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

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

Well done to all our children on their various achievement and continues positive attitude towards learning during this short, but very busy half term.

The Sunday Gospel



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and is popularly known as the birthday of the Church. This was the day when Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, when the mission of the Church really began - almost 2000 years ago.

This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church - a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass.

Ask your child what they know about Pentecost.

May - The Month of Mary



Thank you to all the children who have attended the Thursday morning prayer club led by Mrs Whyman and to the children who brought flowers for the crowning of Our Lady.

Sports Day

We apologise for the disappointment and confusion caused by the early cancellation of Sports Day yesterday. This was due to an internal communication error.

We have rescheduled Sports Day for Friday 5th June (morning), weather permitting. A final decision will be made at lunchtime on Thursday 4th June.

If we are unable to go ahead on this date, the reserve date will be Friday 10th July (morning).

Year 5 & 6 Football Competition

It is the end of the season. Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team who have been playing in the A League this season. We played our final games on Monday and won the majority of them. Well done to everyone who took part in the team this year and to Mr Currid for taking them.



Year 6 STEM Challenge

On Wednesday, six of our Year 6 pupils attended the final of the STEM competition held at The Grand. The team had to complete several engineering tasks including creating a shelter they could all fit into, a bridge and the tallest tower. Overall, our team came 2nd. In addition to this, two of our pupils won the maths part of the competition. The children represented school fantastically and thank you to Miss Brindle for taking the children to the event.





Shire Horses

Last Friday, the children were delighted to welcome the magnificent Thwaites' Shire Horses to school. The children were fascinated by the horses' impressive size and calm nature, and many enjoyed asking questions. The visit brought lots of excitement and smiles to the everyone.



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.

Additional Inset Day

Today, you will receive a notification via email and letter (hard copy) that Romero Trust have added a Trust wide Inset day to the holiday pattern for 26-27. Please replace any previous copies of holiday lists with the new one.

Themed Picnic Lunch

On Thursday, all the children enjoyed a lovely outdoor picnic lunch.



Mr Currid - Fundraising



Well done to Mr Currid who completed his 26 mile walk up and around Malham Cove last Saturday in an amazing 10 hours and 15 minutes.

He has currently raised a fantastic amount of £660.00 for the Alzheimer's Society.

Thank you to everyone who has supported him and donated. There is still time to make a donation if you wish to do so.

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



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	5 & 6	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
Themed Friday's	All Years	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 Alexander in EYFS, Mateusz in Year 1, Rory in Year 3, Marcus in Year 5 and Jake in Year 6, who will all celebrate a birthday this week.

Also happy birthday to Noah in Year 2, Daniel and Noah in Year 4, Charlie D in Year 5 and Kaylar in Year 6 and to Miss Mabbott, who will all celebrate a birthday over the half term holiday.

Celebration Assembly

There was no celebration assembly this week.

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Thea W
Yr 1	Jessica
Yr 2	Renato
Yr 3	Katy
Yr 4	Riley M
Yr 5	Harry T
Yr 6	Phoebe

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 3 rd June	EYFS - Vision Screening
	Year 4 ~ Multiplication Check
Friday 5 th June	Sports Day
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	Reserve Sports Day
	EYFS ~ Critters Interactive
Monday 13 th July	10.00 am - Y6 Whole School Leaver's Mass ~ Parents' welcome

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

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 (inclusive)
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

Re-open on:	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
INSET DAY	Friday 29 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: 51)

Summer Term 2027

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: 189)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY



ANNIE JR.

Sat 20th - Sun 21st June
Tickets From £10

Following on from last year's incredible Aladdin performance, ESAA is bringing everyone's favourite little redhead to the stage with Annie Jr.

Set in 1930s New York City, this beloved musical tells the heartwarming story of Annie, a brave young orphan determined to find her family.

Expect a professional-level show brought to you by some of the most up-and-coming stars in the local theatre scene.

LIVE AT THE CASTLE

Sat 27th June · Free Tickets

Completely free and designed for all ages, Live at the Castle is a gift from Love Clitheroe to our town. Offering top-tier live music, engaging arts and crafts plus some incredible local food and drink, Live at the Castle is already shaping up to be a real highlight of the summer.



CHURCH AT THE CASTLE

Sun 28th June · Free Tickets

Church at the Castle is the vibrant Sunday finale to our festival weekend, and the invitation is open to everyone. We are creating a relaxed space in the iconic grounds of Clitheroe Castle, where the whole community can gather to experience worship and be inspired.



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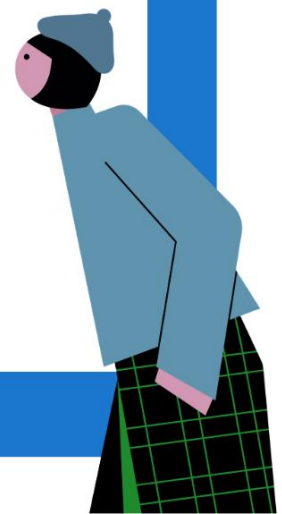


**Happiness
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**An exhibition of winning entries
and highly commended
entrants for the
Clitheroe Rotary Young Artist
and Young Writer Competition**

**Saturday, 23rd May
10am - 12noon**





Clitheroe Castle Museum

EVENTS

DAILY

MAY 2026

11am - 4pm

THE LOST SWORD HUNT

The Knights of Clitheroe Castle have lost their miniature swords. Find them all hiding in the museum galleries and you might be the lucky winner of a fabulous bag of souvenirs from the gift shop. Free with museum admission.



