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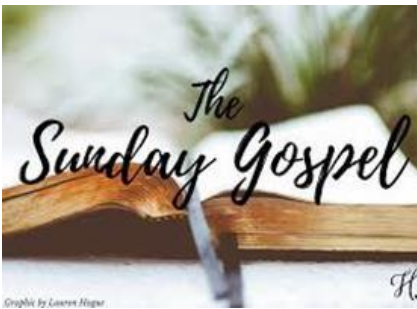
*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

This week we welcomed Leo (Y2) to the SSMJ family. As always, the children have made him feel very welcome.

The Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that God is not like the unjust judge who is irritated by the woman pestering him. No matter how much we pray to God, he doesn't think we are pestering him - he is our loving Father.

There are many kinds of prayer. Ask your child what the word 'prayer' means to them. Does your child like to pray aloud or quietly, alone or with others? What is their favourite prayer? Prayer, at its simplest, is spending time with God - talking, listening, being together - telling God all about our lives. We can trust that God always hears our prayers and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for.

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 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. We have had lots of children join us this week and it would be lovely to have some adults join with us next week. Thank you to Mrs Whyman for leading this for us.

The children will also be using resources from Mark 10 Mission to complete the Rosary Challenge.

Caritas Award Winner

Congratulations and well done Rosie in Y5. Rosie was awarded the Caritas Award for showing love in action by selling badges to raise money for the charity Sands following a bereavement in her family. We are very proud of you Rosie.



Parent Governor Elections

Letters and ballot papers were sent home from school with children on Thursday 16th October with regards to electing a new Parent Governor. Only one vote/ballot is allowed per parent, per family. Please return your votes in the envelopes provided by 12 noon on Tuesday 4th November 2025.

Year 6 Play Leader Training

This week, a number of our children in Y6 were trained as Play Leaders by Mrs Johnson from the School Sports Partnership. The group discussed what makes a good leader and what the role of a play leader entails, before learning and trying several different playground games they could lead to engage the younger children.

Well done to all the children involved. They all received a certificate in assembly today and we look forward to seeing them setting up and leading on games for our children at lunchtimes.

Our Play Leaders are: Lula, Elsie, Mia, Michael, Una, Nahri, Kaylar, Edie, Phoebe, Henry, Pyper and Oliver



Non Uniform day

We will be holding a whole school non-uniform day on Tuesday 21st October, we ask that children bring in chocolate donations for the spooky disco which will; be held on Friday 24th 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!



**Spooky
disco**

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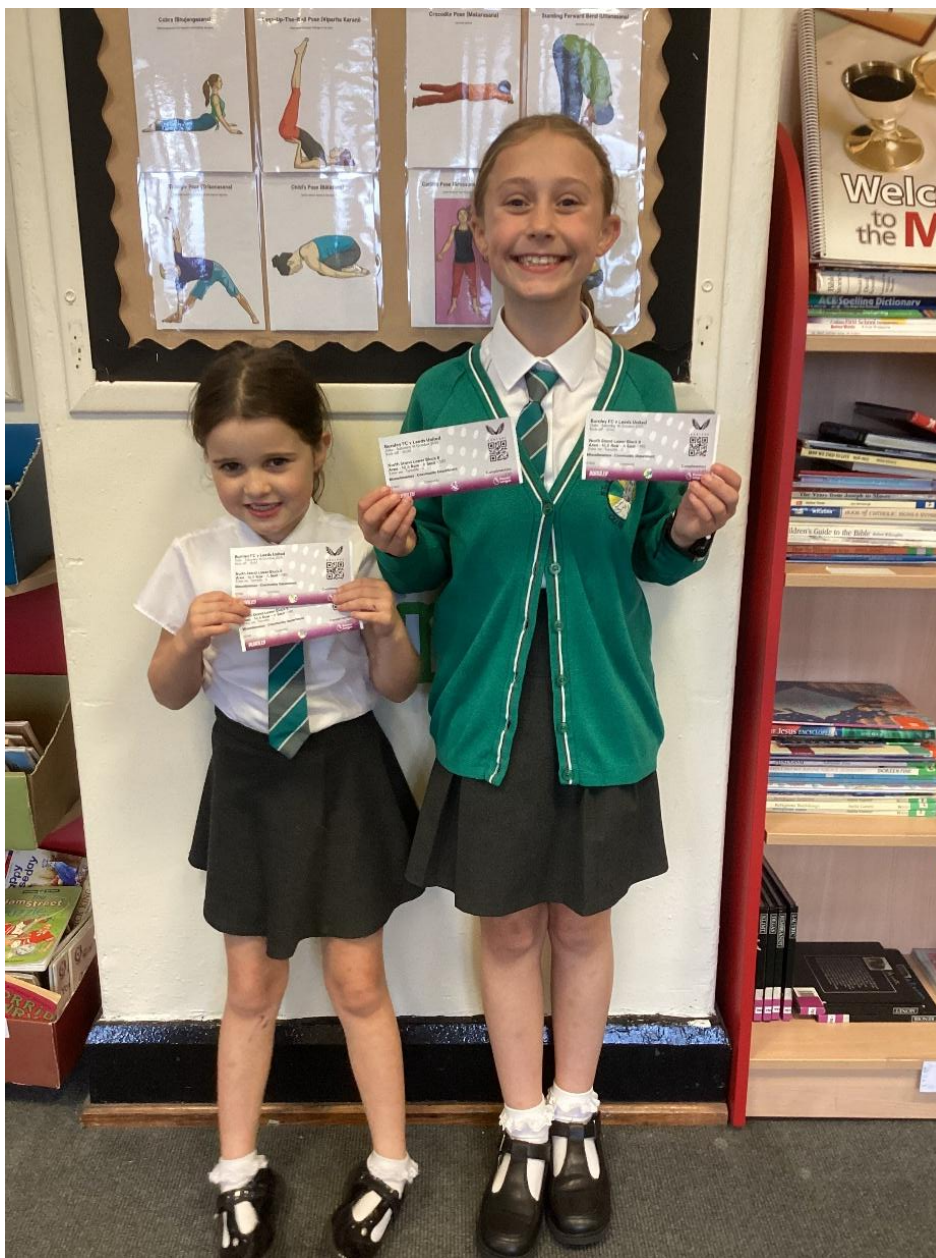
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Attendance Winners

