



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.*

28th March 2025

Dear Parents and Families,



In the Gospel on Sunday we hear how the son insults his father and focuses on his inheritance. The father doesn't even question his son's motives. He welcomes his son back with the open heart and the open arms of forgiveness. The message for us is that if we are truly sorry we will always be forgiven.

Forgiveness is one of God's greatest gifts to us. We must try to forgive others in the same way that we want God and others to forgive us. Ask your child what the word 'forgiveness' means to them. Has your child ever asked for and received forgiveness? How did it feel to be forgiven?

Lent Masses



We had a slight change to the organised Mass this will now take place on:

Wednesday 2nd April - Y3, Y5 and Y6 at 10.00 am

Please join us if you can.



Mother's Day

We would like to wish all mums, grandmas, nans, step mums and those who are like a mum to us a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday and say a huge thank you for all you do.

Eid

Eid Mubarak to our staff, children and families celebrating Eid next week.

Chocolate Bingo - date change

Please note, the PTA chocolate bingo originally planned for Friday 4th April will now take place on Friday 25th April after school. Thank you for all the donations received.

Attendance

As you are aware new National changes in relation to penalty notices took effect as of 19 August 2024. This information is available on our school website and I wrote to you on 17th September 2025 to explain this.

Regrettably, school has seen an increase in absences which includes, but is not limited to lates and holidays in term time. I would like to remind you of the information sent which can be found on our school website and sets out what this means at SSMJ. I ask you to pay particular attention to the 10 in 10 criteria which essentially means schools must consider issuing a penalty notice (fines) when a pupil has 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.

We aim to work with families to prevent attendance issues and to provide support for children and families experiencing difficulty. However, the guidance is clear on what is expected from schools. Sessions missed are extremely detrimental to children's education and their social and emotional well-being.

School will not authorise any absences where it is deemed the child could have attended school.

For more information please see the attendance section of our website.

<https://st-michael-and-st-johns-roman-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/attendance/>

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 swimming team.

On Monday they represented the school in the local swimming gala. They were all fantastic and swam brilliantly. Well done! Thank you to Miss Matthews and Miss Mabbott for taking the children.



EYFS News

Taking place on Thursday 3rd April



East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

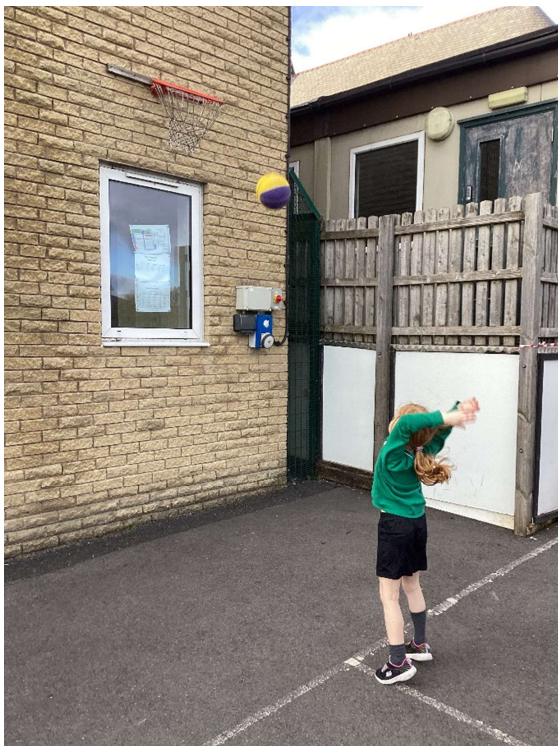
Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

Safe | Personal | Effective

Girl Power!

Mr Currid would like to say thank you to the girls from Year 1 and Year 2 who have been attending his multi-sports club. All the children have been brilliant and demonstrated super skills in a variety of different sports. Over the last few weeks, they have played football, rugby, and basketball. Here are some pictures of the girls shooting for the basket outside on the yard.



