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

26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

This week the children have spent time in their new classes and with their teachers and adults who will be with them for September.

The children said they had a great time with their new teachers and are looking forward to September where some children will 'move upstairs', some will be with new friends for learning time, but we remain as one big SSMJ family.

Having transition earlier, is helpful for all children in relieving anxieties and particularly for children who find change difficult. Please continue to talk positively about change with your child. It is part of life and we aim to teach our children to have positive mind sets, to embrace change and new opportunities all which help them to build resilience for now and in the future.

The Sunday Gospel



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of two great Saints who have helped to share Faith across the world Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Peter professes his faith in Jesus and Paul is given the important role of leading the church, a duty currently carried out by Pope Leo XIV. Faith is a gift from God. Talk to your child about what their faith means to them.

Growing in Faith Team Applications

Thank you to the children who have taken the time to apply for this role. The children who have been selected will be announced next week in Celebration Assembly.

Pupil Leadership Groups

Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies and Prefects

Children from the current Y5 can now apply to be Head Boy or Girl, a Deputy or a prefect. They should write a letter addressed to Mrs Mabbott stating which position or positions they wish to apply for. They may choose to apply for all positions or just one. Only one letter is needed and they will only be considered for the positions they write in the letter.

Other Pupil Leadership Groups.

Next week class teachers will be asking children to put themselves forward to be considered for our Pupil Leadership Groups. We have a number of groups.

Action Missionary Disciples

Creation Missionary Disciples - Reading

Sports Day

Today, we managed to keep our children in the shade and enjoyed a wonderful sports day. Our children's behaviour and sportsmanship was impeccable.

The morning was supported by Mrs Ashley and a group of excellent students from SARCHS whose help was greatly appreciated. Many of them are ex pupils so it was also wonderful to see the wonderful young people they have become. Thank you to Alice, Elsie, Erin, Harry, Joshua, James, Alexa, Theo, Logan and Mya.



We thank our PTA for serving refreshments and buying the children much needed ice pops and all the relatives who joined us.

A separate assembly will take place where the children will receive their medals and the House Team winner will be announced.





Ice Lolly Treat

On Wednesday afternoon, all the children and staff enjoyed a well-deserved ice lolly treat. Thank you to everybody for your cooperation with the hot weather conditions. Our children and staff have been amazing!



Work Experience Students

This week, we were delighted to welcome five work experience students to our school from St Augustine's RC High School. Throughout the week, Alyce, Rebecca, Amilia, Jessica and Kayden all demonstrated enthusiasm, kindness, and a fantastic willingness to get involved in all aspects of school life, supporting both staff and pupils with confidence and care and helping with our Sports Day.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to them all, for all of their hard work and positive attitudes during their time with us, and we wish them every success in the future.



New EYFS visit

The new EYFS visited school again on Tuesday. They had a wonderful afternoon of exploring the classroom and playing with the children who will be their friends in September. Next time, on the 2nd July the children will be joining us for lunch. We have some very excited children who are looking forward to September. We can't wait to welcome you to our school.

The current Year 5 children have written letters to our new EYFS to welcome the children. The Year 5 children are Farmers and the new EYFS children Seeds. On 2nd July the Farmers will join the seeds when they come to school to have lunch. From September the farmers will help to look after our new arrivals the seeds.



National Survey - The Big Future



Dame Rachel de Souza from The Children's Commissioner's office is asking for children to take part in a national survey 'The Big Future'.

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

Children can access the link above, to give their experiences, views and aspirations about what it is like to be a child in today's world. The survey will ask children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, they would like to know what children think a good childhood should look like now and in the future.

Further details can also be found on this website: [The Big Future | Children's Commissioner for England](#)

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>

Pre-ordering School Meals



A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that school lunches should be pre-booked through ParentPay. Please ensure your child's meal choices are selected in advance so that our catering team can accurately prepare lunches each day, and your child receives a meal of their choice, this also prevents food wastage. Thank you for your co-operation.

'Our Little Chefs Kitchen'



The Tesco Blue Token Scheme is now running until the end of July, please remember to pick up your blue tokens while shopping in Tesco's Clitheroe. Thank you for your support.

