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

3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

The Sunday Gospel



A good companion is priceless and helps us to make the best of ourselves. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus offers his companionship to us. We do not need to be clever, rich or popular for God to care for us. Regardless of our faults or weaknesses, Jesus always loves us and offers us his comfort and everlasting companionship.

Good companions always want the best for us. Ask your child what the word 'companion' 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 selected were announced in Celebration Assembly and are:

Rose, Rosie, Ruby, Jiya, Sadie, William, Harry C and Hubert.

The Current GIFT Team and new GIFT Team will work together in the next 2 weeks.

Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputies and Prefects

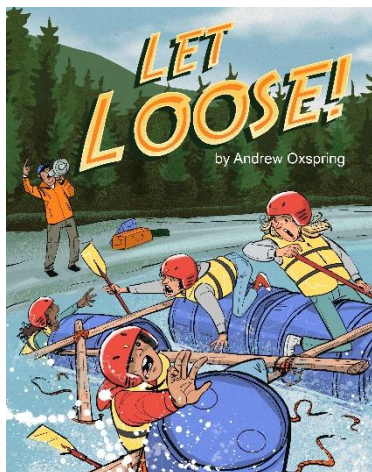
Children from the current Y5 can now apply to be Head Boy or Girl, a Deputy or a prefect. They should write a letter addressed to Mrs Mabbott stating which position or positions they wish to apply for. They may choose to apply for all positions or just one. Only one letter is needed and they will only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

The deadline is Friday 10th July. Thank you for the applications received so far.

Other Pupil Leadership Groups.

This week, class teachers have asked the children to put themselves forward to be considered for our Pupil Leadership Groups in school.

These will now be reviewed and the finalised groups will be announced soon.



Year 6 Leavers' Play

Our Year 6 Leavers' Play will be on Tuesday 7th July at 6.00 pm. Tickets are available for parents'/relatives of Year 6 children. Tickets are free, but for health and safety reasons you will need a ticket for entry to the event. 4 tickets are available per child from the school office.

Football News



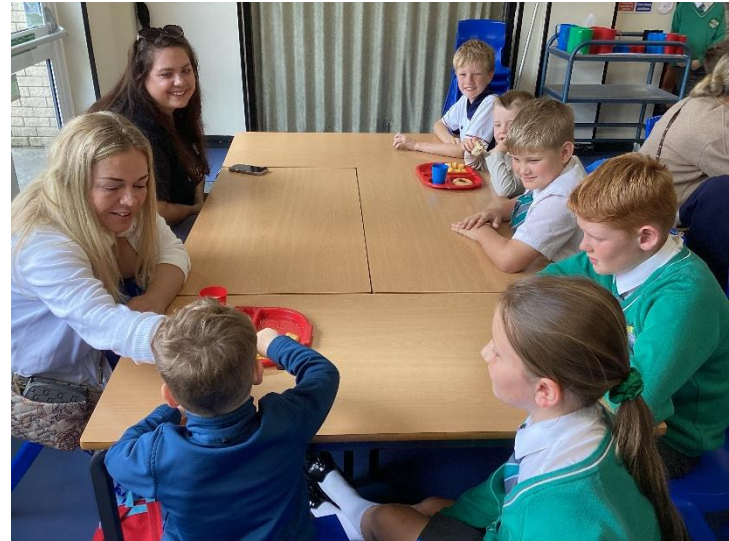
Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 girls who played in a football competition at Ribblesdale High School on Tuesday evening. The girls were fantastic! They played 5 matches, winning two, drawing two and only losing once!

EYFS Lunch - AR



The EYFS children for 2026-27 have made their final visit to school before the summer holidays. They came for their lunch and enjoyed eating it with their new friends. The new children were made to feel very welcome by the children in year 5 who will look after them at the start of the next academic year.

We can't wait for the new EYFS children to join our SSMJ family in September.



Year 6 Blackpool Trip - MD

On Tuesday, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. They had an amazing time experiencing the exciting rides and attractions, making lots of wonderful memories with their friends.

The children were a credit to the school throughout the day. Their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes, and respect for others were commented on, and we are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school.

Thank you to Mrs Mabbott, Mrs Turner, Miss Brindle, Mrs Davies and Mr Duckworth for taking the children.





Year 6 End of Year Celebration Event

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year celebration alongside other Year 6 children from local primary schools. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of exciting activities, including tennis, rounders, team games and math's challenges. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to work together, make new friendships and celebrate the end of their primary school journey. They represented our school brilliantly, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Well done, Year 6!



Book bags and Rucksacks – September

Further to previous communication, we are keen to reduce both the number and size of bags that children bring into school. From September, children should:

- Bring their PE kit to school in a named PE bag and leave it in school. This can remain in school for a half term and then be taken home for washing.
- Use a green school book bag (available from uniform suppliers) to carry reading books, letters and homework.

We have systems in place to support this:

- Lunch bags should be placed on the lunch trolleys.
- Reusable water bottles should be taken directly to classrooms.