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 Penelope in Year 6, Edie and Una in Year 5, Rose, Harry and William in Year 4 and Wiktorina in Year 2, who all celebrate a birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Alfie and Aleks
Yr 1 & 2	Riley, Maksym, Freya and Alfie
Yr 3	Hugo, Ethan, Noah and Tommy
Yr 4	William, Harry, Charlie D and Frank
Yr 5	Lula-Rose, Mykyta, Willow and Henry
Yr 6	Benjamin, Chase, Eliza and Nate

Top Table Winners



EYFS - Alfred
Yr 1 - Kutenda
Yr 2 - Magdalena
Yr 3 - Lottie
Yr 4 - Ruby
Yr 5 - Michael
Yr 6 - Penelope

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 31 st March	Year 6 - Go Velo - Bikability Course Reports sent home
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 6 - Go Velo - Bikability Course
Wednesday 2 nd April	10.00 am - Yr 3, Yr 5 and Yr 6 - Lent Mass
	EYFS - Go Velo - Bikability Course
	Parents' Evening
Thursday 3 rd April	Parents' Evening
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd April	School re-opens
	1.30 pm - Year 6 - Online Safety
Thursday 24 th April	9.15 am - EYFS and KS1 Spring Performance Thursday 24 th April - No tickets required.

Friday 25 th April	PTA - Chocolate Bingo
Monday 28 th April	Year 6 Health Questionnaires
Tuesday 29 th April	9.00 am - 3.00 pm - Years 4 & 5 - Ribble Valley Cricket
	3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - Wellbeing Warriors
Wednesday 30 th April	EYFS & Yr 6 - Height & Weight
Monday 5 th May	School Closed - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	Ribble Valley Animal Olympics - Oakhill School
Friday 16 th May	Year 6 Lunch - Maxwells
Tuesday 20 th May	Years 3 & 4 Eureka Trip
Friday 23 rd May	School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday 4 th June	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm - Years 5 & 6 - Hockey Event
Tuesday 10 th June	9.00 am - 3.00 pm - Years 5 & 6 - Ribble Valley Cricket
Wednesday 11 th June	Burnley's Gotta Sing Event
Saturday 14 th June	First Communion - Letter to follow regarding format of the day
Monday 23 rd June	Year 6 Transition Prayer
Wednesday 25 th June	St Augustine's Year 6 Intake Day
Friday 27 th June	Tag Rugby Festival
	St Augustine's Year 6 Intake Evening
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 6 Borwick Hall Trip Departs
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 6 Blackpool Trip
Friday 11 th 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.

**FATHER FIGURES
SATURDAY
SQUAD**

**ON THE LAST SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
STARTING IN MARCH**

FATHER FIGURES AND THEIR FAMILY

**THE PARK
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10am-12pm**

FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Lancashire County Council

Wellbeing Services

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For ages 5-16

Wicked

Easter Theatre Week Camp

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April 2025

Drop off 8:30am - 9am

Pick up 3:30pm

St Mary's Centre, Clitheroe, BB7 2DG

£130 per child

(Little Voices pupil discount available)

HOW TO BOOK



bdrv@littlevoices.org.uk



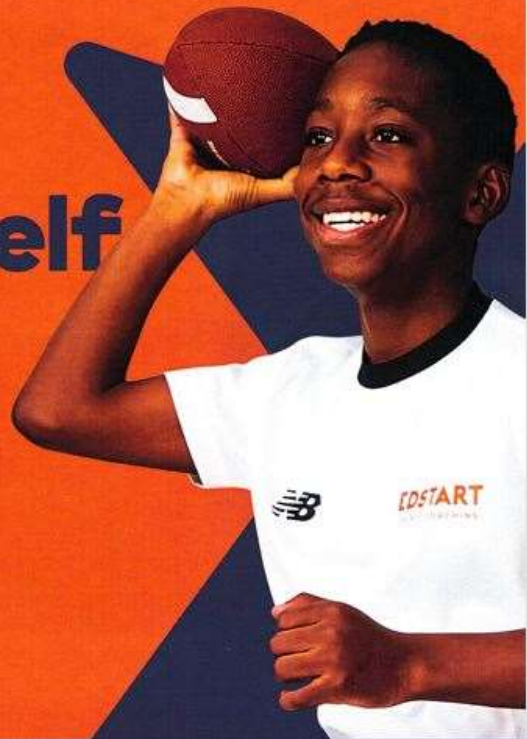
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What a line-up...

