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Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another

to be the best we can be.

6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

The children have returned from half term and have settled back into school, impressing us every day with their efforts. This week we welcomed Harley in Year 5 to the SSMJ family. As always, the children and staff have made her feel very welcome.

The Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about the bridesmaids and the wedding feast. Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life.

Ask your child what the word 'wisdom' means to them. Who do they know to be a wise person?

You may want to remind your child about a time when they made a wise choice – something which pleased you and made you proud of them.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to the Parents who attended Parents' Evening before half term and for your continued support and feedback. We will share the outcomes of the feedback questionnaires with you soon.

Shoe Box Appeal

St Michael and St John's are once again supporting the Rotary Club to help bring joy to children less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas. We launched our Shoe Box Appeal in assembly today to help support the International Aid Trust Charity.

Our parents were so kind last year in helping their children to put together these boxes and again we are appealing for your support.

Details of how you can help are on the poster below and a copy of the poster will be sent home today.

Please ensure each box is labelled for either: Boy/Girl and Age of child. The deadline to return the shoeboxes is Thursday 26th November.



Well Done Mrs Canavan





Thank you to all our SSMJ community who have sponsored Mrs Canavan and contributed to helping her raise an amazing amount of £320.00 so far!

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

It's not too late to donate if you haven't already done so.
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!



PTA Christmas Fayre

Our annual school Christmas Fayre will be held afterschool on Friday 4th December.

We will be holding two non-uniform days on Thursday 19th November and also on Thursday 26th November, to help raise donations for the Fayre.

We would be most grateful of donations listed below and we thank you as always for your ongoing support:

Non-uniform Date	Infants (KS1)	Juniors (KS2)
Thursday 19th November	Sweets/Chocolate	Bottle items
Thursday 26th November Secret Santa	**Secret Santa** – Please could we ask for a wrapped new/unused Secret Santa gift for when this takes place in school. If you could identify who the gift is suitable for i.e. infant girl or boy **OR** junior girl or boy.	

More details about the logistics of the event will follow nearer to the date.

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.

Important Arbor Information

Please remember to book all meals is advance as this helps our cook plan and prepare our school meals. Meal orders can will no longer be taken by the school office.

School Nurse Drop in Sessions

Our Community School Nurse - Rachel Dent will be holding drop-in sessions for our parents at school on:

Tuesday 17th November 2.30-3.30 pm

Thursday 21st January 2.30-3.30 pm

These sessions are for discussions about general health advice, bed wetting or low-level emotional health. If you have anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to pop in.

Our PTA Needs Your Help!

Our PTA makes so many wonderful things possible for our children, but we need your help to keep it going!

Our current team are stepping down, which means three roles need filling: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Please contact school if you can help.

Without people to take on these roles, our PTA will sadly have to cease to exist. No experience needed – just enthusiasm and a willingness to help!
This is your chance to get involved, share ideas, meet other parents and make a real difference to our school community!

If you are interested in taking on one of these roles please pass your name and number to school





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

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



New Clubs and activities are now running. Bookings are now available on the new Arbor App.

Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Art Club	EYFS/KS1	Mrs Whyman	Monday 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Axe Throwing	Years 5 & 6	Progressive Sports	Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Burnley Football Club	Years 3 & 4	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
Dance Club	Years 3-6	Mr Currid	Friday Lunchtime

Progressive Sports are booked through progressive sports: Enrolmy | Progressive Sports South Lancashire

Art Club, BFC and Tennis Club are booked through Parent Pay.

Choir is not a bookable club.

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Rowan
Yr 1	Callie
Yr 2	Aleks
Yr 3	Leo
Yr 4	India
Yr 5	Theo
Yr 6	Hubert

Celebration Assembly



EYFS & Yr 1	Kira, Arlo and Tommy
Yr 1 & 2	Jessica, Ainsley, Adley, Zane and Thea
Yr 3 & 4	Katy, Theo, Thomas, Lily, Isaac and Nancy
Yr 4 & 5	Hugo, Riley, Jack, Harley, Nora and Lottie
Yr 6	William, Harry, Mason, Hubert and Frank



