



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.*

16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

We begin this week by congratulating our Y6 children on their efforts in their SATS this week. As we tell the children, SATs are important but they do not define them. They are an opportunity for the children to shine and demonstrate their learning over the past 7 years.

The children have worked hard and they did their best. We are very proud of you all!



In Sunday's Gospel, we listen to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment - they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity.

Love is life's greatest blessing. St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters ... but how much love we put into it."

family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another.

Ask your child to decide on something they can do in the coming days to share their love - to love as Jesus loves.



## Year 6 - Leavers' Lunch and Hoodies

Today the Y6 children, accompanied by Mr Currid, Miss Mabbott, Mrs Davies and I enjoyed a celebratory lunch at Maxwell's after all their hard work leading up to and during the SATs.

From today, the Y6 children can attend school in full school uniform, but replacing their school jumper with their leavers' hoody. (Hoody picture to follow in next week's newsletter).



## May the Month of Mary



Every Wednesday morning throughout May, Miss Massaro will be leading the month of Mary club. All children welcome from 8:15am, please meet at the school office.

## Sports Day - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May



Our annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the morning - weather permitting!

Children will be able to attend school in their PE kits for the day and Parents' are invited to spectate.

The children will be in their house teams, first taking part in a carousel of activities

and then competing in races. Parents may wish to bring a blanked or foldaway chair to sit on.

Parents and Relatives attending are asked to abide by our Safeguarding and Health and Safety rules.

- Please stay in the designated areas
- Please do not ask your children to come up to you, they need to stay with their class and group so we can account for them
- Please do not give the children food or drink. They will have water bottles with them, fizzy drinks etc. are not permitted and snacks are a choking hazard.
- Please give all the children plenty of encouragement.
- Please do not take part post photos of other children on social media as some children do not have permission for this.

We look forward to a fun morning, hopefully in the sun, but not too hot!

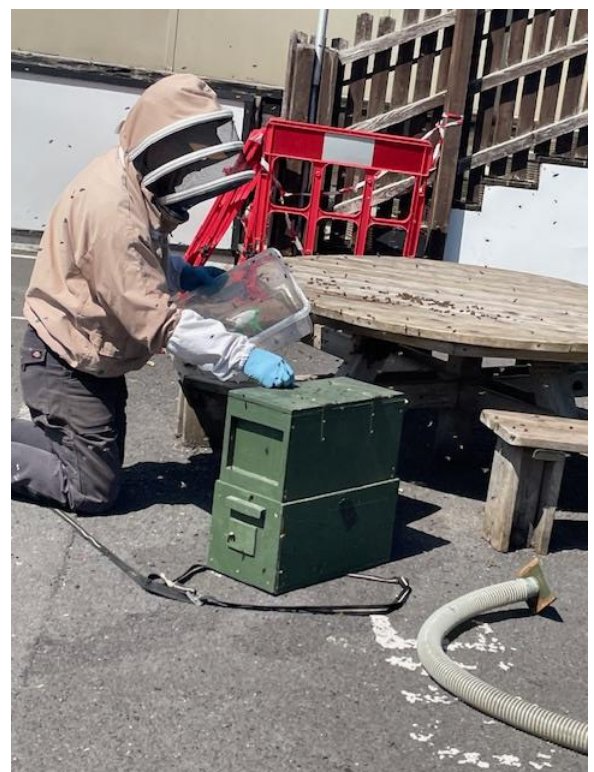
## EYFS Children

After half term the children in EYFS should be dropped off and collected from the main playground. This is part of their transition to Year 1.

## The Honey Bees - Our Unexpected Visitors!

On Wednesday we had a colony of honey bees, swarming and nest building under one of the picnic benches in the playground. Local Bee Keeper, Dave Heaton who is a member of the Lancashire Bee Keeper Association came on Thursday morning to attempt to re-colonise them. He has hopefully safely moved the Queen bee from the nest into one of his green boxes, in order that the rest of the bees will follow her into the box. He came back this morning to collect the bees and relocate them to a much quieter home in Downham!

We apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused to parents' having to drop off and collect from the school office.



## Y5 The Grand

Four of our Y5 pupils, Willow, Alexander, Tristan and Elsie-May have represented SSMJ over the last few weeks, attending a weekly event at The Grand, to create a Podcast about Ribble Valley Gateway Trust - specifically Art 4 All. I was really pleased to receive an email to say the children were all so engaged, thoughtful, and asked insightful questions and that they left a very positive impression of St Michael's and St John's, and their enthusiasm for learning is evident.

Rachel who sent the email said "Please extend my appreciation to the children involved. They are a credit to your school!"

Well done we are very proud of you all.

The graphic features a blue background with a white 'Mind Lancashire' logo. A central green circle contains the text 'Resilient Minds Parent Workshop!' and a backpack icon. To the right, a photo shows a classroom with a teacher and students. A pink box at the bottom contains text about the workshop's duration and content. A blue arrow points from the workshop title to the pink box.

**Mind Lancashire**

Our NEW Resilient Minds programme provides flexible support for pupils, parents/carers and school staff with their resilience and wellbeing.

**Resilient Minds Parent Workshop!**

Parent Workshop

Our parent workshops are 45 minutes long and starts by introduces resilience and its importance. The workshop goes on to cover how we have been working on resilience in school as part of the Resilient Minds project and covers how to introduce resilience at home and make it sustainable going forward. Each parent in attendance will be provided with a Wellbeing Support Pack to take home.

**NHS**  
Lancashire and  
South Cumbria  
Integrated Care Board

## Resilient Minds Workshop

A parent workshop will take place in school on Wednesday 21st May at 2.15 pm, this will be an introduction to Resilience workshop and resources, on how to embed resilience and positive coping strategies at home. The workshop will last approximately 45 minutes to one hour. Parents will also receive a wellbeing support packs.

Please contact school to book a place by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## Church Building Works

During half term the church roof is being repaired. Scaffolding is being erected at the side of school/church. For health and safety reasons. Parents and older children who arrive unaccompanied will not be able to walk down the side of church so will need to access the playground via the car park gates. If you need to walk round you might need to allow a little extra time for your journey.



### PTA Classlist App

A few parents have been unable to process payment for the recent PTA events. Please see the link below to download the Classlist app and register your child to make any future payments for organised events.

<https://classlist.page.link/m58MKMpyoHjSAjP48>

### School Lunches

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

### Clubs and Afterschool Activities



Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
TTRS	4	Mrs Russell	Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Choir	KS2	Mrs Russell	Tuesday - Lunchtime
Burnley Football Club	5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Create Art Club	1 - 6	Ms Troughton	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Sacramental, Reconciliation and Holy Communion	Selected Children	Miss Massaro	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm



WE have no birthdays to celebrate this week.

### Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Jessica and Charlie
Yr 1 & 2	Wiktorina, Darcy, Kutenda and Max
Yr 3	Orla, Freddie, Tommy and Ethan
Yr 4	Harry, Jiya, Rose and Joshua
Yr 5	Eleanor, Mykyta, Una and Michael
Yr 6	All Year 6 Pupils

### Top Table Winners



EYFS	Aleks
Yr 1 & 2	Ava
Yr 3	Riley
Yr 4	Hubert
Yr 5	Lula-Rose
Yr 6	Michael

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 3 & 4 Eureka Trip
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	2.15 pm - 3.15 pm - Resilience workshop
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports Day
	School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm - Years 5 & 6 - Hockey Event
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30 pm - New September Intake - EYFS Induction
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00 am - 3.00 pm - Years 5 & 6 - Ribble Valley Cricket
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Burnley's Gotta Sing Event
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	First Communion - Letter to follow regarding format of the day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15 am - 11.00 am - New September Intake - EYFS Induction
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Transition Prayer
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 pm - 3.00 pm - New September Intake - EYFS Induction
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	St Augustine's Year 6 Intake Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Tag Rugby Festival
	St Augustine's Year 6 Intake Evening
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Borwick Hall Trip Departs
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
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 - The Old School Rooms
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am - Leavers' Mass
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.0 am - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

## Specific Diary Dates for Year 6

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
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.