EDSTART
SPORTS COACHING

Easter holiday fun
@ Read&Simonstone Community Tennis Club

- **Edstart Sports Camp**
Ages 4-11
- **Monday 7th - Friday 11th April**
- **Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April**
9am - 4pm

All staff are:

- DBS checked
- First Aid trained
- Safeguarded



For more information, please email becks.smith@edstart.org.uk

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Child Car Seat Safety Events

From February -March 2025 car safety events will be delivered by the Good Egg Safety, supported by Lancashire County Council

These free, community events will take place at a variety of supermarkets in specifically targeted areas and aim to educate parents/carers, grandparents and anyone who drives with children in their vehicle on how to correctly fit a child car seat to their vehicle.

The team will demonstrate how to correctly install the child car seat or inform the driver if a car seat is unsuitable for some reason. General road safety literature will be offered to take away with them.

Many of the mistakes' people make surrounding child car seats are simple and easy to avoid, including seats belts needing tightening, harnesses not being in the right position and incorrect head restraints – simple, yet potentially lifesaving. Pop along for free advice and an independent check.

All events run from 10am – 3pm

Sainsburys, Active Way Burnley	Wednesday 26 th February
Asda, Hyndburn Road Accrington	Thursday 27 th February
Morrisons, Olympian Way Leyland	Friday 28 th February
Morrisons, Riversway Preston	Wednesday 5 th March
Tesco, Eagle Street Accrington	Thursday 6 th March
Morrisons, Brooke Street Chorley	Friday 7 th March
Sainsburys, Active Way Burnley	Tuesday 11 th March
Sainsburys, Windy Bank Colne	Wednesday 12 th March
Morrisons, Central Drive Morecambe	Thursday 13 th March

in and out of CARS

Walking to school

It's a great idea to get children into the habit of walking all, or at least part, of the way to school. It's not just good exercise but also helps them to become familiar with the roads as a pedestrian. For some children the first time they walk to school, without the supervision of an adult, is when they start secondary school.

School gate parking

If you drive your children to school, it's too easy to try and park as near to the gates as possible. However, if everyone does the same it can cause major problems.

So let's all work together to keep our children safe by keeping our speed down and not parking or dropping off children at the school entrance.

Please look out for other children crossing and think about the school's neighbours who often find they cannot access their own driveways during the busiest times.



Why not park and stride?

Have you ever thought of driving part of the way to school and walking the rest? This means you can avoid the congested areas around school and also enjoy some time walking and talking together.



Starting SCHOOL

The journey begins

As your child is now starting school, we're taking this opportunity to send you some information and a great poster to work on together. It's all about road safety and getting to school.

Children seem to grow up in no time! It's important to remember that the skills they learn with you today, on their journey to school, will help keep them safe for the rest of their lives.

Protect them

Starting school is a major event in every child's life. Unfortunately, being safe on the roads isn't the first thing that will be on their minds.



- When you're out together, keep them away from traffic and always walk with the road on your side whenever possible.
- Always hold their hand when you're out together and

don't let them run ahead or lag behind. Many drivers don't even notice young children at the roadside.

- Children need to learn to look out for dangers including cars starting up or reversing, pulling out of driveways and crossing at junctions or bends in the road.

- Young children cannot judge the speed and distance of traffic.

- They are easily distracted and may act impulsively near roads without warning.

- School car parks can be dangerous. Children may feel safe but drivers can't always see them, especially when reversing.



BELT UP in cars

Children must be restrained in the correct car seat on every journey. By the age of four to five years, most children should be in a high backed booster seat fastened by an adult seat belt. Make sure it's fitted correctly and the seat belt is comfortable and isn't slack or twisted.

Let them see that you always fasten your seat belt so that they understand that it is part of the routine for every journey.

Whilst child locks are often inconvenient, they need to be switched on as they stop children opening the door while the car is still moving or dashing out unsupervised.

