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

18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

Today we had our first Celebration Assembly, and it was lovely to see all the certificates, awards and good news.

The Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. Ask your child what the word 'generous' means to them. Can they remember a time, at home, at school or in the community, when they were generous, when they last gave something away without expecting anything in return?

Whole School Welcome Mass



Our whole school welcome Mass will take place at 10.00 am on Wednesday 23rd September. At this Mass our new EYFS children will be welcomed to our parish family, all parents and relatives are invited to attend. Please join us if you can.



Crosses and Crucifixes

We are kindly asking for your help to rehome any spare crosses/crucifixes. This would really help to enhance the children's RE lessons and worships. We would love a variety of different sizes, colours and materials. Please pass them on to Mrs Whyman or to the office. Thank you in advance.

St Augustine's Meeting for Current Y6 Children and Parents

Thank you to the parents who attended on Monday evening. If you were unable to attend, the session is being repeated at St Augustine's on Monday, 21st of September at 5pm.

If you would like to attend, please complete the form below to give St Augustine's an idea of numbers for the evening.

[Year 6 Prospective Parents Meeting - Monday, 21st September 2026 5pm - Fill out form](#)

Welcome to Class Meetings

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended these meetings on Wednesday evening. We hope you found them useful. For parents unable to attend, the Powerpoints are available in the class areas of the school website.

A Huge Thank you to Leaping Lizards

Thank you to Ezra and Izzy's mum for your kind donation of 30 brand new paint sets. The sets include a paint tray, brushes and a roller!



These are a wonderful resource for the children, and they will love using these in their lessons providing them with lots of opportunities for creativity, imagination and artistic expression. Thank you, Leaping Lizards, for helping to inspire our budding artists!

Leaping Lizards is our local community play centre based on Lincoln Way. Offering BIG adventures for little explorers, please check out their website for lots of fun activities which are taking place [Leaping Lizards Play Centre](#)

There is also have a poster at the end of our newsletter with all their fun events taking place over half term.



A Huge Thank You to Totalcool

A huge thank you to Mrs Young's sister, Kelly, who works for Totalcool and has organised a generous donation of dry robes for our children to use. These will be a fantastic addition to our school, particularly for outdoor learning, sporting activities and making the most of our wonderful outdoor spaces throughout the year. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and support. Thank you, Totalcool!

Totalcool is a proud Lancashire business, based in Clitheroe on the Link 59 business Park. They specialise in portable air coolers, cool boxes and bags, compressor fridge freezers, portable power stations and solar panels portable leisure products. From camping and caravanning to travelling, boating and enjoying the great outdoors, their range is all about helping people stay cool, comfortable and powered up. They have also recently launched a brand-new Heatflow diesel heater, bringing efficient, portable heating to the range and helping their customers stay warm and comfortable when the temperature drops.

They are proud to call Clitheroe home and to be part of our local community.



Glow in the Dark Party

Progressive Sports are planning to host a Glow in the Dark party Wednesday 23rd September at SSMJ, during their afternoon session in afterschool club. Please find the poster below and the link for booking onto their sessions: [Enrolmy | Progressive South Lancashire - Booking Calendar for Progressive Sports Breakfast & Afterschool club at St Michael & St Johns](https://enrolmy.com/progressive-sports-south-lancashire/activity/103-progressive-sports-breakfast-afterschool-club-at-st-michael-st-johns)



Children Due to Start School in September 2027 (Reception)

Can parents and relatives of current children please spread the word:

We are having two timetabled sessions where parents and children can see our school in action.

Thursday 24th September - 9.30 - 10.30 am ~ Open Morning for Parents of children due to start school September 2027.

Wednesday 7th October 2.00 - 3.00 pm ~ Open Afternoon for Parents of children due to start school September 2027.

If these dates/times are not convenient, please call the school office and an alternative date and time will be arranged. We look forward to welcoming you.

Is your child due to start school in September 2027?

**St Michael & St John's
RC Primary School**

Ofsted Inspection- Good
CSI Inspection - Outstanding

**JOIN US FOR OUR
OPEN DAYS**

○ Thursday 24.9.26 9.30am ○
+ Wednesday 7.10.26 2pm +

✓ A great place To learn ✓ High academic standards

✓ Child & family focussed ✓ Lots of Enrichment opportunities

○ *"following the example of Jesus together
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the best we can be"* +

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+ Lowergate, Clitheroe BB7 1AG ○

+ We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact the office to book
your place - 01200 422560
bursar@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk

EYFS Vision Screening


East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening will be taking place for the reception class children on

1st October 2026

An Opt-out consent form has been sent home with your child. If you did not receive one and wish to Opt-out, please contact the school.

