



**St Michael & St John's RC Primary School**  
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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another  
to be the best we can be.*

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

This week we enjoyed a lovely whole school Advent Mass. Thank you to Father Paul and the GIFT Team and to the parents and relatives who were able to join us. The children are busy practising for the nativities. Please support them in learning their lines at home. We look forward to our EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Nativity next week. No Tickets needed.

Our Y3,4,5,6 Nativity is in the final week of term and this is a ticketed event for fire risk assessment purposes.

### The Sunday Gospel



#### Advent

Buying presents, decorations and planning our Christmas meal are all good ways of preparing for Christmas. But through all these preparations we do need to keep in mind the real reason for all these festivities. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist calling the people to repent (to come back to God) and to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival.

So let's listen to John the Baptist and prepare our hearts well - being ready to receive and share God's love with all we meet as part of this week's Christmas Preparations.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Ask your child what the word 'preparation' means to them. When did your child last prepare for something particularly well or for something special?

Here are links to some digital Advent calendars.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/digital-advent-calendar/>

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>



### Christmas Fayre

Tonight is our Christmas Fayre. At home time, the children will be dismissed as usual via the playground. The staff will then make their way inside, after which, the Dining Room doors will be opened for children, parents and families.

Thank you for all your donations and to the PTA and staff for supporting this event. Please ensure you have read the risk assessment.

Each class has made items for the fair so please come along and buy what your children have made. There are a range of other stalls where children/adults can buy reasonably priced gifts and there are refreshments on sale.

For Safety and to Support the Smooth Running of the Fair.

Children attending the fair must be accompanied by an adult.

Please use the Dining Room door to enter. You can then move between the hall and dining room inside.

Please try to bring change.

Staff and the PTA will have floats but if you can bring change this is helpful. A card machine is available but this will not be on any given stall so you might have to wait to use this.

We look forward to an enjoyable event. Thank you for all the donations you have sent in to support this and to the PTA members, volunteers and staff for their support and time planning and supervising the event.

## Sporting News

Congratulations to our Panathlon Team who went to Oakhill School last week to represent the school. During the morning they took part in a wide range of activities. The children had great fun and were a real credit to the school in terms of their sportsmanship and behaviour. Check out the sport page on our school website for all the pictures from the day. Well done to Henry, Jake, Oliver, Euan, Kimberley, Charlie, Harry and Archie.





### Christmas Parties

KS1 Christmas party will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December and KS2 Christmas party will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school in party clothes and fun games will be played. Food and drink will be provided and allergies will be catered for.

### Nativities

This year we have an EYFS/Y1/Y2 Nativity called 'Born in a Barn.' Will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am. Tickets for these performances are not required.

KS2 Nativity 'Bethlehem Ballroom', performances will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00 pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 pm. Tickets will be available for these performances from today (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December), however, due to space in the hall and fire regulations, we can only have a maximum of 2 family members at either performance. Each family will be initially allocated 2 tickets for one of the performances. If you are able to attend the 4pm performance, we would appreciate you requesting tickets for this event as the 6pm event is usually busier.

Closer to the time, if spare tickets are available, we will let you know and these will be issued on a first come first serve basis.

## Christmas Post

The Christmas post box has arrived outside Mrs Mabbott's office. Christmas cards will need to be clearly labelled on the envelope, with the pupil's name, initial letter of their surname and class.



## Follow up Flu Vaccination Clinic

The NHS will be holding a follow up flu vaccination clinic on 11 December at Shadsworth Children's Centre (Shadsworth Road, BB1 2HR) between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm, for any children who missed their Flu vaccinations in school a couple of weeks ago . If you would like your child to attend, you can either book an appointment by calling 03333 583 397 (option 2, option 2).

## Car Parking - Polite Reminder

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be respectful when parking near the school in residential areas. Please can we ask parents' not to park on the resident only car park or parking spaces on Bayley Fold, please do not block pathways or park on surrounding pavements, or in unsafe areas. Our neighbours have raised concerns again and by taking extra care we can keep positive relationships within our community and ensure the safety of our children. Thank you for your support.

School and Parish Christmas Carol Concert



*St Michael and St John's  
Christmas Carol Concert*

St Michael and St John's RC Primary School and  
Church Choir are coming together to perform  
Traditional Christmas Carols and Songs on:

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45 am**

**at St Michael and St John's RC Primary School  
School Hall.**

We would like to invite our school and local  
community to join us for a Christmas sing along.  
Please collect free tickets from the school office.

Refreshments will be available afterwards.