It's also important to always get the children out of the car on the pavement side.

For information on child restraints: www.childcarseats.org.uk



ROOM MEDIA

FUN activity poster inside!

The poster on the other side is for you and your child to complete together as they start primary school.

There are lots of fun activities covering important road safety topics for you both to think about. Why not pin it up at home so that you can talk about it together?



stop, look and LISTEN

Young children like routine so it's important to Stop, Look and Listen every time you cross the road together. When it becomes a habit, they will do it automatically for the rest of their lives.



Stop

Many accidents happen when children either run into the road or walk out from behind parked cars so it's important to always find the safest place to cross. Children need to learn that roads are for traffic and pavements are for people so they must always stop at the kerb before they even think about crossing the road.

Look and listen

Encourage your child to look all around and listen with you before you start to cross. Ask them the question "Is it safe to cross yet?". This will help them to think about safety for themselves. They must also keep looking and listening as they cross as traffic can appear unexpectedly.



take a look AROUND



Children love to tell you all about what they can see and what they can hear! So talk about what's going on around you when you're out together. This will help them to become more observant and to develop their own road safety knowledge and skills.

It's good to talk

We know it's all too easy to get engrossed in our mobile phones. So it's probably a good idea to put yours away when you're out together. This provides the opportunity to talk about what's going on around you and also sets a good example for the day when they will inevitably own a mobile of their own!



Playing I-spy can be great fun! You can also talk about road safety as you go e.g Can you hear the bicycle? Why must you be careful at the bus stop?

small steps BIG STEPS



Children love to copy their parents so you are the best person to teach them how to be safe on the roads.

You can set a good example even when you're in a hurry. If your child sees you crossing without looking or ignoring the safer crossing places, they will assume that it's ok for them to do the same.

Older brothers or sisters can also be invaluable role models but shouldn't be allowed to supervise young children on their own.

Small steps, BIG steps



we do it. By signing it, you are both promising that you will always Stop, Look and Listen before you cross the road.

SAFER CROSSING PLACES Plan a safe route

It's important to plan a safe route to school with your child in mind. This may not be the fastest but it should always be the safest and make as much use as possible of any safer crossing places such as zebra, pelican and puffin crossings or the school crossing patrol.

Making a promise

This promise gives you the opportunity to find out what your child understands about Stop, Look and Listen and why we do it. By signing it, you are both promising that you will always Stop, Look and Listen before you cross the road.

Use the crossing places

Show your child how to use the safer crossing places, for example, let them push the button on the pelican or puffin crossing. Never cross until the green man is lit. Where there is a school crossing patrol, always wait until they have called you on before starting to cross.

Remind them that they must still hold hands and Stop, Look and Listen every time they cross the road.

Point out the dangers of crossing between parked cars, at junctions, roundabouts etc.



Cut out this great bookmark!

ALWAYS HOLD HANDS



Hang this up in your car or inside your front door!





Starting school



ROOM MEDIA

Cut out this great bookmark!

The journey begins!

Starting school is a big adventure!
Here's a picture of me in my new uniform...

Draw or stick your picture here!



BIG hands, little hands

Always hold hands with a grown-up when you go out.

DRAW ROUND YOUR HAND AND COLOR IT IN



Always hold your child's hand when you go out together.
Let them be your first step across.
Watch out for cars appearing from all sides.

Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN



Where do we stop before we cross the road?
Why do we look and listen?

Watch the road.
Look across the road.
Listen when the car is coming.
Wait until the car is gone.

How about singing this little song?

It goes to the tune of "Three Blind Mice"

Steps, look and listen,
Steps, look and listen,
Before you cross the road,
Before you cross the road,
You use your eyes,
You use your eyes,
You use your ears,
You use your ears,
And the bus or car appears,
And the bus or car appears,
Wait then you cross the road!



Small steps, BIG steps

Let's make a promise to always be careful near roads.

We promise to always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN

Children will learn what you do.
The car is going to stop when you stop.
You cross the road.



What can you SEE?

Do you see any of these on your way to school?
Write how many you see.