Safe | Personal | Effective

PTA Classlist App



Please visit the link below to download the Classlist app and register your child to make future payments, for any upcoming PTA events.

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

Wellbeing Warriors selection

The children in year 6 have been given an opportunity to apply to be a Wellbeing Warrior. There are two places available. They will need to write a letter stating why they would like the role, what would make them suitable for this role and what skills they have that they could bring to the position. Their letters need to be handed to Mrs Canavan by Friday 19th September.

Hello Yellow Day - 9th October



SSMJ will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 9th October to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health.

Many young people are struggling with their mental health right now and that's why days like Hello Yellow matter. By teaching young people to explore their feelings, how to talk about them and who to reach out to for help, we're giving them the tools they need. And by raising funds for YoungMinds, we're making sure that they have access to support when it matters most.

We'll be taking part by wearing items of yellow clothing or accessories to school on Friday 9th October.

Most importantly, we want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice. This includes:

- Online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent)
- A phonenumber service for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health: 0808 802 5544 (Open 9.30am-4pm)
- As well as an online chat and email service (www.youngminds.org.uk/parentshelpline)



Music Lessons

If your child is interested in peripatetic music lessons from September, please see the link below for more details.

[Registration - Cultural Services: Lancashire Music Service](#)

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.

EYFS Admission ~ September 2027

Does your child start school in September 2027?

If so, the closing date for primary applications for September 2027 is Thursday 15th January 2027.

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>

To apply for a primary school place, follow the link below:

[Applying for a primary school place - Lancashire County Council](#)

Clubs and Afterschool Activities



Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Board Games Club	Years 3 & 4	Mrs Whyman	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Archery	Years 1 & 2	Progressive Sports	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Burnley Football Club	Years 5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Tennis Club	All Years	Tennis Coach	Wednesday 8.00 - 8.45 am
Choir	KS2	Mrs Russell	Wednesday & Thursday Lunchtime

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

Board Games Club, BFC and Tennis Club are booked through Parent Pay.

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Sid
Yr 1	Charlotte
Yr 2	Jessica
Yr 3	Rueben
Yr 4	Liberty
Yr 5	Archie P
Yr 6	Jiya

Celebration Assembly



EYFS & Yr 1	Hugo, Kira & Isla
Yr 1 & 2	Cora, Layton, Alfred, Blake, Jake, Rory & Isabelle
Yr 3 & 4	Ada, Renato, Layla, Malakai, Isla & Ava
Yr 4 & 5	Nora, Arthur, Rocco, Archie & Hollie
Yr 6	Marcus, Jiya, Sadie, Frank & Harry



Happy birthday to Magdalena in Year 4 who celebrates her birthday this week.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 21 st September	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm ~ MySkillz Project at The Grand
Tuesday 22 nd September	Let's Go Sing visiting the school Choir and Mrs Russell
Thursday 24 th September	9.30 - Open Morning for Parents of children due to start school September 2027
	6.00 - 7.00 pm ~ SARCHS Welcome Mass
Monday 28 th September	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm ~ MySkillz Project at The Grand
Wednesday 30 th September	SEND Coffee Morning
Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry Day
	10.30 am ~ EYFS Vision Screening
	5.00 - 7.00 pm ~ SARCHS Open Evening
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Celebration Assembly
Monday 5 th October	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm ~ MySkillz Project at The Grand