## Festive Christmas Lunch

We be holding our annual Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, this year children will receive a festive Christmas picnic box containing a choice of sandwich, along with a sausage roll, slice of pizza, nacho's and a festive dessert. Please book your lunch by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December on Parent Pay if you would like your child to participate.



## EYFS Prospective Parents

If you have been unable to attend any of our Open Days you are more than welcome to come and see our school in action, please telephone the school and we will make an appointment for you. It has been lovely to hear the visitors talk about our 'family feel' and 'calm atmosphere.' Thank you.

## Come and See our 'Outstanding' Catholic School in Action

Does your child start school in September 2026?

If so, the closing date for primary applications for September 2026 is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

We invite families of children looking for a primary place for September 2026 to come and view the school in action, talk to Mrs Mabbott (Headteacher) and to some of our Pupil Leaders and to ask any questions you have.

We are a catholic school but this does not mean your child has to be Catholic to attend. We welcome children of all faiths and backgrounds and are a fully inclusive school.

Please read our recent Catholic School Inspection Report and most recent Ofsted Report to find out a little more about our school.

<https://www.ssmj.lancs.sch.uk/catholic-school-inspection-report-july-2024/>  
<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-michael-and-st-johns-roman-catholic-primary-school/UploadedDocument/351cc94c-156c-465c-988b-aef044b83365/10268317-st-michael-and-st-johns-roman-catholic-primary-school-clith.pdf>

### Primary School Admissions

School admissions are now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: [Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

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## Clubs and Afterschool Activities



Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Football Club	3 & 4	Progressive Sports	Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Burnley Football Club	5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Gymnastics	3 & 4	Yuliia	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.20 pm
Multi Sports	EYFS, 1 & 2	Progressive Sports	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Progressive Sports activities will need to be booked via their website and Burnley Football Club and Gymnastics can be booked via Parent Pay.



Happy birthday to Ava in Year 2 and Mykyta in Year 6, who both celebrate a birthday this week.

### Celebration Assembly

There was no celebration assembly this week.

### Top Table Winners

There was no celebration assembly this week.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30 pm ~ EYFS & KS1 Nativity 'Born in a Barn'
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am ~ EYFS & KS1 Nativity 'Bethlehem Ballroom'
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	PM ~ School Pantomime Trip
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00 pm ~ Year 1 & 2 curling at SARCHS
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.45 am ~ Christmas Music Concert in School (Children Only)
	1.30 pm ~ KS1 Christmas Party 'Born in a Barn'
	4.00 pm ~ KS2 Nativity 'Born in a Barn'
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	AM ~ EYFS Trip to the Cathedral
	6.00 pm ~ KS2 Nativity
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10.45 am Parish and School Christmas Carol Concert
	1.30 pm ~ KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm ~ School Closes for Christmas (Early Closure)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Re-opens
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 am ~ Whole School Epiphany Mass ~ Parents' Welcome
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 - 10.30 am ~ Lets go Sing Visit
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	5.00 pm ~ Borwick & SATs Parents' Information Evening
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half Term

**Take Care & God Bless.**

**Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher**



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

### Autumn Term 2025

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

(Number of openings: 73)

### Spring Term 2025

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

(Number of openings: 58)

### Summer Term 2026

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

(Number of openings: 59)

## 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.

Saint Augustine's Roman Catholic High School

# Carol Service

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm



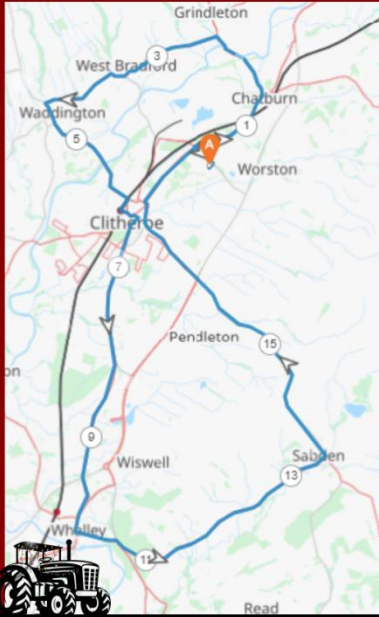
Monday 8th December at 7:00 pm

Carol Service and Seasonal Refreshments

Cash or Card payment on arrival £3.00 — adults and £2.00 — concessions,

all proceeds to CAFOD

# CLITHEROE CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN 2025



- 6:30 Clitheroe Auction Mart
- 6:45 Chatburn
- 6:55 Grindleton
- 7:05 West Bradford
- 7:15 Waddington
- 7:20 Clitheroe Train Station
- 7:25 Clitheroe Town Centre
- 7:40 Barrow
- 7:50 Whalley
- 8:15 Sabden
- 8:20 Pendle Hill
- 8:30 Pendle Road
- 8:40 Chatburn Road
- 9:00 Finish

