



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.*

**4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Dear Parents and Families,

I mentioned to the children in our Celebration Assembly this morning, that looking back to January I had reflected on how many different and amazing opportunities and experiences our children, families and parish family have had this term.

We could not do this without our wonderful children and their positivity, energy and hard work. They continue to impress us with their growth and accomplishments in all aspects of their education.

I would also like to thank to our dedicated staff who go above and beyond to support our children and families every day. Thank you also to our families, parish, and PTA. Your involvement and encouragement play a vital role in fostering a strong sense of community within our school.

As we are not in school for the remainder of Lent or for Holy Week this year, please support the children to reflect upon and celebrate their faith and how they have put this into action in a variety of ways. Try and take your children to Mass over the Easter Weekend and have a lovely break and a very Happy Easter.



Graphic by Lauren Hooper

This Sunday's Gospel reveals the depths of God's mercy and compassion and the need for each one of us, in our own way, to make a new start with God. Regardless of our past, each day we are given an opportunity to make a new start.

God is always ready to help us to start afresh. As Easter approaches, are there any new starts that we can make with our family, friends or with God?



## Rejoice

Throughout the week each class planned and delivered a beautiful Rejoice. Thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who supported the children.



## Celebration of the Word - Stations of the Cross

On Tuesday our school community enjoyed a lovely Celebration of the Word focussing on the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to all who led this special time of worship, prayer and reflection.



Each class also visited church this week to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. This linked very nicely with our RE lessons in the classroom. All of the children's behaviour was excellent during these church visits.



## Parents' Evenings and Spring Term Reports

Thank you to all parent who attended Parents' Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday this week and for the report slips returned. If you haven't already done so, please return your report comment slips after Easter.

## St Joseph's Penny Boxes



Thank you for all the boxes returned. If you are still collecting during Lent, please return boxes by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

## EYFS/ KS1 Easter Concert

Parents, relatives and members of the parish are invited to our Easter Celebration led by EYFS and KS1 on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15 am in the hall (no tickets required). We look forward to seeing you there.

## BFC Tickets

Thank you to BFC who donated 4 tickets for the match on Friday, April 11th, when they are hosting their highly anticipated Community Day Takeover during Burnley's match against Norwich. This year, BFC are proud to spotlight STEM as the theme, in celebration of the incredible success of our All SySTEM's Go! STEM programme for schools.

Our Sports Ambassadors entered a draw for the tickets. Congratulations to Nate in Y6 who was the winner. Enjoy!

## Resilient Minds - Y4 and Y6

After the holidays our children in years 4 and 6 will be taking part in Resilient Minds sessions led by Lancashire Mind. There will also be a parent workshop for all parents and we will provide the date and more information after half term.

## VE Day - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May



We invite the children to dress in red, white and blue. We will be having a themed picnic lunch (weather permitting) and an afternoon of History and Music.

More details will follow.

## Go Velo

Year 6 were incredibly lucky this week as they got to have a two-day biking session with Go Velo. They learned key skills like checking for danger, signalling and more importantly how to stay safe on the road. They worked incredibly hard with some children cycling around 5 miles throughout the session throughout Clitheroe. The children were impeccably behaved as usual and represented our school really well. The instructors were very impressed with their listening and attitude towards staying safe on the roads. The comments made was 'That is one of the best groups we have ever had'.



## Book Fair

Towards the end of last week, we were incredibly lucky to be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. There were lots of wonderful books and stationery for sale. Thank you to everyone who came to visit and bought a book. It was a lovely way to develop that love of reading across the school. We sold around £230 worth of books and for every

sale made school receives a free book. Mrs. Russell and Miss Harkin also had the opportunity of learning some new skills operating the Zettle!

Your support is greatly appreciated.



## Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope Banner

We are very proud and excited to show you our new Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope roller banner. The banner has been customised with our school badge and will stay on display in the hall. It will be a reminder for all the children about Pope Francis' year of the Jubilee.



