



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

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

11th July 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

We have had a really busy, but wonderful couple of weeks especially for our Year 6 children. They thoroughly enjoyed their residential, had a great day at Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Tuesday, performed their fabulous Leavers' Play to the children and staff and then to parents and relatives on Wednesday and they spent time learning about transition to high school on Thursday.



The Sunday Gospel

Loving God and our neighbours is the foundation of a good life. But it is only through loving God first, that we are really able to love our neighbours as God intends.

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about the Good Samaritan. Through this parable, Jesus tells us that our neighbour is any person who needs our help, regardless of who they are or where they come from. Ask your child how they can be a good neighbour this week.

End of Year Reports

Yesterday your child brought home their end of year report. If you would like to speak to the class teacher about any aspects of the report, please telephone the school and a time will be arranged. The report envelopes also contain any information related to outcomes in National tests e.g. SATs, Phonics, Multiplication Check etc.



Critters Interactive

On Tuesday, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 had a visit from Critters Interactive. The children asked questions and listened to facts about some fascinating creatures. We had some very brave children who held African snails, stick insects, snakes and many more.



Wellbeing Warriors

Thank you to all the Wellbeing Missionary Disciples for their great efforts this year and especially to the Y6 Wellbeing Warriors who have led our group so well. We are now looking towards next year, and the current Y5 children have been asked to write a letter to express their interest in the position of Wellbeing Warrior next year. We have extended the deadline for the letters to be handed in to Tuesday 15th July and there are 2 positions available.



The Year 6 School-O-Vision Song Contest



Wow, is all I can say. Yet again the children shone and entertained us as only they can. We have a few hilarious impromptu moments and have identified a number of future stars of the stage!

Thank you for your positive feedback about the play. The children worked hard and have been supported by a team of staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure it was as wonderful as ever. Quite amusing in parts too!

One of the relatives said 'it was better than watching the TV'. High praise indeed!

Thank you for your kind donations. This will be used towards end of term treats for the children.





Year 6 Blackpool Trip

We had a wonderful day. Lovely weather, exceptional behaviour and too much sugar! A member of the public actually commented to Mrs Brown on the organisation and the behaviour of the children. They were very impressed. We are so proud of them all. Every child pushed themselves a little out of their own comfort zone to go on rides which they enjoyed, even if, at times, they were also a little terrified. It was a pleasure to take them and I also thank Mr Currid, Mrs Davies, Mrs Ritchie, Mrs Brown and Miss Mabbott for accompanying them.



Celebrations after riding the Big One!



Moving on up sessions

On Thursday the Y6 children enjoyed a session about transition which was delivered by Rachel Whitehead and Lucy Robinson from Lancashire County Council ~ Children and Family Wellbeing Service.

Year 6 Leavers' Lunch

Our Leavers' Lunch will take place on 16th July, please pre order your meal online, the cost of the lunch is the normal price of a school lunch at £2.90.



Leavers Lunch **GOODBYE YEAR 6**

Party Menu
Homemade Margherita Pizza Slice
~
Vegetable Samosa
~
Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Roll
~
Tortilla Chips
~
Vegetable Sticks & Dips
~
Cocoa Krispie Cakes

ORDER FORM FOR Leavers Lunch

Please complete the form and return it to the school by the

Don't complete if your child already stays for lunch or is entitled to free meals.

The cost is £ per child

Name.....Class No.....

If your child has an allergy or special dietary requirement, please contact your school office to inform them of your child's requirements.

We look forward to serving your child!

If your child would like to join in the fun and they don't currently stay for school meals, please contact your school for payment details.

Lancashire County Council

Women's Euros Competition in collaboration with Burnley Football Club

Women's Euro's Final Competition with BFC Women's First Team



To celebrate the Women's Euros and in partnership with our phenomenal Women's First Team, we're thrilled to launch a special competition for children with a *signed Burnley FC shirt* up for grabs!

Please find attached a video explaining the competition from our fantastic, Women's First Team players, Emma Siddall and Heidi Logan. Please feel free to share this with your children and families.

Entry is free and open to all children. To take part, simply click the link below and answer four quick questions:

1. Which nations will be in the final?
2. What will the final score be?
3. Who will score?
4. In what minute will the first goal be scored?

The closest prediction will win the signed shirt, which will be delivered in September. **Please note:** Year 6 children are welcome to enter, and we will liaise with their secondary schools to ensure delivery if they win.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4X4Ft5rq9K>

Best of luck!