Ask your grown-up more questions to find out about what you see and hear on the way.
Can you try "copycat" with me as you walk to school? What about "this with my little car"?

Small feet BIG feet

Who do you walk to school with?
Draw them here!



Can you put on your own shoes and coat?



SAFER crossing places



Colour in the lollipop lady!
Can you make her look the same as the little picture?

What does the lollipop lady or man do?



Have you seen these two funny little men anywhere?
What do they tell you to do?

IN and OUT of cars



Can you draw or paint both onto each of the children to make them safe?
Always please use seatbelts when you are in a car.
Always please use your child seat in all of the car's seats.



STOP LOOK and LISTEN



Before you cross the road!

And a reminder for your car!





4 Years and over.

APRIL CRASH COURSE

**Monday 7th- Friday 12th = 4-7pm
(£33.00)**

**Monday 14th-Thursday 17th = 4-7pm
(£26.40)**

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Easter ACTIVE CAMPS

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SAT 19TH APRIL

10 - 4PM

Join us on the castle grounds this Easter for an EGGciting trail



£5
per child

Meet us by the play park to collect your trail map. Clues will direct you around the castle grounds which will help you to find eggs. Return your completed trail sheet and we'll exchange it for a sweet treat prize!

Details on egg rolling times and more about the event can be found on our social media pages

 Easter Eggstravaganza

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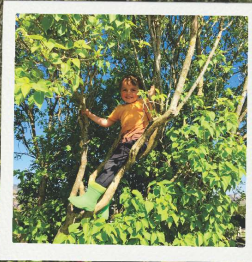


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Age

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Suitable for ages 5 - 16

Monday 18th August - Friday 22nd August

9am - 4pm (packed lunch required)

St. Mary's Centre, Church Street,

Clitheroe, BB7 2DG


Fee - £120 for the week

£30 deposit to reserve place

£90 remainder due by 21st July

Performances
Friday 22nd August
evening
Saturday 23rd
August
matinee

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Cricket Youth Training

Ribblesdale Wanderers Sports Club CIC,
Church Meadow, Brownlow Street,
Clitheroe, BB7 1HQ



Age Groups from 5yrs upwards

Coaching commences every **Friday** from
25th April 2025 from 6.15 p.m. until 8.00
p.m. Coaching lead Bobby Denning ECB
Level 4

There will be a Welcome meet and greet in
the clubhouse from 5.45 p.m. where Annual
Subscription payments can be paid.

All coaches and volunteers are
DBS Checked

New Members Welcome





MARCH 2025

ST MARY'S CENTRE

WHAT'S ON FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

Ken's Quiz

In aid of Clitheroe Parish Church
St Mary Magdalene's

At St Mary's Centre
Church Street Clitheroe BB7 2DG
Free parking on Council Offices Car Park after 6pm

Saturday 29th March 2025

At 7.00 for 7.30

Teams of up to 6 players

£10 per person including supper

Further information and tickets from

Ken or Jo Robinson
01200 428859
07503 175657
07503 165453

Or email: kenrobinson@hotmail.co.uk

The month ahead

MONDAYS

St Mary's playgroup (Term time only)
Tai Chi—11.30am-12.30pm
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

Jujitsu—7.00pm-8.30pm

WEDNESDAYS

Tai Chi—6.30pm-7.30pm
Children's Musical Theatre Drama
Classes - 4.30 - 7.00pm

THURSDAYS

Gong Bath Meditation 6.30-8.30pm (pre-booked only)

FRIDAYS

Line Dancing—10.00am - 12noon

SATURDAYS

Puppy Training—10am-11am

SUNDAYS

Rugby Tots—8.45am- 11.00am (Term time & pre-booked only)

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

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Clitheroe Castle Museum

Flower Power



Saturday 12 April

Summer Flower Potting. Decorate a stake, plant some flower seeds and take them home to grow

Paid event - online booking required. £4 per child. Accompanying adults free.

Please book online by following the QR code or searching Clitheroe Castle Museum Events.

Alternatively call in at the Museum Shop.

MUSEUM ADMISSION DOES NOT APPLY TO TAKE PART



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THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

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