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

19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

We have had another busy and successful week at school. Well done to all our children.

The Sunday Gospel



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the value of being trustworthy people. We can show this by making good choices.

Being a trustworthy person and also knowing who to trust is really important.

Ask your child what the word 'trustworthy' means to them. A friend who can be trusted is a gift from God!

Who are the most trustworthy friends in your child's life and why do they trust them?

Whole School Welcome Mass



Our whole school welcome Mass will take place at 10.00 am on Wednesday 24th September. At this Mass our new EYFS children will be welcomed to our parish family, all parents and relatives are invited to attend. Please join us if you can.

Well Done Phoebe and our Past Pupil Erin



Phoebe in Year 6 and her family, arranged a Charity Ball last Saturday, in memory of Phoebe's uncle who sadly passed away to cystic fibrosis. 190 people attend the event at the Dunkenhalgh for a night of celebration, where a raffle and auction took place with some amazing prizes which were generously donated.

On the night Phoebe and her cousin Erin, a past pupil, helped sell and pick the raffles tickets and they also very bravely got up on the microphone to shout out the winning numbers and generally organising the adults!

It was a fabulous night and they raised £10,057.83 for the Manchester Adult Cystic Fibrosis centre.

We are so proud of them both.

Phoebe showed confidence and maturity and also received a lot of feedback from other guests about her lovely manners, kindness, wicked sense of humour and strong work ethic. She even stayed up extra late to help clear the room after the dancing had finished!

Phoebe was awarded the Caritas award in assembly for her dedication to charity work and thinking of others.

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/

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.

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
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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.

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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.

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 Magdalena in Year 3 and to Pyper and Isabella in Year 6, who all celebrate a birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Arlo and Connie
Yr 1 &	Alfred, Max, Rupert and Kutenda
Yr 3 & 4	Sebastian, Layla, Hollie and Hugo
Yr 4 & 5	Alessandro, Mason, Theo and Orla
Yr 6	Tristan, Henry, Isabella and Lula-Rose

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Thea L
Yr 1	Zane
Yr 2	Rosie
Yr 3	Betsy
Yr 4	Tommy
Yr 5	Jiya
Yr 6	Nahri

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 23 rd September	10.00 am ~ Year 1 & 2 Library Visit to Clitheroe Library
Wednesday 24 th September	10.00 am ~ Whole School Welcome Mass - Parents' are invited to attend
Thursday 25 th September	10.00 am ~ EYFS Library Visit to Clitheroe Library
Wednesday 1 st October	9.15 am ~ SEND Coffee Morning
Thursday 2 nd October	5.30 pm ~ SARCHS - Open Evening
Monday 6 th October	TriKids Triathlon Activates - Whole School Event
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
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	Athletics Event

Wednesday 10 th December	School Pantomime Trip
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas (Early Closure)

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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Bowland High

Tradition, Care and Challenge

Open Evening

Thursday 18th September 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Open Day

Wednesday 24th September 9.15am - 1.20pm

Headteacher's speeches will be held at
6.00pm, 6.30pm & 7.30pm
Headteacher - Laura Fielden

Please note: There will be NO vehicular access or parking during Open Evening at the school or in the surrounding lanes. A free 'Park & Ride' system will operate from Clitheroe Auction Mart, commencing at 5.45pm. Visitors requiring disabled access, please contact the school. We apologise for any inconvenience



Come to see the school in action!

Please email/telephone to book a tour between 9.15am and 1.20pm (duration approximately 45 minutes) Unfortunately we can only accommodate parents/carers who pre book a tour

Bowland High School, Riversmead Grindleton, BB7 4QS

Website: bowland.atctrust.org.uk Telephone: 01200 441374 Email: enquiries@bowland.atctrust.org.uk



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!



FOUNDATION FOR RIBBLE VALLEY FAMILIES

Have you heard about our
**WORKSHOP SUPPORTING
THE MOVE TO
SECONDARY SCHOOL?**

Join our FREE 2-hour session for the parents of young people to learn how to support your children with anxiety. We'll explore triggers, emotional overwhelm and practical strategies to manage anxiety and build emotional regulation skills.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 10AM -
12NOON

Email: connect@frvf.co.uk



The Toll House, Trinity Hub, Clitheroe

*FULLY REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED



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.



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Service**

Get advice and support

Someone to talk to
Problems at
home/school
Jobs and training
Apprenticeships
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online
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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

(up to 25 for young
people with learning
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