Unwanted Sportswear Collection

School have been contacted about helping out a very charitable cause. Below is a little information from the email we received. We are looking for donations of unwanted sportswear suitable for primary school aged children. **It needs to be dropped off at the main office by Monday 14th July.**

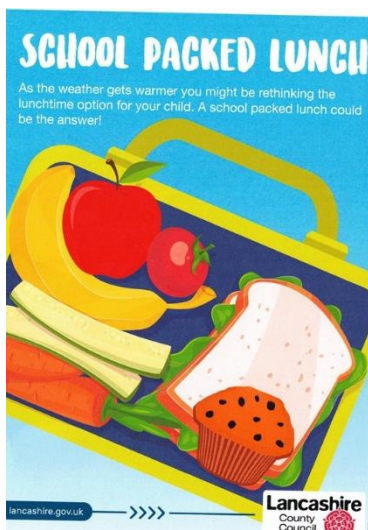
'My name is Peter Walshe and I am a retired teacher, but I am busy going into schools as part of the Ribble Rivers Trust Education Team.

In February 2025, I visited a primary school in Uganda called Kyabahinga Primary School in the far south-west of the country and they have nothing in the way of school stationary.

I have been sending the school parcels of pencils, pens, rulers, sharpeners and more recently sports equipment, footballs, bean bags and tennis balls. I have also sent boxes of chalk, scissors and mark books for the teachers.

The children at Kyabahinga Primary School have no sports clothing at all and I know that at the end of summer term, there is always a huge pile of lost, nameless clothing that has accumulated over the term and even over the year which will be either thrown out or given to charities that don't always want the clothes. The pupils at Kyabahinga Primary do not have any sports clothes, shorts, skirts, t-shirts, tops, or socks, so I would be very grateful if there could be an emphasis on sports clothing.'

School Lunches



Please can parents ensure you pre-order pupil lunches on ParentPay to allow for kitchen staff to plan and for pupils to receive a meal of their choice and to avoid food waste. Thank you.

With the summer months and the warmer weather your child may be looking for an alternative to a hot school lunch. Our catering team are offering a cold option of a 5 item packed lunch each day from now until October.

Clubs and Afterschool Activities



Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Rounders	KS2	Miss Harkin or Mrs Canavan	Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Burnley Football Club	5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm



Happy birthday to Lily in Year 1, Sid in Year 4, Elsie-May, Mia and Lula in Year 5 and Thomas in Year 6, who all celebrate a birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Cora and Charlie
Yr 1 & 2	Betsy, Liberty, Layla and Seb
Yr 3	Rocco, Jack, Darcey and Abbas
Yr 4	Joshua, Harry, Rose and Ruby
Yr 5	Willow, Mia, Theo and Jacob
Yr 6	All Year 6 Children

Top Table Winners



EYFS	Mateusz
Yr 1 & 2	Renato and Isla
Yr 3	Freddie
Yr 4	Jiya
Yr 5	Eleanor
Yr 6	Eliza

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 14 th July	10.00 am - Leavers' Mass
	2.00 - 3.00 pm Ribblesdale Transition Event
	2.00 pm - Year 6 Police Visit
Tuesday 15 th July	Prayer Friends Tea Party
Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers' Party Lunch - In school
Friday 18 th July	9.00 am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18 th July	Early School closure at 1.30 pm
Wednesday 3 rd September	School Re-opens to pupils

Specific Diary Dates for Year 6

Date	Event
14 th July	10.00 am - Leavers' Mass
14 th July	2.00 pm - 3.00 pm Ribblesdale Transition Event

16 th July	Leavers' Party Lunch - In school
18 th July	9.00 am - Leavers' Assembly

Take Care & God Bless.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher

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.

Supporting the move to secondary school



Supportive Steps Workshop



Are you a parent whose child is about to make the move to secondary school? This stage can trigger anxiety for some children. Our workshop will provide information and strategies to help manage this.

In our two-hour workshop we will look at triggers of anxiety and emotional overwhelm and how to respond to and manage them, learning strategies for effective anxiety management and emotional regulation.

When: June 6, July 4 and September 5 10am - 12 noon.

Where: The Toll House, Trinity Hub, Clitheroe.

How: Email connect@frvf.co.uk to book on.



Summer Crash Course.

Course fee £33.00 for a 5-day block booking.

Summer Crash Course is Back!

Would your child benefit from attending a swimming course?

During the summer school break we will be running 5-day crash course swimming sessions 07:00-11:00am

These courses will consist of 5x 30-minute, morning lessons.

Monday 28 - Friday 1st August

Monday 4th - Friday 8th August

Monday 11th - Friday 15th August

Monday 18th- Friday 22nd August

If your child is a non-swimmer, beginner, or just needs to gain a confidence boost and you would like to use this opportunity for them to learn/improve an essential life skill, please contact Ribblesdale pool reception on **01200 424825** to book your place.