## 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
Multi Sports	1 & 2	Mr Currid	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
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



Happy birthday to Chase in Year 6, Willow and Theo in Year 5, and Rupert in Year 1, who all celebrate a birthday this week.

Also Happy birthday to Annabel in Year 6, Leo and Rocco in Year 3 and Liberty in Year 2 who will celebrate a birthday over the Easter holidays.

### Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Cora and Alfred
Yr 1 & 2	Katy, Wiktorina, Magdalena and Darcey
Yr 3	Finley, Darcey, Jack, Leo and Hugo
Yr 4	Mason, Joshua, Sid and Charlie
Yr 5	Theo, Isabella, Mia and Una
Yr 6	Theo, Tyler, Erin, Thomas and Tyler

### Top Table Winners



EYFS - Cora
Yr 1 - Alfie
Yr 2 - Hollie
Yr 3 - Darcy
Yr 4 - Harry T
Yr 5 - Jacob
Yr 6 - Alfie

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School re-opens
	1.30 pm - Year 6 - Online Safety Y4 and Y6 Resilient Minds Starts
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15 am - EYFS and KS1 Easter Celebration - No tickets required.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA - Chocolate Bingo
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Health Questionnaires
	EYFS & Yr 6 - Height & Weight
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00 am - 3.00 pm - Years 4 & 5 - Ribble Valley Cricket
	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - Wellbeing Warriors
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Ribble Valley Animal Olympics - Oakhill School
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day Celebrations
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week - Y6
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Lunch - Maxwells
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Years 3 & 4 Eureka Trip
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm - Years 5 & 6 - Hockey Event
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 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Transition Prayer
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
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Year 6 Leavers Party - The Old School Rooms

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.



The poster features a large, cute white rabbit on the left side, peeking over a white banner. The banner contains the following text and graphics:

- Lancashire County Council** logo (with a red rose) and **Walton** logo.
- Lancashire FAMILY HUBS NETWORK** logo.
- EASTER Stay 'n' Play** in large, bold, black and blue letters.
- Ages 0 - 11** in blue text.
- Clitheroe Family Hub & The Zone** in purple text.
- 15th APRIL** in blue text.
- Wesleyan Row, BB7 2JY** and **01200 420460** in black text.
- 1:30-3:00 PM** in blue text.
- CRAFTS | QUIET SPACE | TOYS** in purple text.
- A QR code in the bottom left corner.
- SEND Friendly** logo in the bottom right corner.

The background of the poster is decorated with colorful Easter eggs (purple, yellow, pink, and blue) and green foliage.



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# EASTER Stay 'n' Play

Ages **0 - 11** New Era Family Hub  
& The Zone

**8th**  
APRIL

Accrington, BB5 1PB  
01200 420460

**1:30-3:00**  
PM

CRAFTS | QUIET SPACE | TOYS





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# EASTER

## Bingo & Quiz

**9th** APRIL  
2025

Ages 0 - 11

Booking Required, FREE ENTRY  
**10:00am - 11:30am**

Longridge Family Hub, Berry Lane

PR3 3JP

01200 420460



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# Clitheroe Castle Museum

## EASTER EVENTS

**DAILY**

APR 2025  
11am - 4pm

### WONDERFUL WABBITS

Search the museum for the rabbits hiding in the galleries. Find them all and you might be our lucky monthly prize winner

**DAILY**

APR 2025  
11am - 4pm

### MAKE SOMETHING *EGG-CELLENT*

Enjoy some time being creative with a selection of Easter crafts. From £1, while stocks last.

**12**

APR, 2025  
11am or 2pm

### FLOWER POWER POTTING

Decorate a stake, plant some seeds and take them home to grow. Booking essential, £4 per child.

**19 & 20**

APR 2025  
11:15am - 3:15pm

### ACADEMIE GLORIANNA

Watch combat demonstrations, enjoy weapon handling and bite sized talks from weapons experts.

**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.