If a child needs to bring a rucksack, this must be as small as possible. Corridor space is limited, and large bags frequently fall from pegs, creating a potential trip hazard.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep our school environment safe and well organised.

Work Experience Students

This week, we were delighted to welcome two Year 12 work experience students to our school from Clitheroe Royal Grammar School. Throughout the week, Tabitha and Ella both 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.

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

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.

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](#)

'Our Little Chefs Kitchen'

TESCO
Community Grants



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 Last club date 13/07/2026
Burnley Football Club	5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm Last club date 14/07/2026
Tennis Club	All Years	Tennis Coach	Wednesday 8.00 - 8.45 am Now finished for this term
Create Club	All Years	Mrs Troughton	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm Last club date 08/07/2026
Prayer Club	All Years	Mrs Whyman	Thursday 8.15 - 8.45 am Last club date 16/07/2026
Themed Friday's	All Years	Progressive Sports	Friday 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 Isabelle and Ainsley in EYFS, Hunter in Year 3 and Joseph in Year 5 who will all celebrate a birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Noah, Thea and all of EYFS
Yr 1 & 2	Lily, Blake, Ava, Alfred and Renato
Yr 3 & 4	India, Anthony, Luna, Abbas and Riley
Yr 4 & 5	Rocco, Harry T, Jiya, Euan and Frank
Yr 6	No celebration assembly for Year 6, due to end of year celebrations taking place.

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Adley
Yr 1	Charlie
Yr 2	Lily
Yr 3	Isla
Yr 4	Orla
Yr 5	William
Yr 6	Lula

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 8 th July	9.00 am ~ Rock Steady Concert - Parents' Welcome
	2.45 pm ~ Sports Day Presentation of Awards Assembly
Thursday 9 th July	4.00 - 6.00 pm ~ Summer Fun Rounders Event at Ribblesdale School
Friday 10 th July	EYFS ~ Critters Interactive
	9.30 am ~ Music Concert with Mr Bird
Monday 13 th July	10.00 am - Y6 Whole School Leaver's Mass ~ Parents' welcome
Thursday 16 th July	9.00 am ~ Young Writer & Young Artist's Awards Assembly - Rotary Club

Specific Diary Dates for Year 6

Date	Event
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](#)



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

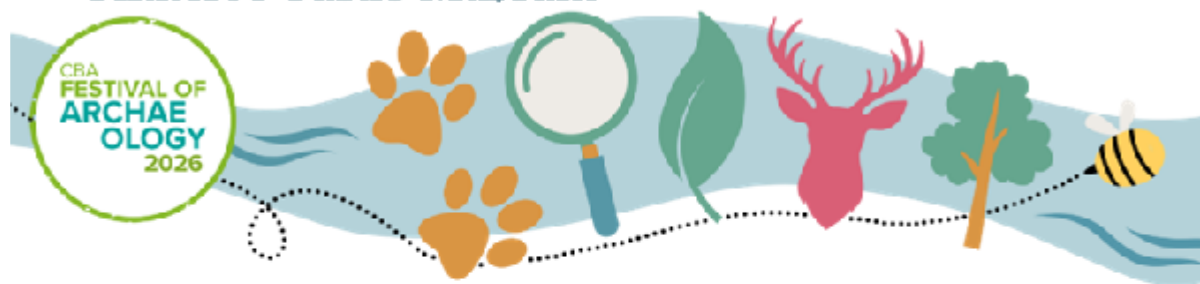
01200 441374

enquiries@bowland.atctrust.org.uk



Clitheroe Castle Museum

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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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INFORMATION**

The poster features a dark blue background with a subtle vertical striped pattern. At the top, several gold, multi-pointed stars are suspended by thin lines. In the top right corner, a portion of a red marquee light with yellow bulbs is visible. The title 'SHOW STOPPERS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters with a yellow glow effect. Below the title, the text 'SUMMER CAMP' is in smaller, bold, yellow capital letters. The dates and times 'MONDAY 27TH JULY - FRIDAY 31ST JULY' and '9AM - 12PM AGES 4-13 YEARS' are in yellow capital letters. The venue 'CLITHEROE RUGBY CLUB' is in white capital letters. The phrase 'MUSIC FROM...' is in white capital letters. The show titles 'WICKED', 'MATILDA', and 'OLIVER!' are in large, bold, white capital letters. The performance details 'PERFORMANCE FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS ON' and 'FRIDAY 31ST JULY AT 5PM' are in yellow capital letters. At the bottom, the contact information 'GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE DETAILS!', 'ANNA: 07931621579', and 'EMAIL: ROSELAMBERT90@GMAIL.COM' is in yellow capital letters. The bottom right corner is decorated with a cluster of gold stars.

SHOW STOPPERS

SUMMER CAMP

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

CLITHEROE RUGBY CLUB

MUSIC FROM...

WICKED MATILDA OLIVER!

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

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