Wednesday 7 th October	2.00 – 3.00 pm ~ Open Afternoon for Parents of children due to start school September 2027
Friday 9 th October	Mental Health Day – Pupils are encouraged to wear yellow
Monday 12 th October	School photographs
	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm ~ MySkillz Project at The Grand
	5.00 pm ~ MySkillz Showcase at The Grand
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 nd October	School Closes for half term holiday
Friday 23 rd October	INSET Day
Monday 2 nd November	School re-opens
Tuesday 3 rd November	Let's Go Sing visiting the school Choir and Mrs Russell
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 13 th November	9.30 am ~ Flu vaccinations
Monday 16 th November	Anti-bullying Week – Odd Sock Day
Thursday 19 th November	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 26 th November	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 4 th December	3.30 – 5.30 pm ~ Christmas Fair
Monday 7 th December	2.30 pm ~ EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 8 th December	9.30 am ~ EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 9 th December	Pantomime @ The Grand
Thursday 10 th December	Human Rights Day
Monday 14 th December	Reports out today
	4.00 pm ~ KS2 Nativity
Tuesday 15 th December	6.00 pm ~ KS2 Nativity
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17 th December	Parish and School Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 18 th December	1.30 pm ~ Early School Closure for Christmas Holidays

Take Care & God Bless.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher



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

Autumn Term 2026

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

(Number of openings: 71)

Spring Term 2027

Re-open on: Tuesday 5th January 2027
INSET DAY Friday 29th January 2027
Half Term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027 (inclusive)
INSET DAY Monday 22nd February 2027
Re-open on: Tuesday 23rd February 2027
Easter Break Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027 (inclusive)

(Number of openings: 51)

Summer Term 2027

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

CLITHEROE  TENNIS CLUB

INDOOR MINI TENNIS



FUN!
ACTIVE!
ALL AGES
WELCOME!



11th Sept – 18th Dec
(Excl. 30 Oct)



Reception – Year 2:

3:45pm – 4:30pm

£84



Year 3 & 4:

4:30pm – 5:15pm

£84



WEST BRADFORD VILLAGE HALL



CONTACT COACH NICK: 07985605565



Mosque at
the Mount



CLITHEROE MOSQUE *Open Day!*

Ever wondered what happens
inside a mosque?

Come and meet your local Muslim
community, ask questions, enjoy
refreshments and learn more in a
friendly, relaxed atmosphere.



SUNDAY
20 SEPTEMBER
2026



1:00PM – 4:00PM



93–97 Lowergate
Clitheroe
BB7 1AG

EVERYONE WELCOME

People of all faiths and none. ♥



WHAT TO EXPECT



Islam &
British values



Live call
to prayer
1:20PM



Observe
a prayer
1:30PM



Learn about
Islam



Ask any
questions



Meet local
Muslims



Tea, coffee &
refreshments

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Just turn up – we look forward to welcoming you!

We can't wait to meet you!



www.clitheroemosque.org



Clitheroe Mosque



07973 360 320

**RAFFLE
PRIZES**

ST MARY'S CENTRE

Church Street, Clitheroe

**BAR OPEN
FROM 6PM**

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT



**SAUSAGE
BAPS £3**

SATURDAY | 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Doors open 6pm

Eyes down 6.30pm

Ticket £5 pp

**Family ticket £15
(min 1 child)**

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**Tickets include entry & first Bingo book
Line & Full House prizes**

**Box office - St Mary's Centre
9am-1pm Mon-Fri**

**More Info: www.stmaryscentre.co.uk
01200 425522**

**St Mary's
Centre**





HALF TERM EVENTS

AT LEAPING LIZARDS



**FRIDAY
23RD
OCTOBER**

Halloween Silent Disco

6pm - 8pm

£8 per child



**MONDAY
26TH
OCTOBER**

Pumpkin Trinket Tray Decorating

2pm - 4pm

£11.50 per child



**TUESDAY
27TH
OCTOBER**

Torr's Exotic Petting Zoo with creepy critters and baby owls

2pm - 4pm

£12 per child



**WEDNESDAY
28TH
OCTOBER**

Halloween Potion and Slime Making

11.30am - 1.30pm and 2pm - 4pm

£11.50 per child



**THURSDAY
29TH
OCTOBER**

Wicked theme party with Glinda & Elphaba

11.30am - 1.30pm, 2pm - 4pm

£20 per child



**SATURDAY
31ST
OCTOBER**

Halloween Party

9am - 11am

SEND party

11.30am - 1.30pm and 2pm - 4pm

Halloween Parties.

Facepainting, Games and Spooky Fun.

£10.50 per child



**TUESDAY -
FRIDAY
(HALF TERM)**

Spooky Film Nights

6pm - 8pm

£5 per child

Hocus Pocus, Frankenweenie,
The Nightmare Before Christmas & Transylvania.



BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!



www.bookwhen.com/leapinglizardsplay

