katy, Archie and Nancy |
| Yr 4 & 5 | Leo, Noah, Mason, Rocco and William |
| Yr 6 | All Year 6 pupils |

Top Table Winners



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|------|-----------|
| EYFS | Alex |
| Yr 1 | Blake |
| Yr 2 | Freya |
| Yr 3 | Riley H |
| Yr 4 | Finley |
| Yr 5 | Ruby |
| Yr 6 | Elsie-May |

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
|---|--|
| Monday 18 th May | 9.15 - 11.15 am ~ EYFS Trip to Leaping Lizards |
| | 4.00 - 5.30 pm ~ Year 5 & 6 Football Competition ~ Roefield |
| Tuesday 19 th May | Follow up appointments with the School Nursing Team regarding Year 6 - School Health Needs Assessment Questionnaires |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Year 6 STEM Challenge Final ~ The Grand |
| Thursday 21 st May | Themed School Lunch Day |
| Friday 22 nd May | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 3 rd June | EYFS - Vision Screening |
| | Year 4 ~ Multiplication Check |
| Sunday 6 th June | 1.30 pm ~ First Holy Communion |
| Week commencing Monday 8 th June | Phonics Assessments |
| Monday 15 th June | Year 6 Residential Borwick Trip |
| Wednesday 17 th June | Year 6 Borwick Trip returns |
| Thursday 18 th June | Prayer Friends Tea Party |
| Friday 19 th June | Year 6 to Prayer Spaces |
| Wednesday 9 th July | Rock Steady Concert - Parents' Welcome |
| Friday 10 th July | EYFS ~ Critters Interactive |

Specific Diary Dates for Year 6

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Monday 8 th - Thursday 11 th June | Go Velo (Bikeability) |
| Tuesday 9 th June | 3.45 - 4.30 pm ~ Parent drop in session ~ Q&A for Borwick |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Bowland School ~ Transition Evening |
| 15 th June - 17 th June | Borwick Hall Residential |
| Friday 19 th June | Year 6 to Prayer Spaces |
| Wednesday 24 th June | SARCHS - Induction Day |
| Thursday 25 th June | 4.00 pm - Ribblesdale School ~ Transition Evening |
| | 6.00 pm - SARCHS ~ Transition Evening |
| Tuesday 30 th June | Blackpool Pleasure Beach |
| Wednesday 1 st July or Thursday 2 nd July | Ribblesdale School ~ Transition Day |
| Tuesday 7 th July | Bowland School ~ Transition Day |
| | 6.00 pm - Leavers' Play |
| Friday 10 th July | Year 6 Leavers' party - Planned by Parents |
| Monday 13 th July | 10.00 am - Leaver's Mass ~ Parents' welcome |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Leavers' Lunch in school |
| Friday 17 th July | 9.00 am - Leavers' Assembly |
| TBC | 'Moving On Up' Session |

Take Care & God Bless.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher



ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY LIST 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Re-open on: Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half Term Monday 27th October to Friday 31th October 2025 (inclusive)
Christmas Holiday Early closure on Friday 19th December 2025

(Number of openings: 73)

Spring Term 2025

Re-open on: Monday 5th January, 2026
Half Term Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026
(inclusive)
INSET DAY Monday 23rd February 2026
Easter Break Friday 3rd April to Friday 17th April 2026 (inclusive)

(Number of openings: 58)

Summer Term 2026

Re-open on: Monday 20th April 2026
Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026 (inclusive)
Summer Holiday Early closure on Friday 17th July 2026

(Number of openings: 59)



ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY LIST 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

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|--------------------------|---|
| Re-open on: | Thursday 3 rd September 2026 |
| INSET DAY | Friday 23 rd October 2026 |
| Half Term | Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026 |
| Re-open on: | Monday 2 nd November 2026 |
| Christmas Holiday | Early closure on Friday 18 th December 2026 |

(Number of openings: 71)

Spring Term 2027

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|---------------------|--|
| Re-open on: | Tuesday 5 th January 2027 |
| Half Term | Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027 (inclusive) |
| INSET DAY | Monday 22 nd February 2027 |
| Re-open on: | Tuesday 23 rd February 2027 |
| Easter Break | Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April 2027 (inclusive) |

(Number of openings: 52)

Summer Term 2027

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|-----------------------|---|
| Re-open on: | Monday 12 th April 2027 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 3 rd May 2027 |
| Half Term | Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027 (inclusive) |
| Re-open on: | Monday 7 th June 2027 |
| Summer Holiday | Early closure on Wednesday 21 st July 2027 |

(Number of openings: 67)

(Total number of openings: 190)

Notices from other Companies and Providers

Notices

We are often asked to share information about events with you, which we do to support our community, and so you can consider whether these are of interest to you. Please note, school is not recommending or validating these events, we are simply passing on the information.

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2026

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Age 0-19

(up to 25 for young
people with learning
difficulties or disabilities)



ST MARY'S CENTRE MAY 2026

What's on in the month ahead?

CLITHEROE PARISH CHURCH AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY
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THE KING'S SPEECH
BY DAVID SEIDLER

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SATURDAY MATINEE 23RD MAY 2.15PM
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BOX OFFICE ST MARYS CENTRE TUESDAYS 10.30 - 11.30AM
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CLITHEREODRAM

The month ahead

MONDAYS

St Mary's playgroup
(Term time only)
9.15am-11.15am
Tai Chi—10.30am-11.30am
Ladies Badminton—1.00pm - 2.30pm
A Team Dance 5pm - 6.30pm
(Term time & pre-booked only)
Beavers 6-7pm
(Term time & pre-booked only)
Cubs/Scouts 7-8pm
(Term time & pre-booked only)

TUESDAYS

Aerobics - 11.00am - 12.00noon
Jujitsu - 7.00pm-8.30pm

WEDNESDAYS

Encore Drama & Musical
Theatre Classes 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Tai Chi - 6.30pm-7.30pm

THURSDAYS

Line Dancing—7.30pm - 8.30pm

FRIDAYS

Line Dancing—10.00am - 12noon

SATURDAYS

Puppy Training—10am-11am

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Wednesday 20th - Saturday 23rd May
The King's Speech

JUNE

JAZZ FESTIVAL
Friday 5th May to Sunday 7th June


SEEDY FRILLS
Saturday 20th June

CONTACT US

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CLITHEROE JUNE
JAZZ WEEKEND
5th - 7th JUNE 2026
St Mary's Centre, Church St, Clitheroe BB7 2DG
www.rvjazzandblues.co.uk



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Tuesday 26th May
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11.30am-1.30pm
2pm-4pm



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LEGO WORKSHOP

LEAPING LIZARDS

FRIDAY 29TH MAY

9AM-11AM, 11.30AM-1.30PM AND
2PM-4PM



£6.50 PER
CHILD