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

9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for Mrs Ritchie and Tommy in Y4. They are both recovering well following their surgery.

The Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel God is like the king, inviting us to the feast. We are reminded that we are invited to share in God's life: to celebrate belonging to the family of God forever, living in peace with everyone. Ask your child what the word 'invitation' means to them. Then each of you tell one another about the best invitation that you've ever had. What was good about it?

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7th October. Please come and join us every Thursday at 8.15am until the half term holiday, to offer our prayers and special intentions up to Mary our Mother and to ask her to intercede for us. Parents, children and parishioners wishing to join us will be welcomed into school through the office.

Sacramental Program

Father Paul has sent a letter which has gone out via email to any current Year 3 or older children who wish to be part of the Sacramental Program this year. The initial meeting will be after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 18th October.

School Photographs

School Photographs will be taking place on Monday 12th October. Please read the separate letter regarding family photographs with younger siblings who do not attend SSMJ which was sent home last week.

Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the local food bank in Clitheroe.

On Thursday, our Chair of Governors came into school to collect the donations and take them to the food bank, where they will help support local families and individuals in our community.

We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity. Your donations will make a real difference to those who need it most.



WHAT
amazing
EXCITING
NEWS!



Friends of SSMJ - Clitheroe Bonfire News

🎆 Amazing News! 🎆

We're delighted to share that **Friends of SSMJ** will receive proceeds from this year's **Clitheroe Bonfire**!

We're so grateful for their generous support, which will help us develop outdoor playtime and lunchtime provision for the children.

Please come along and support this fantastic community event — it promises to be a great evening for everyone!

Tickets on sale at Banana News or

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/clitheroecommunitybonfirefireworksdisplay/2399424>



Important Information - **Arbor Registration.**



ANDROID



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Please can all parents and carers download the Arbor app if you have not already done so.

You will need to log in using the details provided in the email sent out on Tuesday. If you have not received this email, please check your junk/spam folder, as login details can sometimes go there when the first email is sent. If you still cannot find your login details, please contact the school office and we can resend them to you.

It is essential that all parents and carers have logged into Arbor before the October half-term holiday.

When we return to school after the holidays, Arbor will be our main method of communication with parents and carers. It will also be used for important things such as booking school meals, paying for trips and other school activities. Please make sure you have downloaded the app and successfully logged in before the half-term break.

Thank you for your support!

Late Collection of Pupils

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers that pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the school day. We have noticed that a number of pupils are being collected a few minutes late. If a pupil is not collected on time, they will be taken to our after-school club and parents will be charged the applicable after-school club fee.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Children Starting School in September 2027

Thank you to the families and children who attended our open afternoon this week and to Frank and Rose our Head Boy and Girl who supported both the morning and afternoon sessions.

We will be hosting another open morning on Thursday 5th November at 9.30am.

If this date is not suitable for you, please telephone the school office because visits are welcome at any time.

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.

PTA Spooky Disco

This years' Spooky Disco which will; be held on Tuesday 20th October, please purchase your tickets via Classlist app. Thank you to our wonderful PTA who continue to work hard in a voluntary capacity to raise money for the school by arranging fun events!



FRIENDS OF SSMJ

Spooky disco

AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILD(REN) - £2 PER TICKET

£5 PER TICKET
INCLUDES ENTRY, HOT DOG
AND UNLIMITED SUGAR FREE
FRUIT CORDIAL

TICKETS PURCHASED
VIA CLASSLIST APP

**OLD SCHOOL ROOMS & ASSEMBLY
HALL, 43 LOWERGATE, BB7 1AD**

**TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER
6.00PM TO 8.00PM**

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS NEW OUTDOOR
PLAY & SPORTS
EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL

**MAIN BAR OPEN
FOR DRINKS**

October Plank Challenge



Mrs Canavan has signed up to do the Plank Challenge in October for Cancer Research UK. She will be doing a plank everyday throughout the month. This is her way of giving something back after members of her family have been affected by cancer in the last 6 months.

Please find below a link to her giving page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/claires-giving-page-14096807>

We are very proud of you Mrs Canavan!



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.

Healthy Snack and lunches



A polite reminder to all parents and carers to please ensure that children bring in healthy snacks for breaktime, such as fruit or breakfast bars. We kindly ask that packed lunches contain a healthy and balanced selection of food.

Please remember that crisps, sweets and chocolate bars should not be included in children's snacks or lunchboxes. Thank you for your cooperation.

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	Kira
Yr 1	Noah
Yr 2	Layton
Yr 3	Ava
Yr 4	Malakai
Yr 5	Leo
Yr 6	Harry

Celebration Assembly



EYFS & Yr 1	Isla, Noah & Arlo
Yr 1 & 2	Coby, Alex, Thea, Toby & Jake
Yr 3 & 4	Rupert, Anthony, India, Wiktorina & Max
Yr 4 & 5	Noah, Magdalena, Lottie, Freddie & Finley
Yr 6	Harry, Sadie, Rose, Charlie D & Joshua



Happy birthday to Ada in Year 4 and Ruby in Year 6 who both celebrate a birthday this week. Also, Happy birthday to Mrs Whyman who also celebrated her special birthday this week.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
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
Thursday 5 th November	9.30 am - Open Morning

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	Advent Mass
	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
Wednesday 6 th January	Epiphany Mass

Take Care & God Bless.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher



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)



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

Autumn Term 2027

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

(Number of openings: 70)

Spring Term 2028

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

(Number of openings: 58)