### Calling all young pianists.....

PLAY THE  
ORGAN  
YEARS

Clitheroe Parish Church (St Mary's) would like to invite you to an open day on June 7<sup>th</sup> between 10.30am and 12.30pm to come and learn more and have a go on the organ!

This year is "Play the Organ Year" which is designed to get more people interested in the Church organ and the great sound it can produce. This is a free event where all are welcome to come and learn more and make some noise! There will be a mini recital, powerpoint and then the chance to

play something. Bring some piano music to see how it transcribes or play around with all the different stops the organ has to offer. We would love to see you!

For more information contact James Reece Robinson on  
07807386750/lone2000@hotmail.co.uk



# 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.



# HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

**£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)**

## Upcoming Dates:

Ilkley Cow & Calf - 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Brimham Rocks - 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Summer Dates Also Available - Check Online**

**Childcare Vouchers accepted**



**Book online or contact us via email**

 [WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](http://WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM)  [INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM](mailto:INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM)





*You're Invited!*

# 'Riddlers' u5 & u6 netball sessions

**Fun Friday Sessions**

**4.30 - 5.30**

Oakhill College Whalley

Email [ribblevalleycoaches@gmail.com](mailto:ribblevalleycoaches@gmail.com)

**MAKE FRIENDS**



# RVNC

*Ready, Net, Go!*

# Netball



**TRAINING 24/25**

**V3 March 2025**

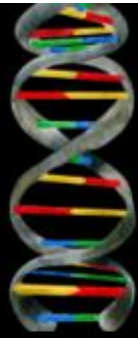
MONDAY	U7/U8 4.15 - 5.30PM U13 PERFORMANCE 5.30 - 7.30PM U14 PERFORMANCE 7.30 - 9PM
TUESDAY	U11 SQUAD 5.00 - 7PM U14/ U15 /U16 PERFORMANCE 7- 9PM
WEDNESDAY	U9 SQUAD 5.30-6.30PM WALKING NETBALL 6 - 6.45PM @RHYDDINGS HIGH SCHOOL U10 SQUAD 6.30 - 8PM
THURSDAY	U12 SQUAD 5 - 7PM SENIORS 7-9 PM
FRIDAY	RIBBLE RIDDLERS RECEPTION & YEAR 1 4.30 - 5.30PM



OAKHILL COLLEGE  
WISWELL LANE

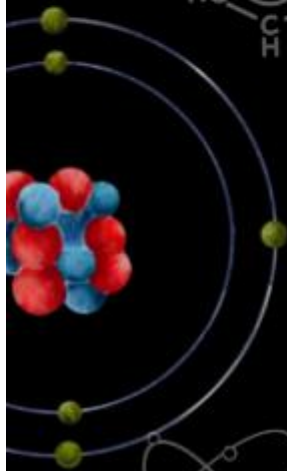
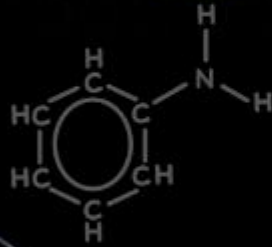
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT [RIBBLEVALLEYCOACHES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RIBBLEVALLEYCOACHES@GMAIL.COM)



