



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.*

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

This week the children have spent time in their new classes and with their teachers and adults who will be with them for September. As per my letter, the Governing Board has had to change the structure for 25-26.

The children said they had a great time with their new teachers and are looking forward to September where some children will 'move upstairs', some will be with new friends for learning time, but we remain as one big SSMJ family. The new staff also commented on how welcome the children and staff made them feel.

Having transition earlier, is helpful for all children in relieving anxieties and particularly for children who find change difficult. Please continue to talk positively about change with your child. It is part of life and we aim to teach our children to have positive mind sets, to embrace change and new opportunities all which help them to build resilience for now and in the future.



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul who did great work for the Church. Both of these men were Apostles who met with Jesus and were given authority to build Jesus' Church on earth. Jesus established his Church as a reminder of God's love for all people - that includes you and me too.

Jesus then gives Peter the important task of leading the Church. Ask your child what the word 'church' means to them.



## Transition

Many of our year 6 children have started their visits to their respective high school. We are very proud of their conduct so far. They have really enjoyed finding their way around, meeting new friends and experiencing a taste of life at Secondary School.

## Y6 visit to Prayer Spaces at Turret House

On Monday, staff and I took the Y6 children to visit Prayer Spaces at Turret House. Their behaviour was excellent and the children really enjoyed having some space and time to reflect. There were a range of activities for the children to take part in and we were all given a jigsaw piece key ring to take with us as a sign that we all fit together in different ways. Thank you to the staff from SSMJ who supported them and to Anita, the Chaplain at St Augustine's and Suzy and staff from The Grand.

## Rotary Club - Young Artist & Young Writer awards (AR)

We were visited by Mrs Marie Jones representing the Rotary Club on Tuesday. She came to share with us the winners and runners up for the Young Artist and Young Writer competition that we had entered earlier in the year. The Young Artist winner was Una in Year 5 and the Young Writer winner was Sadie in Year 4. Congratulations to all who took part. The children received certificates and a small gift. Thank you to the Rotary Club.



## Y6 Club Author visit at Burnley Football Club

On Thursday Year 6 went to BFC for a day of fun activities. The children engaged in story telling from a historical perspective with the National Archives, played language games, toured the stadium and told a story with an author who through the Literacy Trust gave them each a signed copy of his book *The Singer and The Snorer* retold by Peter Kalu.

Thank you to the staff who attended and supported them.



## New EYFS visit

The new EYFS visited school on Tuesday. They had a wonderful afternoon of exploring the classroom, joining in circle games and singing. Next time, on the 9<sup>th</sup> July the children will be joining us for lunch. We have some very excited children who are looking forward to September. We can't wait to welcome you to our school.

## **Behaviour Policy Updates - Consultation**

As we are now a Trauma Informed School, we have reviewed our Behaviour Policy for September 2025 and attach a link to it for consultation. Changes are highlighted in yellow. If you have any views/comment, these should be emailed to [office@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@ssmj.lancs.sch.uk) by close of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Many thanks.

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## **Work Experience Students from St Augustine's**

This week we welcomed five Year 10 students from St Augustines High School. All were ex-pupils and it was lovely to see how they have grown and developed since leaving us for high school. The students have been very keen to help the children with their learning and we were treated to a musical performcae from Oliver who has been learning to play the Saxophone since year 7.



A massive thank you for all their help and support this week.



## The Year 6 School-O-Vision Song Contest

Our Year 6 Leavers' Concert will be taking place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Due to fire regulations, tickets are initially limited to 3 per family and can be collected from the school office.

**Anyone attending must have a ticket because school cannot exceed the allowed capacity.**

## Year 6 Leavers' Lunch

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



## ORDER FORM FOR Leavers Lunch

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

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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.

## HAF Vouchers

Vouchers and booking information for eligible families have now been sent out to parents this week on Monday.

**Holiday activities and food**

LANCASHIRE  
**Summer 2025**

**Look out for your HAF Vouchers they are being sent to parents on the 23rd June**

**HAF Eligibility and Booking Information:**

- For children and young people in reception to year 11.
- Eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.
- Other vulnerabilities (ask your school).

**Summer Activities:**  
Book 16 days (minimum 4 hours) with a meal included.

**Important:**  
Limited places, book only if you intend to use.  
Cancel if plans change to free up places for others.

**Contact:**  
Talkzone: 0800 511 111 Text: 07786 511 111  
Email: [talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk)  
Webtalk services: [lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone/get-in-touch](https://lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone/get-in-touch) or [facebook.com/LancashireYZ](https://facebook.com/LancashireYZ)



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County Council

## 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 Rosie in Year 1, who celebrates a birthday this week, and also to Mr Currid who also celebrated his birthday this week.

### Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Mateusz and William
Yr 1 & 2	Arthur, Rosie, Riley and Alfie
Yr 3	Darcey, Noah, Theo and Tommy
Yr 4	Harry, Jiya, Frank and Marcus
Yr 5	Jacob, Jake, Penny and Eleanor
Yr 6	Louis, Charlie S, Michael C and Theodore

### Top Table Winners



EYFS	Layton
Yr 1 & 2	Kutenda and Katy
Yr 3	Archie C
Yr 4	Joseph
Yr 5	Elsie
Yr 6	Annabel

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Bowland High School Intake Visit
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Borwick Hall Trip Departs, Returns Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July by the end of the school day.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS to Year 5 Art Workshop with Jo Troughton
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 only Art Workshop with Jo Troughton
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Blackpool Trip
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	11.00 am - 12.00 noon - New September Intake - Lunch Date
	6.00 pm - Leavers' Play
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am - 11.00 am - Year 6 'Moving On Up' Session
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Year 6 Leavers' Party organised by parents at The Old School Rooms
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am - Leavers' Mass
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Prayer Friends Tea Party
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Party Lunch - In school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

**Specific Diary Dates for Year 6 - 3 separate letters have been sent out today regarding Borwick, Blackpool and end of term Y6 events.**

Date	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Borwick Hall Residential
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Blackpool Pleasure Beach
9 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00 pm - Leavers' Play
10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am - 11.00 am 'Moving On Up' Session

14 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am - Leavers' Mass
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Party Lunch - In school
18 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:connect@frvf.co.uk) to book on.**


This event is taking place at Paint Pot on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 am

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 **Paint Pot** 5m ·   


Is your little one starting Primary School this year? We are running our popular 'Paint A Story' Sessions throughout the summer holidays with a 'starting big school' theme, so that they can hopefully meet some of their new classmates ahead of September.

 Fri 25th July at 10am


- \* Pendle
- \* St Michael & St John
- \* St James

 Tue 29th July at 10am

- \* Brookside
- \* Edisford
- \* Barrow

 Wed 6th August at 10am

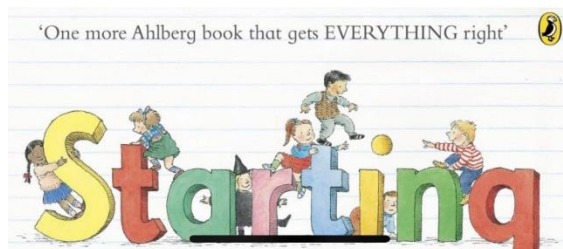
- \* Waddington & West Bradford
- \* Chatburn
- \* Grindleton

 Thur 14th August at 10am

- \* Whalley
- \* Gisburn
- \* Ribblesdale

£12.50 per child, includes story, pottery painting, biscuit decorating and drink.

Call 01200 423947 to book your place





**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 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>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.



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Borough Council  
[www.ribblevalley.gov.uk](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk)



St Augustine's RC High School present their school production of The Addams Family, which runs from Tuesday 8th until Friday 11th July. The performance starts at 7pm and is expected to finish around 9.30pm. To book your tickets, please visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sarchsmusicals>.

**THE ADDAMS FAMILY**

SCAN TO BOOK

BOOK BY - MARSHALL BRIGHMAN & RICK ELKE

BASED ON CHARACTERS CREATED BY CHARLES ADAMS

8th-11th July 2025 7pm

Originally produced on Broadway by Stuart Olsen, Roy Furman, Michael Leavitt, Five Cent Productions, Stephen Schuler, Ocean Theatricals, Scott M. Delman, Stuart Ditsky, Terry Allen Kramer, Stephanie P. McClelland, James L. Nederlander, Eva Price, Jam Theatricals/Mary Luffoff, Pittsburgh CLO/Gutterman-Swinsky, Fred Twary/Gary Kaplan, The Weinstein Company/Clerence, LLC, Adam Zlotovich/Tribe Theatricals

By Special Arrangement with Elephant Eye Theatrical

"THE ADDAMS FAMILY School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), [www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.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  
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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

21<sup>st</sup> July - 29<sup>th</sup> August  
(excluding 22<sup>nd</sup> August)

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



### Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

### Location

Broughton Hall Estate



[hello@wildexplorers.org.uk](mailto:hello@wildexplorers.org.uk)



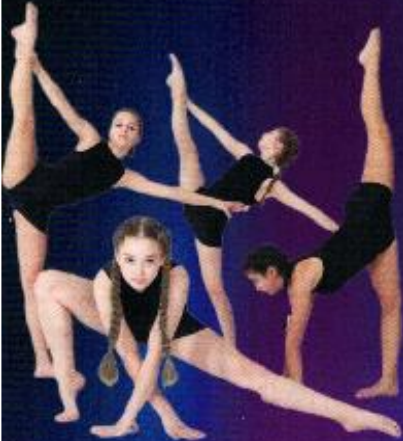
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# Gymnastics!

## Beginners

Children 5-9 years old



### The goal of our school:

1. Physical Development
2. Skill Mastery
3. Safe and Supportive Environment
4. Discipline and Commitment

Director Yulia Talysheva is a master of choreography, a teacher at the University in Krivoy Rog, a ballerina at the theatre 'Kyiv Small Operetta' and the lead choreographer for sports acrobatics school in Kiev.



*Every child is*  
**TALENTED!**



07388353346  
talysheva12@gmail.com

Book now!



# Clitheroe Castle Museum

## EVENTS



**DAILY**

MAY 2025

11am - 4pm

### DRAGON'S DEN

Embark on a search for the dragons hiding in the museum galleries. Find them all and you might be the lucky winner of a fabulous bag of souvenirs from the gift shop.

**DAILY**

MAY 2025

11am - 4pm

### MAKE SOMETHING *FIERY*

Unleash your creativity with a selection of dragon crafts to take home as a memento. From £1.50, while stocks last.



**Coming up...**

**28  
JUNE**

11:30am - 3pm

### GEOLOGY ROCKS!

Find out about the rocks and minerals we see and use everyday in this fabulous free drop-in event. Meet the experts and challenge them to identify your rock.

**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.





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.