Ribble Valley
Borough Council
www.ribblevalley.gov.uk



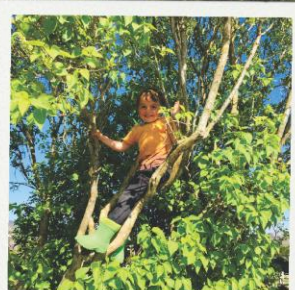


Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



Price

£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

Reception - Age 13

Summer Holiday Club

21st July - 29th August
(excluding 22nd August)

For your Secondary aged children we have our 2-day experience; Into the Wild! 4th & 5th August - head to our website for booking & more info.



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



hello@wildexplorers.org.uk



www.wildexplorers.org.uk



Clitheroe Castle Museum EVENTS

DAILY

11am - 4pm

HUNT COMPETITION

Embark on a search through the museum galleries. Will you find all the hidden objects? Enter our competition and you might be the lucky winner of a fabulous bag of souvenirs.

DAILY

11am - 4pm

MAKE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

Unleash your creativity with a selection of themed crafts. Drop in event. From £2.50, while stocks last.

VARIOUS
DATES IN
JULY

ARCHAEOLOGY FESTIVAL

Join us throughout July for talks and tours, dig pits and pottery. There is something for everyone. Find out more on our website.

EVERY
WEDNESDAY

CASTLE CRAFTS

Join us for some fabulous craft activities each Wednesday throughout the summer. £6 per child, including all materials. Book online to avoid disappointment.

SUNDAY
17 AUG

11am - 3:30pm

A Day of Knights

Join us for a FREE action packed day of weapons handling and medieval combat displays.

Open Daily, all kids go free

Find details of all our activities and events on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or visit our website at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/clitheroe-castle-museum/> or via the QR code.



JULY 2025

ST MARY'S CENTRE

WHAT'S ON FOR THE MONTH AHEAD



Stronger Starts



Vote for the St Mary's Centre Tesco Clitheroe July to September 2025



We are a community hub in Clitheroe supporting clubs, activities and stage performances for the local area.

We need help to modernise our building so we can continue to offer our spaces.



Please vote for us in Tesco Clitheroe every time you shop with your blue chip!

Every blue chip helps!



The month ahead

MONDAYS

St Mary's playgroup (Term time only)
9.15am-11.15am

Tai Chi—10.30am-11.30am

Ladies Badminton—1.00pm - 2.30pm

The A Team 4.30 - 6.45pm (Term time & pre-booked only)

Beavers 6-7pm (Term time & pre-booked only)

Cubs/Scouts 7-8pm (Term time & pre-booked only)

TUESDAYS

Aerobics - 11.00am - 12.00noon

Jujitsu—7.00pm-8.30pm

WEDNESDAYS

Tai Chi—6.30pm-7.30pm

THURSDAYS

Line Dancing—7.30pm - 8.30pm

FRIDAYS

Line Dancing—10.00am - 12noon

SATURDAYS

Puppy Training—10am-11am

Most classes are drop in for more information please visit our website

Available to hire for regular meetings or one-off events
Prices from - £12/hour

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**THE MUNI
THEATRE**
Albert Road | Colne | BB8 0AE

Dear Valued Arts Supporter, The Muni Theatre has some great Primary School friendly shows coming up in the forthcoming season and we wanted you to be the first to know.

YOU CHOOSE, Weds 29th October - Based on the brilliant book by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt Nonsense Room Productions (Shark in the Park and Hairy Maclary Shows) bring you an interactive musical show for all the family. But in this show – **YOU CHOOSE what happens!**

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Thurs 27th November - The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show has been dazzling audiences around the globe for over seven years, faithfully bringing to the stage Eric Carle's timeless classics. Created by Jonathan Rockefeller, this production of the critically acclaimed show features a menagerie of over **75 magical puppets**, including the star of the show – **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**.

Ministry of Science Live. Science Saved the World, Sun 27th July - Over the last few years Science has led the way in getting our lives back to normal. Now, the UK's favourite science team are back and more explosive than ever! Join our presenters as they dive deep into the world of science and look at how science shapes the modern world we live in with a few loud bangs along the way!

Why should the kids have all the fun!? **Cheesy Bingo Party**, Fri 18th July - The Cheesy Bingo Party brings you music, madness, sing-a-longs, ridiculous prizes, a few surprises and the craziest game of bingo you've ever played! The host has got the bingo numbers, the DJ has got the cheesiest party tunes, we're talking maximum cheese! Get your Dabbers out and put your dancing shoes on! **18+ Only**

And coming in January 2026 is **Aladdin** - *This magical pantomime features Great Songs, Dazzle Dance Routines, Stunning Scenery, Beautiful Costumes and Amazing Special Effects* **unforgettable experience for children and adults alike.**

Group bookings are now open and due to popular demand, we've added **2 relaxed performances** to the run. **Book early to avoid disappointment.** The full performance schedule is on the next page.