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# SCIENCE



CLITHEROE  
FAMILY HUB &  
THE ZONE

28

1-2:30PM

MAY

WEDS

BOOKING REQUIRED - 5-11 Years



*Ella Shaw's*  
ACADEMY OF ARTS  
Production of

the grand

Disney  
**Aladdin**  
JR. ©Disney



**20th June 7pm**  
**21st June 1:30pm & 7:30pm**

Adult tickets £15 / Child tickets £10

*Music by* **Alan Menken**    *Lyrics by* **Howard Ashman & Tim Rice**    *Book Adapted & Additional Lyrics by* **Jim Luigs**    *Music Adapted & Arranged by* **Bryan Louiselle**

Based on the Screenplay by Ron Clements and John Musker Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio | This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International | All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

**Ella Shaw Productions**

**An exciting stage adaptation of the legendary tale of the lovable thief with the heart of gold!**



Tickets available at [www.thegrandvenue.co.uk](http://www.thegrandvenue.co.uk)  
Reception opening hours: **Monday & Tuesday 5pm-8pm** (During term time)  
Send enquiries to [hello@thegrandvenue.co.uk](mailto:hello@thegrandvenue.co.uk) or call 01200 421599

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MAY 2025

# ST MARY'S CENTRE

WHAT'S ON FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

CLITHEROE PARISH CHURCH  
AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

# CALENDAR GIRLS

Based on the  
Miramax motion picture  
by Juliette Towhidi and Tim Firth

**21st - 24th May 2025 7.30pm**  
**Saturday Matinee 24th 2.15pm**  
**St Mary's Centre, Clitheroe**  
**Tickets £10.00**

Book Online: [thopera.co.uk](http://thopera.co.uk)  
Ticket Hotline: 07951 643349

Box Office: St Mary's Centre, Church St, Clitheroe  
Mon to Fri 10am to 12noon

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

EPCAODS

CLITHEROEAMDRAH

This amateur production of "Calendar Girls" is presented by  
arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of  
Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)



**NODA**  
For every stage

## 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
- Children's Drama Classes - 4.30 - 7.30pm

### FRIDAYS

- Line Dancing—10.00am - 12noon

### SATURDAYS

- Children's Drama class— 10.30-12noon
- Puppy Training—10am-11am

### SUNDAYS

- Rugby Tots—8.45am- 12.00noon (Term time & pre-booked only)

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

Available to hire for regular meetings or one-off events

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CLITHEROE BB7 2DG

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ONLINE: [STMARYSCENTRE.CO.UK](http://STMARYSCENTRE.CO.UK)  
FACEBOOK: ST MARY'S CENTRE

# SAMLESBURY PLAY SCHEME

Back again for 2025  
In its 25th year!

Mon 28th July to Fri 1st Aug

Supervised **FREE** bus  
service from locations  
across East Lancashire

Want more? Check out  
Leyland Playscheme

*Infants*  
ages 5-7

Our youngest Playschemers enjoy the smallest groups with their own dedicated leaders and onsite activities such as *Trampolines, Bouncy Castles, Sports, Messy Play and Arts & Crafts* and trips offsite like *Soft Play, Outdoor Adventures and Nature experience*



Come and join the big leagues in MML and participate in activities such as Onsite: *Laser Tag, Trampolines, Pottery, Music, Dancing, CaveBus & The Big Show* and trips like: *Swimming, Bowling and Party Barge*

*Major League*  
ages 8-11

*Teenz*  
ages 12-14

Join the older end of Playscheme with our Teenz division. Join in the bigger trips and enjoy your own activities with that bit more freedom such as Onsite: *Teenz Laser Tag, Bungee Trampolines, Silent Disco* and trips like: *Swimming, Bowling, Teenz Cinema and Roller Skating*

**TEENZ**

**Only £85 for the week**  
**5 DAYS OF ACTION PACKED FUN**

Book online for both schemes @ [playscheme.org](http://playscheme.org)



## 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

### May Half Term

27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May

*Birthday parties also available year round  
email us for more info*



### Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

### Location

Broughton Hall Estate



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[www.wildexplorers.org.uk](http://www.wildexplorers.org.uk)