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

26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

The Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate and the rich man does nothing to help him. It is easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we don't even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them.

Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly to the poor.

Ask your child what the word 'sharing' means to them. Ask them to talk about a time when they shared something. Is it easy or difficult for them to share things, and why?

In the spirit of sharing and kindness, thank you for the contributions so far for our Annual Harvest Collection to support Clitheroe Food Bank.

Sacramental Program

Father Paul has sent a separate letter which has gone out via email to any current Year 3 children 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 5th October.

Whole School Welcome Mass



Our whole school welcome Mass took place at 10.00 am on Wednesday 24th September. At this Mass our new EYFS children were welcomed to our parish family. Thank you to the parents and relatives who attended. Well done to our wonderful EYFS who were so reverent at their first whole school Mass and to the other children for being such good role models.

Thank you to the GIFT Team for leading the reading and Bidding prayers and to Father Paul for celebrating a lovely Mass.



Head Boy and Girl, Deputies and Prefects

We are pleased to introduce our Head Boy, Head Girl and the Deputies this academic year, they are:

Head Boy - Dexter

Head Girl - Isabella

Deputy Head Boys - Roman & Jacob

Deputy Head Girls - Phoebe & Willow



Prefects are: Jacob, Phoebe, Ellie, Kaylar, Roman, Willow, Edgar, Michael, Alex, Dexter, Isabella, Mia, Nahri, Elsie, Lula, Una and Edie.



Congratulations to them all and thank you to all the children who applied.

These children have been selected following their applications, in discussion with Teachers, Teaching Assistants and the wider staff team who have taught them and known them during their time at SSMJ. They have been chosen because they consistently uphold our school mission statement and values and have demonstrated their ability to be leaders of our school family.

Data Collection Sheets and Educational Visits Form

Data collection forms and consent forms for local educational visits, have been sent home with children this week, please can these be completed, amended and returned to school by Wednesday 1st October, this will allow us to ensure our school database is kept up to date. Many thanks in advance.

Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday the Year 3 and 4 girls went to the Prairie Sports Village in Burnley to play in a competition against other schools. Our girls were fantastic and demonstrated great teamwork, resilience and showed respect to their opponents. They were so good that they finished in second place and won this amazing trophy! Congratulations to Orla, Nora and Darcey from Year 4 and Wiktoria, Darcey, Hollie and Layla from Year 3. You have made us all proud with your achievements! Thank you to Mrs Turner and Miss Morris for taking them.



Come and meet our new SENCO Sara Toomey

Parents of children on the SEND register are invited to come and have a coffee and a chat with Sara our new SENCO. This will take place on Wednesday 1st October at 9.15 am. Please drop in, Sara is looking forward to meeting you.

Year 1 & 2 Library Visit



On Tuesday, year 1 & 2 had an exciting morning at Clitheroe Library. They had a tour of the library, looked at photographs from over 100 years ago and listened carefully to some wonderful stories. Thank you to Mrs Whyman, Mrs Canavan, Mr Downes, Mrs Greenwood, Mr Holden and Mrs Collinson for accompanying them.



Harvest Foodbank Collection

The GIFT team, led by Mrs Whyman are organising the collection of food items for the local food bank as part of our Harvest Festival. Please, if you can, donate any of the items from the list below, send them into school with your child by Wednesday 8th October and they will be added to the whole school donation. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.



Harvest appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 80 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish

Tinned veg/fruit

Cooking sauces

Coffee

Milk (UHT or powdered)

Chocolate

Fruit juice (long-life)

Sponge pudding

Jam

Instant mashed potato

Ribble Valley Foodbank
Ribblevalley.foodbank.org.uk

Ribble Valley Foodbank is part of Ribble Valley Gateway Trust. Registered Charity no: 1167281

School Lunches

Thank you to all our parents' who are now pre-ordering school meals online via Parent Pay.

Just a polite reminder: To please choose your school meal choices over the weekend with your children.

If pre-orders have not been completed in advance, pupils will be unable to receive a school meal at lunchtime.

On Wednesday 1st October we will be serving our Harvest Lunch Menu. The menu is ready to pre-order on Parent Pay.

Wednesday
1st October

Harvest Festival

**Savoury Beef or Quorn Mince
&
Yorkshire Pudding
with
Creamy Mashed Potato
&
Seasonal Vegetables
or
Winter Warming
Pasta Bake
with
Garlic Dough Balls
or
Choice of filled Jacket Potato
with
Mixed Salad
~
Oaty Flapjack
&
Apple Wedges**

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Mental Health Day - 10th October 2025

Our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 10th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters.

