



St Michael & St John's RC Primary School

Lowergate, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 1AG

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

21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Families,



Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life.

The Season of Lent presents a great opportunity to examine our conscience - do we need a change of heart, a change of attitude?

In this Sunday's Gospel, the fig tree represents God's people - it represents all of us.

We are all called to change: to grow and so enrich the world around us - to love as Jesus loved. Pope Francis said "Lent helps us fight against any of our faults. We all can improve and change for the better."

Talk to your child about the changes you and your family are making during Lent.

Lent Masses



We had a slight change to the organised Masses which will now be as follows.

Wednesday 26th March - EYFS, Y1/2 and Y4 at 10.00 am

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

Please join us if you can.



Caritas St Joseph's Penny Box



Please continue to fill the box with change and return it to the school office when full.

Dominic from Cafod

On Wednesday, we welcomed Dominic from Cafod to talk to the children in a whole school assembly about how we can be Pilgrims of Hope by helping those across the world in this Jubilee Year.

Dominic led workshops for Year 1 & 2, Year 3 and Year 5 where they learnt even more about how to be a pilgrim of hope.

To support the very important work of Cafod, we invite our families to take part in The Big Lent Walk.

More details to follow.



Prayer for Pope Francis

We continue to pray for Pope Francis. You may wish to pray at home with your child.

Heavenly Father,

We come before you with prayers for Your servant, Pope Francis

In his time of illness, grant him strength and healing and that he may continue his mission of love, justice and compassion.

Amen

Staffing News - Welcome to the SSMJ Family



The Governing Board have appointed Mr Marc Duckworth as the substantive Deputy Headteacher at SSMJ.

Mr Duckworth currently works at St Mary's Langho and will be joining the SSMJ team in his role as Deputy Headteacher in September. Congratulations and welcome to the team!

World Oral Health Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Oral Health Day. Toothie the beaver encouraged everyone to prioritise their oral health. A happy mouth is a happy mind. The children enjoyed an assembly, classroom activities and their own toothbrush and toothpaste to take home.



School Group Photographs

Have you ordered your school group photo yet?

The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 26th March 2025**.

You can order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit

www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on:

01736 751555 (option 3).

Mother's Day Messages - Don't forget to Buy Your Copy!

Our children have been working hard completing their beautiful and thoughtful Mother's Day messages, which have now been forwarded to the Lancashire Telegraph for publication. Don't forget to pick up your copy of the newspaper on **Wednesday 26th March**.



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 Joshua and Kimberley in Year 4 and Scarlett in Year 6, who all celebrated a birthday this week.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Aleks and Mateusz
Yr 1 & 2	Isla, Arthur, Maisie and Rosie
Yr 3	Tommy, Nora, Riley and Jack
Yr 4	Charlie W, Euan, Marcus and Joseph
Yr 5	Phoebe, Una, Michael and Alex
Yr 6	Scarlett, Erin, Penelope and Alex

Top Table Winners



EYFS - Jessica
Yr 1 - Rupert
Yr 2 - Darcey
Yr 3 - Archie
Yr 4 - Rose
Yr 5 - Roman
Yr 6 - Nancy-Rae

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 24 th March	Book Fair Week
	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm - Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 26 th March	10.00 am - EYFS, Yr 1 & 2 and Yr 4 - Lent Mass
	Mother's Day messages published in the Lancashire Telegraph today - Don't forget to buy your copy today!
	Parents' Evening Appointment times sent out
Thursday 27 th March	Scholastic Book Fair - After school - Cash payments only
Friday 28 th March	PTA - Mother's Day Stall
	Non-uniform day for Chocolate Bingo

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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
	Parent's Evening
Thursday 3 rd April	Parents' Evening
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter
	PTA - Chocolate Bingo
Tuesday 22 nd April	School re-opens
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.

A red poster for a 'Wicked' Easter Theatre Week Camp. The background is a solid red color. On the left side, there are two vertical, striped, horn-like structures. On the right side, there is a black silhouette of a witch's hat. The text is white and centered. The word 'Wicked' is the largest, in a bold, sans-serif font. Below it, 'Easter Theatre Week Camp' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. The dates 'Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April 2025' are listed below that, followed by 'Drop off 8:30am - 9am' and 'Pick up 3:30pm'. The location 'St Mary's Centre, Clitheroe, BB7 2DG' and the price '£130 per child' are listed next. A note '(Little Voices pupil discount available)' is at the bottom of the text block. At the very bottom, there is a 'HOW TO BOOK' section with an email icon and address 'bdrv@littlevoices.org.uk' and a phone icon and number '07717 711715'.

For ages 5-16

Wicked

Easter Theatre Week Camp

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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  07717 711715

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 HANDS AND COLOR THEM!



Always hold your child's hand when you go out together.
Let them be your first car driver.
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 and listen!
Listen when the car is approaching the road.

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 and you will 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 surveyor how many of these you see on your way to school? What about "this" with my bus?

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 is this crossing called?
Can you guess why?



Can you draw a seat belt onto each of the children to make them safe?



Always wear your seat belt when you are in a car.
Always wear your seat belt when you are in a car.

STOP LOOK and LISTEN



And a reminder for your car!

BELT UP in the car





4 Years and over.

APRIL CRASH COURSE

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

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

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





Department
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Easter ACTIVE CAMPS

Book your child's **FREE** place at our fun, inclusive Active Camps for children **aged 4 - 11 years old**, with the HAF scheme.

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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

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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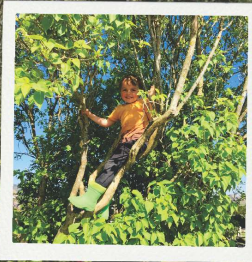


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We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



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£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

Reception - Age 13

Easter Holiday Club

7th - 11th April & 14th - 17th April

*Birthday parties also available year round
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Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



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Encore Tuition will be staging their very own 'show in a week' with the Broadway Junior musical based on the hit Disney film! Sign up now to avoid disappointment and reserve your place - you're welcome!

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



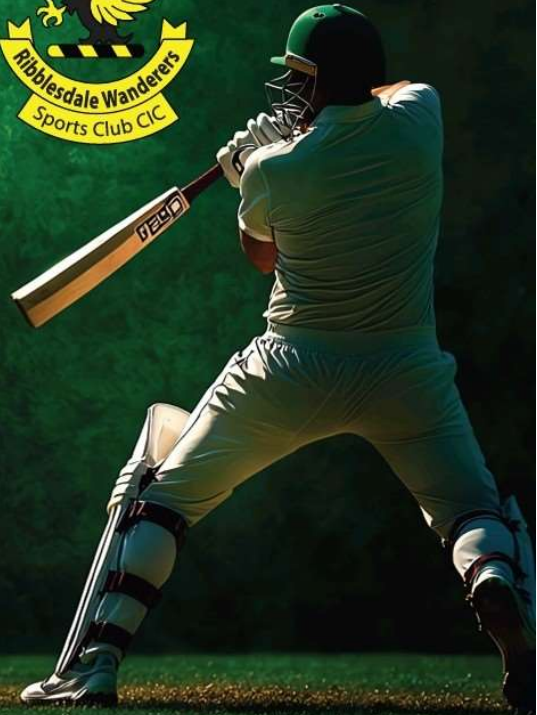
Age Groups from 5yrs upwards

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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