Summer Term 2028

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

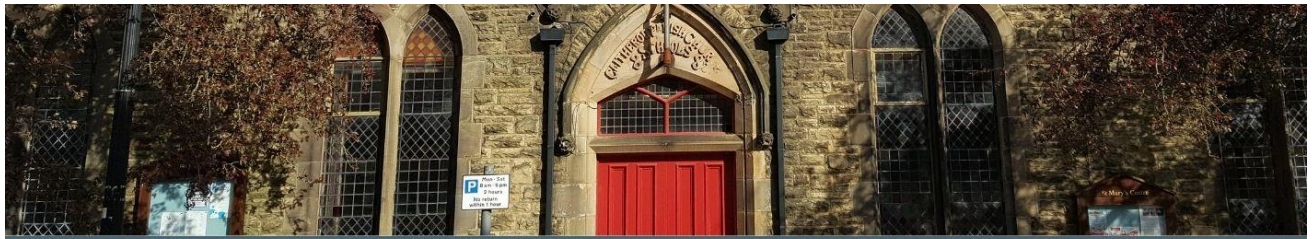
[Bowley Holiday Club - October 2026 Registration - Page 1 of 6](#)

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

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

Fun Palace - Clitheroe and Chatburn Libraries

Clitheroe and Chatburn Libraries will be holding their annual Fun Palace on Saturday 3rd October 11am-3 pm. Fun Palace is a celebration of creativity, community and shared talents. Library staff will be sharing their skills and passions with visitors, offering opportunities to explore crafts, enjoy music, learn something new and have fun together. No booking needed, just turn up.



ST MARY'S CENTRE OCTOBER 2026

What's on in the month ahead?

LIVE ON STAGE

JERSEY BOYS

THE TRIBUTE SHOW

ST MARYS CENTRE, CLITHEROE
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 7.30PM (DOORS 7PM)
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/TRIBUTES
£2 OFF EVERY TICKET WHEN BOOKED BY PHONE: 07809 287543
ST MARY'S CENTRE, CHURCH STREET, CLITHEROE BB7 2DG

The month ahead

MONDAYS

St Mary's Playgroup
(Term time only)
9.15am-11.15am
Tai Chi—10.30am-11.30am
Ladies Badminton—1.00pm - 2.30pm
Beavers 6-7pm
(Term time & pre-booked only)
Cubs/Scouts 7-8pm
(Term time & pre-booked only)

TUESDAYS

Aerobics - 11.00am - 12.00noon
Jujitsu - 7.00pm-8.30pm

WEDNESDAYS

Tai Chi - 6.30pm-7.30pm

THURSDAYS

Line Dancing—7.30pm - 8.30pm

FRIDAYS

Line Dancing—10.00am - 12noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Ken's Quiz - Saturday 10th October 7pm onwards
Jersey Boys Tribute Act - Friday 16th October 7pm onwards
Seedy Frills - Saturday 24th October 7pm onwards

NOVEMBER

Table Top sale - Saturday 21st November 10am -2pm

HALL HIRE

Main Hall

Daytime: £20 per hour
Evening: £40 per hour

Sports hall

Daytime: £18 per hour
Evening: £23 per hour

CONTACT US

Address: Church St,
Clitheroe BB7 2DG

Online: stmaryscentre.co.uk

Facebook: St Mary's Centre

Phone: 01200 425522
email: info@stmaryscentre.co.uk

Book now! **St Mary's Centre** **£15 per table**

TABLE TOP SALE

Reserve a table today for only £15

SATURDAY 21st NOV
10.00AM – 2.00PM

St Mary's Centre
Church Street
Clitheroe

To reserve a table
Email: info@stmaryscentre.co.uk
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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**



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.



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COMMUNITY | OPPORTUNITY | BELONGING



SAME
OPPORTUNITIES
BRIGHTER
FUTURES

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 7 - 14
ALL ABILITIES
ALL BACKGROUNDS
ALL WELCOME

MOVE • DEVELOP • CONNECT

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT. POSITIVE PEOPLE. REAL OPPORTUNITIES.

IGNITE is delivered by PB&ME, in partnership with Clitheroe Wolves FC, using physical and skill related fitness training alongside proven training methods that support every participant to develop from their own starting point.

Sessions focus on building fitness, skills, confidence and resilience, with mentoring opportunities to support personal and social development.

This programme is a progression of our trial projects and ideas, creating more structured opportunities for young people.

"HARD WORK
BUILDS
PROGRESS.
BUILDS
CONFIDENCE.
ENJOY THE
JOURNEY."



FRIDAYS
5PM - 6PM



HIGHMOOR
PLAYING FIELDS



AGES 7 - 14
ALL ABILITIES
ALL WELCOME



£5 PER SESSION
CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE

DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITY
BELONGING
POSITIVE PEOPLE

HOW IGNITE HELPS



IMPROVE FITNESS AND SKILLS

Build fitness, movement skills and core abilities in a supportive environment.



DEVELOP AT YOUR OWN PACE

Progress at your own level with guidance and support.



MENTORING AND SUPPORT

Positive role models, regular conversations and opportunities to build confidence and wider life skills.



REAL OPPORTUNITIES

Be part of a team, make new friends and contribute positively to your community.

MENTORING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CLITHEROE FOOTBALL CLUB

Mentoring opportunities will be developed through a working partnership with Clitheroe Football Club, with a view to inspiring our community and supporting young people to contribute positively and add social value to their lives and to our wider community.

FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS



If you are a community organisation, please get in touch so we can work together and help guide young people towards services that can make a real difference.

OUR JOURNEY

A progression and development of our trial projects and ideas, creating more structured opportunities for the future.

BOUNCE BACK

Building resilience

PHYSICAL FRIDAYS

Getting active together

PERFORMANCE & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Growing skills and confidence

IGNITE

Mentoring, opportunity
and brighter futures



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WE MAKE A
DIFFERENCE

PEOPLE

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