We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our students that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health.

We'll be taking part by wearing yellow clothing and/or accessories to school. You can also donate to support our school's fundraising by going to the YoungMinds website and clicking on the donate button at the top of their page. Most importantly, we want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- A phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- An online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/

SSMJ Open Morning - 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 will be holding our next annual Open Day this year on Tuesday 14th October at 2.00 pm. However if you are not available at this time, please contact the school and we will arrange a convenient time for you to visit.

We invite families of children looking for a primary place for September 2026 to come and enjoy refreshments, view the school in action, talk to Mrs Mabbott (Headteacher) and to some of our Pupil Leader 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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Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

Ofsted Inspection - Good
CSI Inspection - Outstanding

JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN DAYS

Thursday 18.9.25 9.30am
+ Tuesday 14.10.25 2pm⁺

- ✓ A great place To learn
- ✓ High academic standards
- ✓ Child & family focussed
- ✓ Lots of Enrichment opportunities

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We look forward to welcoming you!
Contact the office to book your place - 01200 422560
bursar@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk

ST AUGUSTINE'S OPEN EVENING

This will take place on Thursday 2nd October at SARCHS.

▪ *Ambition and Success* ▪ *Care and Support* ▪ *Faith and Love* 



Saint Augustine's RC High School

Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Elker Lane, Billington, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9JA
Telephone – 01254 823362 Email – info@sarchs.romerocal.com Website – www.sarchs.com
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter: @SARCHSofficial

Music Lessons



If your child is interested in peripatetic music lessons this September, please see the link below for more details.

<https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

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.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club



Progressive Sports are our wrap around childcare provider, their focus is on delivering trusted, reliable, and expert childcare that extends your child's school day with enriching and inclusive activities.

Breakfast club starts from 7.30 am and afterschool club finishes at 6.00 pm.

Progressive Sports are also providing activities afterschool until 4.30 pm. If you wish to book your child a place, please visit the link below.

[Enrolmy | Progressive Sports South Lancashire](#)

Flu Vaccinations

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



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

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 Thomas in Year 2, India and Anthony in Year 3, Hubert in Year 5, Alexander and Penny in Year 6 and to Mrs Canavan and Ms Brindle who all celebrate a birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Alex and Thea
Yr 1 & 2	Cora, Harper, Mateusz and Zane
Yr 3 & 4	Isla, Daniel, Katy and Layla
Yr 4 & 5	Kimberley, Charlie D, Joshua and William
Yr 6	Roman, Penny, Edie and Mia

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Connie
Yr 1	Freya
Yr 2	Alfie
Yr 3	Maisie
Yr 4	Orla
Yr 5	Harry T
Yr 6	Phoebe

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 2 nd October	5.30 pm ~ SARCHS - Open Evening
Monday 6 th October	TriKids Triathlon Activates - Whole School Event
Wednesday 8 th October	Last day for Harvest Donations
Friday 10 th October	World Mental health Day - Children can wear Yellow clothing or accessories
Monday 13 th October	Individual School Photographs
	1.30 pm ~ Year 6 Play Leaders Training
Tuesday 14 th October	2.00 pm - 3.00 pm ~ Open Day - Prospective Parents'
Friday 17 th October	1.15 pm ~ Year 2 - Child Fire Safety Session
	2.15 pm ~ Year 6 - Road Safety Session
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	Parent's Evening
Friday 24 th October	School closes for half term
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.



Fun Palaces in libraries, museums and archives

Fun Palaces is an annual weekend of free events where arts, crafts, science, tech and digital are a catalyst for community engagement and full participation for everyone, from grassroots up, to learn something new and have fun doing it. This year Lancashire Libraries, Museums and Archives will be holding nineteen Fun Palaces across Friday 3rd,

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October.

Follow the link to find a Fun Palace near you:

[LCC Events](#)



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

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
WESTHOLME



ANNUAL OPEN EVENING
2 OCTOBER 2025
6PM - 9PM

WWW.WESTHOLMESCHOOL.COM



 Register



Clitheroe Mosque invites you to our Mosque Open Day!

Date: Sunday 5th October 2025

Time: 1pm - 4pm

Address:

93-97 Lowergate, Clitheroe, BB7 1AG

(No booking required)

Visit us to learn about:

- Islam & British values
- Services of the Mosque
- The Quran
- The Prophets
- Q&A
- Refreshments and much more!



Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.



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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zone**

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Talk online lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone

Call 0800 51 11 11

Age 0-19

(up to 25 for young
people with learning
difficulties or disabilities)

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