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

24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

As we come to the end of a busy half term we reflect on all the achievements of the past half term. I spoke to the children and staff in our Celebration Assembly today, explaining how proud we are of all of their efforts. We hope you enjoyed speaking with the class teachers and looking at the children's work this week during Parents' Evenings.

We congratulate the children on their efforts this term, both in their learning and within their roles as part of the wider life of the school.

The Sunday Gospel



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we should be humble - especially when we pray.

Ask your child what the word 'humble' means to them. Who do they know who does not think that they are better or more important than others, who are honest about their weaknesses and not afraid to say 'sorry' to God if they have done wrong.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. We are undertaking our parental feedback survey electronically this year. Thank you to the parents who have completed the survey. A QR code and link will be sent out today so if you have not completed the survey, please do so. It is open until Noon on 5th November.

Thank you to the Head Boy and Deputies and the Head Girl and Deputies for helping out over the two evenings

Rosary Club

Well done to all of the children who have attended Rosary Club throughout October. We have used Mark 10 Mission resources and videos to support our learning. Each child was presented with a certificate during assembly today.



Remembrance Day



Our school is proud to support the Poppy Appeal for Remembrance Day. We wear our poppies to remember the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. After the half term holiday, our Year 6 pupils will be selling Poppies at break time and lunchtime to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025 and Remembrance Day. By taking part, we show kindness, respect and gratitude to those who help keep us safe. Together, we remember.

Year 2 & 6 Lancashire Fire and Rescue Visit

On Friday last week, Year 2 and Year 6 had a special visit from Daniel who works at Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service. He spoke to the children about fire safety and road safety. The children listened carefully and asked some important questions.



Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to our golden ticket winners!

All of the children in school have been working incredibly hard to earn golden tickets for displaying kindness and love.

The winners from each class were...

EYFS Francis Class: Connie

Year 1&2 Benedict Class: Zane

Year 3&4 John Paul Class: Magdalena

Year 4&5 Gregory Class: Noah

Year 6 Pius Class: Henry



Parent Governor Elections

Just a polite reminder if you haven't already done so please return your Parent Governor votes, with your name printed and signed on the brown envelopes provided, with the white envelope inside, the deadline for returns is 12 noon on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

EYFS Prospective Parents

If you have been unable to attend any of our Open Days you are more than welcome to come and see our school in action, please telephone the school and we will make an appointment for you. It has been lovely to hear the visitors talk about our 'family feel' and 'calm atmosphere.' Thank you.

Bonfire School Lunch

The school kitchen will be serving up a special bonfire night school lunch on Wednesday 5th November, please pay in advance via Parent Pay.

A poster for Bonfire Night on 5th November. The background is dark blue with illustrations of a bonfire, fireworks, and rockets. A white rounded rectangle contains the menu. At the bottom left is the Lancashire County Council logo, and at the bottom right is the Lancashire Catering Service logo.

**BONFIRE
NIGHT**
5th November

**Fawkes
Fire Cracking
Hot Dog
&
Tomato Ketchup**
or
**Catherine Wheel
Pizza**
served with
**Smokey Ridge Fries
Sweetcorn**
or
Baked Beans
~
Sparkler Cupcake

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LANCASHIRE
CATERING SERVICE

Flu Vaccinations

Have you completed your consent or refusal form?

The deadline for completing the forms is 27th October.

Flu vaccinations will be taking place on Tuesday 4th November in school. Please scan the QR code in the poster below or click on the link below to give consent or refusal for the vaccination.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/0355b52a>



IntraHealth

NHS
Lancashire (inc. Blackburn & Darwen)
School Aged Immunisation Service

**Your child can be a
Real Life Superhero!
Protect your
Friends And Family
Against
FLU.**

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY

Vaccination Date: TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

To complete a consent or refusal form online,
Please scan the QR code:

For any queries... Call: 0333 358 3397 Option 2, Option 2
Email: team.lancashire@intrahealth.co.uk

To find out more about the flu vaccine, please scan the following:
Info available in multiple languages

Car Parking

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be respectful when parking near the school in residential areas. Please can we ask parents' not to park on the resident only car park or parking spaces on Bayley Fold, please do not block pathways or park on surrounding pavements, or in unsafe areas. Our neighbours have raised concerns, and by taking extra care we can keep positive relationships within our community and ensure the safety of our children. Thank you for your support.

School Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is **Wednesday 29th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link that was emailed to you.

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

Come and See our 'Outstanding' Catholic School in Action

Does your child start school in September 2026?

If so, the closing date for primary applications for September 2026 is Thursday 15th January 2026.

We invite families of children looking for a primary place for September 2026 to come and view the school in action, talk to Mrs Mabbott (Headteacher) and to some of our Pupil Leaders and to ask any questions you have.

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-ae044b83365/10268317-st-michael-and-st-johns-roman-catholic-primary-school-clith.pdf>

Primary School Admissions

School admissions are now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: [Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2025 is on Thursday 15th January 2026.

Year 6 - Secondary school admissions

If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at: [Starting secondary school \(Year 7\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2025 is on Friday 31st October 2025.

Clubs and Afterschool Activities



Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Football Club	3 & 4	Progressive Sports	Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Burnley Football Club	5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Gymnastics	3 & 4	Yuliia	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.20 pm
Multi Sports	EYFS, 1 & 2	Progressive Sports	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Progressive Sports activities will need to be booked via their website and Burnley Football Club and Gymnastics can be booked via Parent Pay.