Happy birthday to Charlotte in Year 1 and Arthur in Year 4 who will both celebrated a birthday this week.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 10th November	Year 5 Only – Art Project - Clitheroe Castle Walk
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Friday 13th November	9.30 am ~ Flu vaccinations
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying Week – Odd Sock Day
	4.00 – 5.30 pm ~ Year 5 & 6 Football
Tuesday 17th November	Year 5 Only – Art Project
	2.30 – 3.30 pm ~ School Nurse Drop-in Session
Thursday 19th November	Non-Uniform Day ~ KS1 Chocolate donations & KS2 Bottle donations
Thursday 26th November	Non-Uniform Day ~ Secret Santa
Friday 4th December	3.30 – 5.30 pm ~ Christmas Fair

Monday 7th December	2.30 pm ~ EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 8th December	9.30 am ~ EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 9th December	Advent Mass
Wednesday 9th December Thursday 10th December	Pantomime @ The Grand
	Human Rights Day
Monday 14th December	Reports out today
Monday 14th December Tuesday 15th December	4.00 pm ~ KS2 Nativity
	6.00 pm ~ KS2 Nativity
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th December	Parish and School Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 18th December	1.30 pm ~ Early School Closure for Christmas Holidays
Wednesday 6th January	Epiphany Mass
Thursday 21st January	2.30 – 3.30 pm ~ School Nurse Drop-in Session

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.



Make a little Christmas memory.

Choose your Sunday. Gather your family.
Enjoy a festive breakfast with a very special visitor.

Book your family's table: 01200 411353

info@whitebullgisburn.org

Please include your preferred date and party size, including under-2s.
Tell us about any allergies or dietary requirements when booking.

East Lancashire Hospice Events and Appeals

December

Festive Breakfast With The Grinch



5th December, 2026

Light Up A Life



13th December, 2026

November

Christmas Fayre



22nd November, 2026

Christmas Markets at the Britannia



27th November, 2026

East Lancashire Hospice

Prize and Hamper Appeal



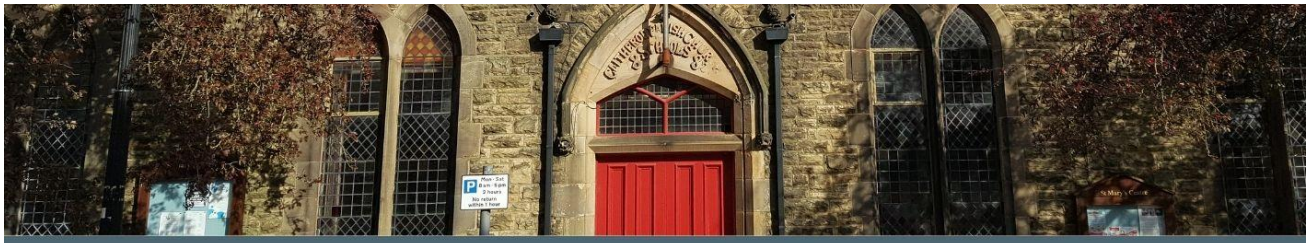
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01254 965830

www.eastlancshospice.org.uk


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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
Phone: 01200 425522
or message us on Facebook
Clothing
Books
Home décor
Kitchenware
Toys
Crafts



ST MARY'S CENTRE NOVEMBER 2026

What's on in the month ahead?



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

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

DECEMBER
Church Coffee Morning 4th December 10.30 - 12.30pm

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

PERFORMANCE VENUE HIRE





MAIN HALL
- Stage
- Stage Lighting
- Fully equipped audio system with "Loop"
- Below stage changing facilities
- 3m projector screen
- Free Wi-Fi
- Fully licensed bar

DAYTIME: £20 PER HOUR EVENING: £40 PER HO

LOWER HALL
- Sports hall with hard wood floor
- Badminton markings
- Perfect for Judo, indoor football and other sports, children's classes and exercise classes
- Free Wi-Fi

DAYTIME: £18 PER HOUR EVENING: £23 PER HOUR





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PLAY FRIENDS SMILE!
MINI TENNIS
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11th Sept – 18th Dec
(Excl. 30 Oct)
FUN! ACTIVE! ALL AGES WELCOME!
Reception – Year 2:
3:45pm – 4:30pm
£84
Year 3 & 4:
4:30pm – 5:15pm
£84
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WEST BRADFORD VILLAGE HALL
CONTACT COACH NICK: 07985605565

PB & ME

Personal Best. Mental Endurance.

MOVE | DEVELOP | CONNECT

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.



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

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.

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

SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT MORE OR GET IN TOUCH

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TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PEOPLE | POTENTIAL | PROGRESS | COMMUNITY