DAILY

MAY 2026

11am - 4pm

MAKE SOMETHING AMAZING

Design your own magnificent wooden shield. Create your own family crest, be inspired by the De Lacy lion or invent something unique. Whatever you choose you can finish it as a badge or magnet to display with pride. £2 each while stocks last.



Coming up...

JULY

2026

ARCHAEOLOGY FESTIVAL

Keep an eye on our events page to secure your spot on one of our Junior Archaeologist sessions in July. Find out more and book now at <http://tiny.cc/EventsAtClitheroeCastle>

Open Daily, all kids go free

Find details of all our activities and events on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or visit our website at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/clitheroe-castle-museum/> or via the QR code.



Lunchtime Learning

Supporting bladder and bowel health for everyone.

Join our free online training session with expert guidance you can use immediately.

Bedwetting can be challenging for children and young people, as well as for the parents, carers and professionals supporting them. However, the good news is that with the right understanding and help, real progress can be made.

Bladder & Bowel UK will be hosting a free online session, [Beating bedwetting: top tips for parents and professionals](#), covering the causes of bedwetting, what families can try at home that may help and the different treatment options available.

This training is for parents, carers and professionals who work with children and is part of our charitable objectives to support World Bedwetting Day on Tuesday 26th May 2026.

What will this session cover?

Bedwetting is one of the most common medical conditions in children. It causes distress and sleep disturbance, but there are many things that can be done to help.

This session will look at the causes of bedwetting, what families can try at home that may help, and the different treatment options available.

Objectives:

1. The causes of bedwetting
2. The lifestyle changes that may help
3. The treatment options
4. Where and when to ask for help
5. How to find more information

Who can attend?

This session is for anyone who is supporting a child or teenager affected by bedwetting. This includes, but is not limited to, parents, grandparents, foster carers, social care staff, health visitors, school nurses, practice nurses, and children's community nurses.

***Please note the Bladder & Bowel UK website is currently undergoing maintenance. For general information, advice and signposting, call the helpline on 0161 214 4591. For personal medical advice, we recommend speaking to your GP.**

[Beating Bedwetting: Top tips for parents and professionals Tickets, Tuesday, May 26 • 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM GMT+1](#)
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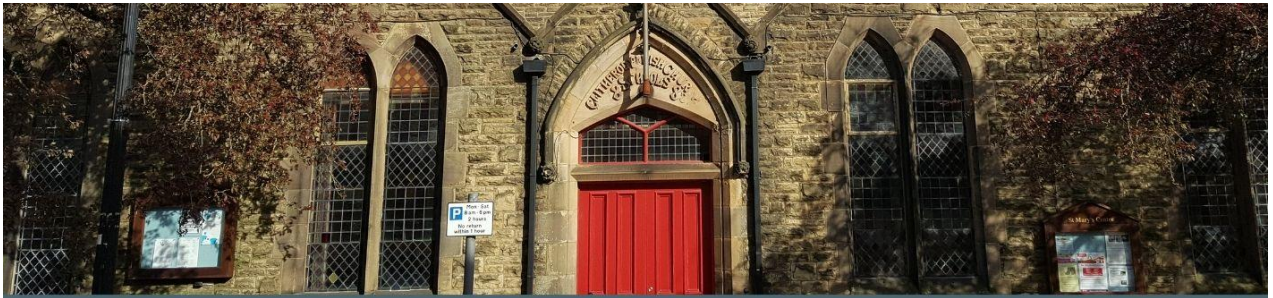
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ST MARY'S CENTRE MAY 2026

What's on in the month ahead?

CLITHEROE PARISH CHURCH AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

NODA
National Operatic & Dramatic Association

CPCAODS
Clitheroe Parish Church Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society



THE KING'S SPEECH
BY DAVID SEIDLER

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International www.mtintl.com

20TH - 23RD MAY 2026 7.30PM
SATURDAY MATINEE 23RD MAY 2.15PM
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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
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Tickets available from Ticketsource
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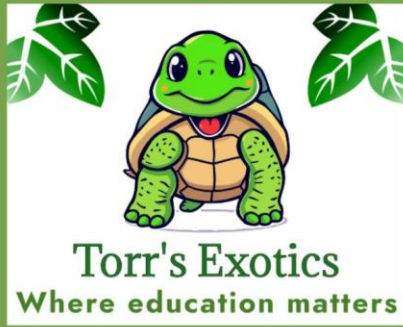
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BEAD MAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 27th May
9am-11am, 11.30am - 1.30pm





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Tuesday 26th May
9am - 11am
11.30am-1.30pm
2pm-4pm



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LEAPING LIZARDS

FRIDAY 29TH MAY

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



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