Happy birthday to Tommy and Orla in Year 4 and Hollie in Year 3 who celebrate a birthday this week. Also Happy birthday to Arthur in Year 3 and Mrs Younis who will celebrate their birthdays over the half term holiday.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Adley and Ainsley
Yr 1 & 2	Coby, Blake, Freya and Thomas
Yr 3 & 4	Betsy, Anthony, Hunter and Liberty
Yr 4 & 5	Joshua, Rocco, William and Sadie
Yr 6	Kaylar, Dexter, Willow and Phoebe

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Arlo
Yr 1	Jessica
Yr 2	Ava
Yr 3	Rory
Yr 4	Freddie
Yr 5	Saide
Yr 6	Mykyta

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 27 th October	Deadline - Consent forms to be completed for Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 29 th October	Deadline for ordering school photographs - for free delivery back to school
Monday 3 rd November	School Re-opens
Tuesday 4 th November	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 12 th November	Odd sock day
Thursday 13 th November	Athletic Event - Whole school sponsored activity
Friday 21 st November	Year 4 - 'Rivers in the Classroom' River Ribble Trust
Thursday 27 th November	Let's Go Sing Visit @ SSMJ - School Choir
Monday 8 th December	PM ~ EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 9 th December	AM ~ EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 10 th December	PM ~ School Pantomime Trip
Monday 15 th December	4.00 pm ~ KS2 Nativity
Tuesday 16 th December	6.00 pm ~ KS2 Nativity
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas (Early Closure)
Monday 5 th January	School Re-opens

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)

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.



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show



Perfect for
children aged
under 11
and their
grown-ups

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Rishton Library

Thursday 30th October, 1pm

Tickets: £3 per child

Purchase over the counter, rishton.library@lancashire.gov.uk
or book online:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/spot-on-nura-mouringir-drygnw>



SPOT ON

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**

**FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
6.00PM TO 8.00PM**

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS THE NEW
ART/DT ROOM AT SCHOOL

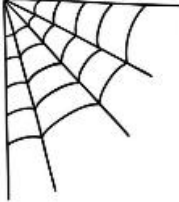



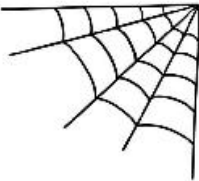
**MAIN BAR OPEN
FOR DRINKS**

What's On... October half term



Scan to Book an Event



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<p>NCT/Stay & Play 0 - 5 years 10:00am - 11.30am</p> <p>Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY</p>	<p>Baby & Bounce 0 - 18 months (siblings welcome) From 10:00am</p> <p>Rishton Library High Street Rishton BB1 4LA</p>	<p>Open Play Session 5 - 11years 1:00pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 3JP</p>	<p>Move & Groove 0 - 5 years (siblings welcome) 9:30am - 10:30am</p> <p>Clayton Community Centre Pickup Street Accrington BB5 5NR</p>	<p>Speech & Language Drop in 9:00am - 10.30am</p> <p>The Park Family Hub Norfolk Grove Church Accrington BB5 4RY</p>
	<p>Spooky Spectacular Stay & Play 0 - 11 years 10:00am - 11:30am</p> <p>New Era Family Hub Paradise Street Accrington BB5 1PB</p>	<p>Spooky Spectacular Stay & Play 0 - 11 years 10:00am - 11.30am</p> <p>Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY</p>	<p>Tiny Toes 0 - pre walkers 1:00pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>The Park Family Hub Paradise Street Accrington BB5 1PB</p>	<p>Spooky Spectacular Stay & Play 0 - 5 years 10:00am - 11.30am</p> <p>Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 3JP</p>	<p>Chat Play Read 2 - 4 years 9:30am - 10:30am</p> <p>The Park Family Hub Norfolk Grove Church Accrington BB5 4RY</p>
	<p>Spooky Spectacular Baby & You 0 - 18 months 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 3JP</p>	<p>Tiny Toes 0 - pre walkers 1:00pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>New Era Family Hub Paradise Street Accrington BB5 1PB</p>		<p>Spooky Spectacular Stay & Play 0 - 5 years 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Rishton Family Centre (Copperhouse) 7 Station Road Rishton BB1 4HF</p>	<p>Development Matters 0 - 5 years 9:30am - 10:30am</p> <p>Clayton Community Centre Pickup Street Accrington BB5 5NR</p>
	<p>Family Stay and Play Session 0 - 11 years (open to all) 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Raza Jamia Masjid 39 Lower Antley Street Accrington BB5 0BA</p>	<p>Spooky Spectacular Stay & Play 0 - 5 years 1:30 - 3:00pm</p> <p>Great Harwood Family Centre Rushton Street BB6 7JQ</p>		<p>Spooky Sports 5 - 11 years 1:30pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY</p>	<p>Baby & You 9:30am - 11:00am</p> <p>The Park Family Hub Norfolk Grove Church Accrington BB5 4RY</p>
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Why not follow us on Facebook?

Lancashire Family Hubs





Family fun!

OPEN DAY

New Era Family Hub, Accrington BB5 1PB

Saturday 25th Oct 11am – 1pm

- 😊 Activities and workshops
- 😊 Access to local services & information
- 😊 Refreshments
- 😊 Family fun!



East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

**Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by ELCAS
tinurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT**



**Enter the word "ELCAS" as the first name and "drop in" as the second
name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.**

Wednesday 1st October 25

1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 8th October 25

3pm – 5pm

Wednesday 15th October 25

5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 22nd October 25

1pm – 3pm

Children and Family
**Wellbeing
Service**

Get advice and support

Someone to talk to
Problems at
home/school
Jobs and training
Apprenticeships
Staying safe
online
Sex and health
Relationships

Mental Health
Self Harm
Bullying
Drugs and
alcohol
Things to do
Housing, rights
and money
What age can I?



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Age 0-19

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people with learning
difficulties or disabilities)

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