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
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 Rosie in Year 2 and Nancy in Year 3 who will both celebrate a birthday this week. It was also a BIG happy birthday to Mr Curried who also celebrated his birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly

There was no Celebration Assembly this week due to Sports Day taking place.

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Connie
Yr 1	Layton
Yr 2	Ava
Yr 3	Betsy
Yr 4	Archie P
Yr 5	Mason
Yr 6	Dexter

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 30 th June	4.00 - 6.00 pm ~Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Event at Ribblesdale School
Wednesday 8 th July	9.00 am ~ Rock Steady Concert - Parents' Welcome
Thursday 9 th July	4.00 - 6.00 pm ~ Summer Fun Rounders Event at Ribblesdale School
Friday 10 th July	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
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
	1.30 pm ~ Early closure for the Summer Holidays
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.

Leaping Lizards Play Centre

Please use the link below to view the events which are taking place at Leaping Lizards Play Centre:

[Events – Leaping Lizards Play Centre](#)

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10AM TO 12PM



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Join us for our Open Evening



Thursday 17th September 2026 6pm-8.30pm

Speeches will be held at 6.15pm, 7pm and 7.45pm

Please note: There will be NO vehicular access or parking during Open Evening at the school or in the surrounding lanes.

A free 'Park & Ride' system will operate from Clitheroe Auction Market commencing at 5.45pm.

Open Day

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 9.15am-2pm

Come to see the school in action

Please email/telephone to book a tour between 9.15am and 1.20pm (duration approximately 45 minutes)

Unfortunately we can only accommodate parents/carers who pre-book a tour

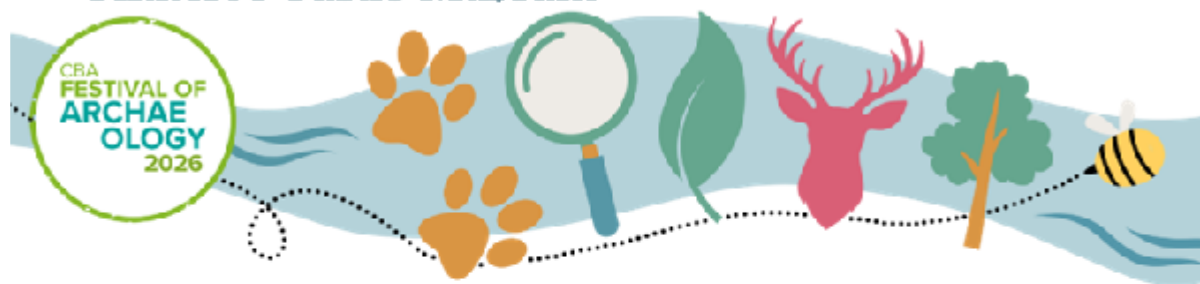
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Clitheroe Castle Museum

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ARCHAEOLOGY
2026



Festival of Archaeology

Bring the kids and discover archaeology at Clitheroe Castle museum this July. Booking for our children's activities is essential.



Junior Dig Pits

Thursday 23 July

10.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm

FREE

Junior Medieval Tile Pottery

Thursday 30 July

11am

£3 per child



Junior Neolithic Pottery

Thursday 30 July

1pm

£3 per child

*Find out more
and secure
your space*



A celebration of archaeology

Meet local archaeologists and experts who will be on hand to answer your questions and share their knowledge.

**HUB
DAY**

25 JULY

11am - 3pm

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.

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Wool in The Willows

Kids Crochet Classes

School Summer Holidays

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Profiles can be offered across all ability levels.

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KEY AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT



SPEED & RUNNING TECHNIQUE

Improve speed, acceleration and running efficiency.



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Better movement skills, balance, reaction and footwork.



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Maintain high intensity for longer and repeat efforts.



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- ✓ Speed
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TO
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INFORMATION**

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SHOW STOPPERS

SUMMER CAMP

**MONDAY 27TH JULY - FRIDAY 31ST JULY
9AM - 12PM AGES 4-13 YEARS**

CLITHEROE RUGBY CLUB

MUSIC FROM...

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**PERFORMANCE FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS ON
FRIDAY 31ST JULY AT 5PM**

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