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

5th September 2025

Dear Parents' and Families,

It was lovely to welcome all our children back on Wednesday, I hope you all had a lovely summer. I have attached to this letter a separate letter regarding a number of policies and procedures which have been updated and an attendance letter. Please do read these.

On Wednesday we came together as a whole school. It was lovely to be together, and our new reception class children sat beautifully as they experienced their first whole school gathering. All the children were a credit to SSMJ. We also welcomed some new children this week: Blake in Year 1, Luna in Y3 and Rory in Y3. Our children are already helping them to settle in.

We also welcome Mr Duckworth our new Deputy Headteacher (Pius Class) and Miss Parkinson (John Paul Class) and Ms Sara Toomey as SENDCo, alongside some returning Teaching Assistants who started with us temporarily last school year. Please see the separate letter for all the staffing information.

We also welcome our new Before and After School Childcare Provider, Progressive Sports who are providing our provision. Please do try and utilise this provision.

School Mission Statement, Vision and Aims

As we start another new school year, we ask all of our children and families to follow our mission statement which is

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

Our school values are:

Aspirations

Love

Respect

Courage

Unity

Dojos are awarded for children following these values. Dojo badges are awarded as follows:

100 dojo points = bronze

200 = silver

300 = gold

500 = platinum.

Points are re-set at the start of a new year.

SCHOOL RULES

RESPECT - God/ property/ oneself and others

TRY HARD - in work and play

Be polite | Work hard | Be kind and thoughtful | Be honest | Look after property | Do listen, Be safe.



The Sunday Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we want to be His disciple we must love God and follow Him. Our mission statement says exactly this. We must be loyal to Jesus. Ask your child what 'loyalty' means to them. Who is loyal to them? How can they keep their promises and be loyal as we start the new school year.

Mrs Whyman (formerly Miss Massaro)

Huge congratulations to Miss Massaro and her fiancé who were married over the summer. Mr and Mrs Whyman enjoyed a beautiful wedding day surrounded by their family and friends. Congratulations to them both.

Pupil Leadership Roles including Head Boy and Girl and Deputies

Children in year 6 have been invited to write letters for the role of Prefect. We are now asking interested children to write a letter for the role of Head Boy/Deputy and Head Girl/Deputy. These should be passed to Mr Duckworth by close of Wednesday 10th September.

Missionary Disciplines - Children across classes will have the opportunity to undertake different roles. They will be finding out about the different roles available next week and then a confidential vote will be taking place.

Our new roles this year available are:

- Creation Missionary Disciple
- Action Missionary Disciple
- Wellbeing Missionary Disciple
- Reading Missionary Disciple

The GIFT Team were appointed prior to the end of the last school year and will begin their work developing the faith life of the school.

Pools to Schools

The children have really enjoyed the sessions so far. The swimming teacher has said how impressed she is with the children's attitudes, behaviour and efforts. Well done!

ST AUGUSTINE'S INFORMATION EVENING FOR Y6 PARENTS

This will take place on Monday 15th 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.

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

From **Monday 1 September**: 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.

School Lunches

With effect from 1st September 2025 all school meals must be pre-ordered online using Parent Pay - this also includes any pupils who are entitled to a free school meal.

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 4th November in school. Please scan the QR code in the poster below to give consent or refusal for the vaccination.




IntraHealth


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 Tristan in Year 6, who celebrated a birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly

There was no celebration assembly this week due to our first week back in school.

This will start on Friday 12th September.

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Alex
Yr 1	Charlie B
Yr 2	Lily
Yr 3	Hollie
Yr 4	Abbas
Yr 5	Frank
Yr 6	Jake

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 10 th September	5.00 pm ~ Meet the teacher ~ All year groups
Friday 12 th September	2.15 pm - 3.15 pm ~ EYFS Parents' Classroom Visit
Monday 15 th September	5.30 pm SARCHS - Prospective Parents' Meeting @ SSMJ
Wednesday 17 th September	9.00 am - Incredible Years Coffee Morning @ SSMJ
Thursday 18 th September	Open Day - Prospective Parents'
Tuesday 23 rd September	10.00 am ~ Year 1 & 2 Library Visit to Clitheroe Library
Thursday 25 th September	10.00 am ~ EYFS Library Visit to Clitheroe Library
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

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
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)

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.

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.






WESTHOLME



ANNUAL OPEN EVENING
2 OCTOBER 2025
6PM - 9PM

WWW.WESTHOLMESCHOOL.COM



 Register



Scottish Country Dancing Class for Children

Pendleton Village Hall
Mondays 4.30pm to 6.30pm
(Term Time)

£5 per Class

All Ages Welcome

Contact Issy for details ijb10@hotmail.co.uk

Classes run by
Clitheroe & District Caledonian Society