7:10 Quiet Zone!  
W Bradford Road

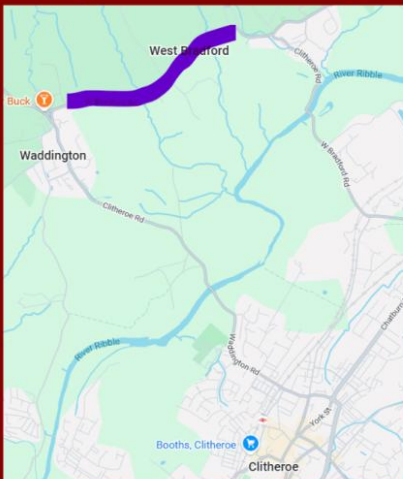
Fundraising for:



Sunday | 21st DECEMBER | from 6:30pm

# CLITHEROE YFC CHRISTMAS TRACTOR RUN 2025

## QUIET ZONE!



W Bradford Road

BB7 3JE

No horns or music!

FUNDRAISING FOR:



Sunday | 21st DECEMBER | from 6:30pm

THIS CHRISTMAS

# HEAD TO CLITHEROE

TO TAKE PART IN THE BIG...

**£6**  
per child



**29.11.25 | 07.12.25**

**10-4pm**

**11-3pm**

Meet at the Castle Gates to pick up your trail map. You will hunt your way around the castle grounds in search of naughty little elves who have taken letters from a famous Christmas word.

Put all the letters together to form the secret word which will enable you to pick up a chocolate treat at the end.



Glitterball\_kids\_events



Elf Hunt

# CHRISTMAS IN CLITHEROE

# 29

NOVEMBER  
10-4PM

FESTIVE STALLS  
ELF HUNT  
SANTA'S GROTTO  
FACE PAINTING



**CAROLS AT  
THE CASTLE**

4 - 5.15PM @THE BANDSTAND



CHRISTMAS JUMPER  
COMPETITION @ THE  
CASTLE GATES

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON & CRIB DEDICATION

FRI 28<sup>TH</sup> NOV 6PM @ THE CASTLE GATES

HOSTED BY RIBBLE FM & INCLUDES LOCAL SCHOOL CHOIRS



[VISITCLITHEROE.CO.UK](http://VISITCLITHEROE.CO.UK)

RAISING MONEY FOR



**BURNLEY**  
FC IN THE COMMUNITY

# TINSEL

at the TURF

**MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER**

**JOIN US FOR...**

STADIUM TOUR, FUN & GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS,  
A VISIT TO SANTA'S GROTTO WITH A CHRISTMAS

**CHOOSE TO BOOK...**

SESSION 1 9AM - 12PM

SESSION 2 1PM - 4PM



**£25**  
AGES 5 - 12



**SCAN TO BOOK OR EMAIL US AT [COMMUNITY@BURNLEYFC.COM](mailto:COMMUNITY@BURNLEYFC.COM)**



**NEW YEAR**



# CAMPS

★ **FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY**

**AT THE LEISURE BOX, BB9 5NH**



**STANDARD DAY**  
**9:00AM - 3:30PM**  
**EXTENDED DAY**  
**8:00AM - 5:00PM**

**THE  
LEISURE  
BOX**

**DUDE PERFECT**



# BOOK NOW



# East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?  
Are you under 18 or concerned about  
someone under 18?**

**Advice sessions are available on-line via  
'Attend Anywhere'  
Delivered by ELCAS  
[tinurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT](http://tinurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT)**



**Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the second  
name followed by your date of birth.  
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 25**

**1pm – 3pm**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 25**

**3pm – 5pm**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 25**

**5pm – 7pm**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 25**

**1pm – 3pm**

Children and Family  
**Wellbeing  
Service**

# Get advice and support

Someone to talk to  
Problems at  
home/school  
Jobs and training  
Apprenticeships  
Staying safe  
online  
Sex and health  
Relationships

Mental Health  
Self Harm  
Bullying  
Drugs and  
alcohol  
Things to do  
Housing, rights  
and money  
What age can I?



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[twitter.com/LancashireYPS](https://twitter.com/LancashireYPS)

You can contact us 365 days a year

**2pm to 10pm**

**talk  
zone**

**Text 07786 51 11 11**

**Talk online** [lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone](https://lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone)

**Call 0800 51 11 11**

## Age 0-19

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

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)



**Lancashire**  
County  
Council



0800 51 11 11