As you are all aware attendance at school is very important for supporting wellbeing and academic achievement. Intermittently, we will be offering rewards and certificates for great attendance. We had our first raffle last Tuesday for two pairs of Burnley Tickets for the Burnley vs Leeds game on Saturday. All children who have had no unauthorised attendance since the start of term had their names entered in the draw. Our lucky winners on this occasion were Rosie in Year 2 and Una in Year 6. Congratulations to these children.

We are here to support families in overcoming any barriers to attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Open Afternoon for EYFS Prospective Parents

On Tuesday we held another open day session to welcome families of children who are considering choosing SSMJ for their child for September 2025. If you have been unable 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.

Parents' Evening

Appointments have been sent out. If you have not received out appointment time, please check your child's bags. If you are still unsure, please contact the school office who will inform you of the day and time of your appointment. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Sponsored Event - Visiting Athlete

Please read the separate letter which has been sent out about this on Thursday. The event will be fun for the children and will help to raise funds, alongside the fundraising by our wonderful PTA, so school can continue with some identified projects including the multi-purpose art/DT/cooking room and further development of our outdoor spaces. Thank you in advance for your support.

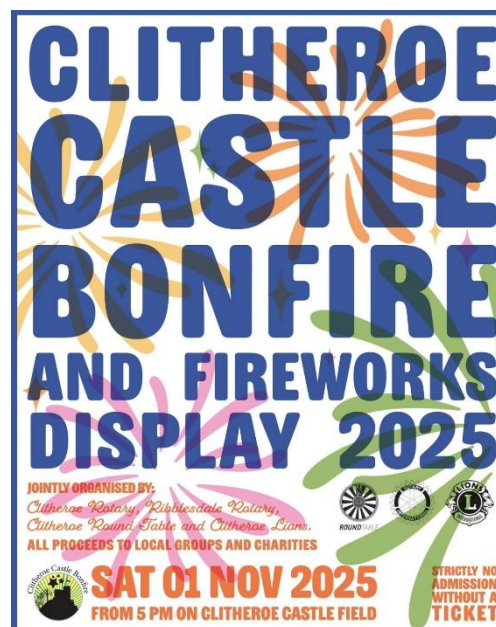
Friends of SSMJ - Clitheroe Bonfire News

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amazing
EXCITING
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 create our new Multi-Purpose Room 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/checkout/view-event/id/6502822/chk/187c/?modal_widget=true&widget=true

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

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/>
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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.

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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
KS2 Dodge Ball	3,4,5 & 6	Progressive Sports	Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Burnley Football Club	5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
KS1 Dodge Ball	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 can be booked on Parent Pay.



Happy birthday to Betsy in Year 3 and Freddie Year 4 who celebrate a birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Isabelle and Theodore
Yr 1 & 2	Zane, Charlie, Alfie and Leo
Yr 3 & 4	Maksym, Magdalena, Layla and Archie
Yr 4 & 5	Rose, Jack, Ruby and Finlay
Yr 6	Una, Alexander, Jake and Michael

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Thea W
Yr 1	Alex
Yr 2	Rupert
Yr 3	Riley
Yr 4	George
Yr 5	Sid
Yr 6	Mia

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 21 st October	Non-uniform Day - Chocolate donations for the Spooky Disco
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	Parent's Evening
Friday 24 th October	School closes for half term
	6.00 - 8.00 pm ~ PTA Spooky Disco ~ Old School Rooms
Monday 3 rd November	School Re-opens
Tuesday 4 th November	Flu Vaccinations
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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THE QUEST FOR PLANET P

An interactive dance theatre 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.eckesource.co.uk/spot-on-rura-muringir-diygznv>



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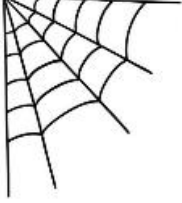



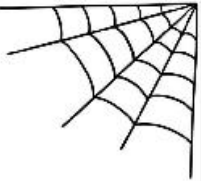
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What's On... October half term



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	NCT/Stay & Play 0 - 5 years 10:00am - 11.30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY	Baby & Bounce 0 - 18 months (siblings welcome) From 10:00am Rishton Library High Street Rishton BB1 4LA	Open Play Session 5 - 11years 1:00pm - 2:00pm Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 3JP	Move & Groove 0 - 5 years (siblings welcome) 9:30am - 10:30am Clayton Community Centre Pickup Street Accrington BB5 5NR	Speech & Language Drop in 9:00am - 10.30am The Park Family Hub Norfolk Grove Church Accrington BB5 4RY
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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!





Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

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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You can contact us 365 days a year

2pm to 10pm

Age 0-19

(up to 25 for young
people with learning
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