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

25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

We have had another lovely week at school.

The Sunday Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge.

Ask your child what the word 'change' means to them. Maybe share something about yourself that you would like to change - and say why.



Welcome Mass

Thank you to the parents, relatives and parishioners who joined us on Wednesday for a lovely Welcome Mass for our new children. Hubert, William, Rosie, Sadie, Harry C and Ruby, members of the Growing in Faith Together Team led the reading and prayers so well. As always, our children sang beautifully and were extremely reverent as were our new children in EYFS who experienced their first whole school Mass. Thank you to Father Paul for celebrating this lovely Mass.

SEND Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a SEND coffee morning on Wednesday 30th September from 9.00 am, it will be lovely to see you there.



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.

Harvest Donations

Thank you to all our donations so far for the local food bank. Please keep donations coming - the deadline for our collection is next Friday 2nd October.



Cauliflower Cards



Cauliflower Christmas artwork will be going home today with children. Parents will need to order their Christmas items online through cauliflower cards, using the order codes on your child's artwork. The artwork then needs to be returned to school by Monday 5th October.

School Photographs

A letter was e-mailed home to parent's yesterday regarding school photographs, which will take place on Monday 12th October.

Open Morning

It was lovely to meet and show our school in action to some of the children who may be starting at SSMJ next September. Rose and Frank, our Head Boy and Head Girl, accompanied me and helped tell parents all about our school.

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>

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.

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)



Clitheroe Mosque Open Day ~ A Message from Ubai

'I just wanted to thank you for your support in spreading the message of our Open Day. We had a great turn out and some lovely open conversations.

Kind Regards

Ubai.'

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. One has taken place this week. The next is:

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
we learn, love & respect one another to be
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

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)

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](#)

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

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	Rowan
Yr 1	Isabelle
Yr 2	Alfie C
Yr 3	Isaac
Yr 4	Luna
Yr 5	George
Yr 6	Joshua

Celebration Assembly



EYFS & Yr 1	Tommy, Isla & Rowan
Yr 1 & 2	Izzy, Harper, Ralph, River, Jessica & William
Yr 3 & 4	Igor, Kutenda, Ezra, Harper & Rosie
Yr 4 & 5	George, Archie P, Darcey, Hugo, Riley & Betsy
Yr 6	Hubert, Ruby, Euan, Sadie & Rose



Happy birthday to India & Anthony in Year 4 and Hubert in Year 6 who all celebrate a birthday this week. Also, Happy birthday to Mrs Canavan who also celebrated her birthday this week.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
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
	4.00 - 5.30 pm ~ Year 5 & 6 Cross Country Event
	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
	Cauliflower Artwork to be returned back to school
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)



ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY LIST 2027/2028

Autumn Term 2027

Re-open on: Thursday 2nd September 2027
Half Term Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2027 (inclusive)
Re-open on: Monday 1st November 2027
INSET DAYS Friday 26th November and Monday 29th November 2027
Christmas Holiday Early closure on Friday 17th December 2027

(Number of openings: 70)

Spring Term 2028

Re-open on: Tuesday 4th January 2028
Half Term Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2028 (inclusive)
Re-open on: Tuesday 22nd February 2028
Easter Break Monday 3rd April to Tuesday 18th April 2028 (inclusive)

(Number of openings: 58)

Summer Term 2028

Re-open on: Wednesday 19th April 2028
Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2028
Half Term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2028 (inclusive)
Re-open on: Monday 5th June 2028
Summer Holiday Early closure on Friday 21st 2028

(Number of openings: 62)

(Total number of openings: 190)

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.

Bowley Scout Camp - Holiday Club

East Lancashire Scouts will be running a holiday club over the October half term holiday, to book a place please follow the link below:

[Bowley Holiday Club - October 2026 Registration - Page 1 of 6](#)

They are also running a Wonderland Christmas Experience; further detail can be found on the link below:

[Christmas Experience - Bowley International Scout Centre](#)



PERCUSSION DAY 2026

SIGN UP!



£7.50 PER YOUNG PERSON

VENUE

ST CHRISTOPHERS CE HIGH
SCHOOL, QUEENS ROAD WEST,
ACCRINGTON, BB5 4AY

WHEN

SUNDAY 11TH OCT 2026 | 10AM-3:30PM

SPECIAL GUEST

SIMONE REBELLO & BACK BEAT



Lancashire
County Council



LANCASHIRE
MUSIC SERVICE

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

**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!



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