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

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Dear Parents and Families,

It has been a busy full week getting back in to routines and re-establishing the high expectations we have for each other in school. The children have really enjoyed having the swimming pool on site again this year and we would like to thank Sheelagh and Henry (the swimming teacher and lifeguard) for their patience, dedication and expertise shown to the children during their lessons. They have commended the children for their behaviour and attitudes.

As I said in Celebration Assembly this morning the children have been a credit to themselves, the school community and you as parents for the way they have embraced being back at school, working hard and being the best they can be.

### The Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel, we read that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for people to share in the true richness of God's joy and love in this life, and also in the life to come. God wants us to try to live like Jesus, to be 'selfgiving', which is the opposite of being 'selfish'.

Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Who are the most self-giving people that they know? In what ways are those people self-giving? Ask your child if they can remember the last time when they shared their sweets, their time, their toys, or gave something up to help make someone else happy.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

We will be holding our annual Open Days this year on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 am and also on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 pm.

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

## Whole School Welcome Mass



Our whole school welcome Mass will take place at 10.00 am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, parents' are invited to attend.

## Picnic Benches



Our new picnic benches have arrived and are placed at the top of the school field. The children have already enjoyed sitting on them to eat their packed lunch.

Thank you to the PTA.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9.15 am. Please drop in, Sara is looking forward to meeting you.

## Coffee Morning and Drop In for Parents Interested in the Incredible Year programme

We are holding a Coffee morning on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at SSMJ, where Kathryn and Aimee from East Lancashire Child and Adolescent Service (ELCAS) will be offering a free course that has been formulated to reinforce your existing parenting strengths and helps you to solidify the bond between you and your child.

Please telephone school to book a place.

**Coffee Morning**  
Wednesday 17th September  
2025  
9am

**NHS**  
Lancashire & South Cumbria  
NHS Foundation Trust

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**Where is it held?**  
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**Who to contact**  
For more information you can speak to school staff or the group facilitators Kathryn and Aimee on the details below.

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## ST AUGUSTINE'S INFORMATION EVENING FOR Y6 PARENTS

This will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm at SSMJ in the school hall.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

## **School Lunches**

Just a polite reminder: All school meals must now be pre-ordered online using Parent Pay - this also includes any pupils who are entitled to a free school meal. Please choose your 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.**

Thank you.

## Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club



Progressive Sports are our new 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 4<sup>th</sup> November in school. Please scan the QR code in the poster below to give consent or refusal for the vaccination.

The poster features a group of five children dressed as superheroes, standing in front of a brick wall. The text on the poster includes the IntraHealth logo, the NHS Lancashire School Aged Immunisation Service logo, and the slogan 'Your child can be a Real Life Superhero! Protect your Friends And Family Against FLU.' At the bottom, it provides the school name 'ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY', the vaccination date 'TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER', and instructions to scan a QR code to complete a consent or refusal form online. Contact information for queries is also provided: 'Call: 0333 358 3397 Option 2, Option 2' and 'Email: team.lancashire@intrahealth.co.uk'. There are three QR codes: one large one in the center and two smaller ones at the bottom left and bottom right.

**IntraHealth**

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

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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 Eleanor in Year 6, Lottie in Year 4 and Layla in Year 3, also to Mrs Mabbott and Mrs Ritchie, who all celebrate a birthday this week.

We would also like to wish happy birthday to Coby in Year 1, Renato in Year 2, Isla in Year 3, Paul, Darcy and Riley in Year 4, Frank, Euan and Charlie in Year 5 and Henry and Phoebe in Year 6, who will all celebrate a birthday over the summer holidays.

### Celebration Assembly



Yr 1 & 2	Renato, Aleks, Layton, Blake and Thomas
Yr 3 & 4	Rory, Abbas, Hugo, Luna, Orla and Rory
Yr 4 & 5	Sid, Charlie W, Leo and Sadie
Yr 6	Pyper, Phoebe and Edgar

## Top Table Winners



EYFS	Charlotte
Yr 1	William
Yr 2	Alfie
Yr 3	Luna
Yr 4	Jack
Yr 5	Mason
Yr 6	Kayla

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	SARCHS - Prospective Parents' Meeting
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 am ~ The Incredible Years Coffee Morning
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Day - Prospective Parents'
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	10.00 am ~ Year 1 & 2 Library Visit to Clitheroe Library
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am ~ Whole School Welcome Mass - Parents' are invited to attend
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am ~ EYFS Library Visit to Clitheroe Library
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.15 am ~ SEND Coffee Morning
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	5.30 pm ~ SARCHS - Open Evening
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	TriKids Triathlon Activates - Whole School Event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photographs
	1.30 pm ~ Year 6 Play Leaders Training
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	2.00 pm - 3.00 pm ~ Open Day - Prospective Parents'
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	1.15 pm ~ Year 2 - Child Fire Safety Session
	2.15 pm ~ Year 6 - Road Safety Session

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Re-opens
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Athletics Event
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	School Pantomime Trip
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
**Half Term** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (inclusive)  
**Christmas Holiday** Early closure on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

▪ *Ambition and Success*

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## Saint Augustine's RC High School

# Open Evening

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**Bowland High**

Tradition, Care and Challenge

# Open Evening

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm - 8.30pm**

# Open Day

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bowland.atctrust.org.uk) Telephone: 01200 441374 Email: [enquiries@bowland.atctrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bowland.atctrust.org.uk)



WESTHOLME



ANNUAL OPEN EVENING  
2 OCTOBER 2025  
6PM - 9PM

[WWW.WESTHOLMESCHOOL.COM](http://WWW.WESTHOLMESCHOOL.COM)



 Register



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# 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**

**Text 07786 51 11 11**

**Talk online** [lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone](https://lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone)

**Call 0800 51 11 11**

## Age 0-19

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

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)



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