



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.*

14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Families,



We all need encouragement especially in difficult times. Sunday's Gospel tells of a time of encouragement to the three disciples. For the first time they received a glimpse of the awesome divinity of Jesus. But soon they would go through difficult times and see Jesus crucified. So beforehand, God tells them to listen to Jesus and allows them to see Jesus for who he really is.

Following Jesus isn't always easy. But if, like the disciples, we listen to Jesus, we will experience the encouragement that God offers freely to each one of us.

Talk to your child about how they can be more like Jesus especially we journey through Lent.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

First
Reconciliation



This morning Miss Massaro, Mrs Younis and I took the children over to church as they undertook their Sacrament of First reconciliation with Father Paul. It was a lovely occasion and the children were very reverent and showed excellent understanding. The children were also supported by their friends in Year 3.

We are very proud of them all and thank Father Paul for guiding and supporting them and Miss Massaro and our families for preparing them.

Father Paul spoke to the children about how important it is that they are attending Mass each week as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion.



Lent Masses



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

Wednesday 26th March - EYFS, Y4 and Y6 at 10am
Wednesday 2nd April - Y1/2, Y3 and Y5 at 10am

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.

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

CAFOD

On Wednesday Dominic from Cafod will be visiting school. Dominic will lead a whole school assembly then delivers some workshops with classes.

Staffing News



Congratulations to Mrs Russell who has been appointed by the Governing Board as 'Acting Assistant Headteacher' until the end of the school year.

Clitheroe Cluster Computing Event

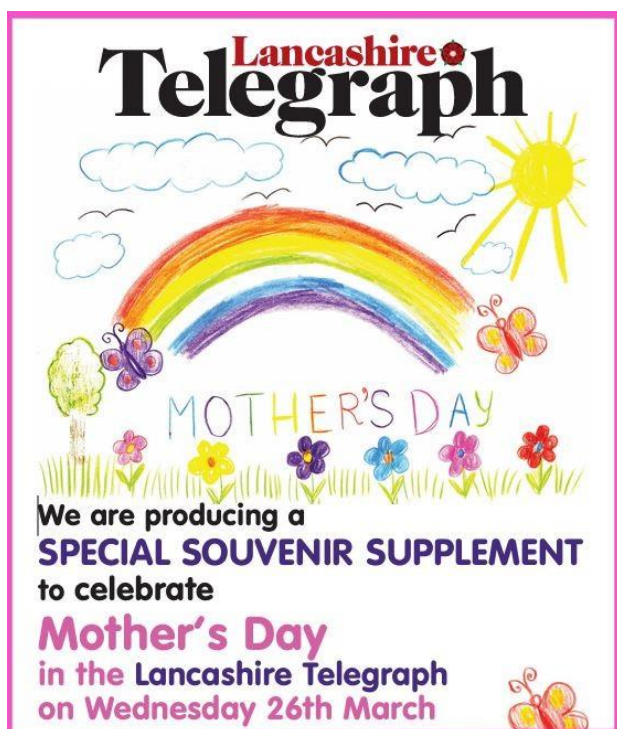
Some of our Year 2 children took part in a computing event at Pendle Primary School on Tuesday morning and they had a fantastic time. They used several programmes and apps that were new to them and learnt lots of new skills. They created music and sounds on different platforms to represent animals and took photos outside to import into their work. Mrs Canavan even learnt a thing or two! The children's behaviour was impeccable, and they represented SSMJ wonderfully. What a fun morning!

Thank you to Mrs Canavan for supporting them.



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**.



Football News



Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 boys who took part in the inter-school B League fixtures on Monday. The boys played brilliantly and notched up wins against Read, St Mary's Osbaldeston and Waddington and West Bradford. Well done boys!

Thank you to Mr Currid for taking them.

Girls Football Day

A few more pictures below as promised in the last week's newsletter, from the Girls Football day which took place last Friday.



Johnson Matthey Competition

The winning team from St Michael & St John's were lucky enough to go and compete against some other local schools in the Johnson Matthey Amazon Challenge. It took place at The Grand on Tuesday. The children from SSMJ fought hard at every challenge and even won one but unfortunately they did not win overall. The children really enjoyed the challenges they were given and some lovely teamwork skills were shown. The children were, as always, brilliant representatives of our school.

Thank you to Miss Matthews and Miss Mabbott for taking them.



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

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Cora and Coby
Yr 1 & 2	Liberty, Lily, Betsy and Seb
Yr 3	Orla, Finley, Freddie and Noah
Yr 4	Rosie, Joseph, Kimberley and Ruby
Yr 5	Mia, Eleanor, Roman and Theo
Yr 6	Curtis, Isaak, Ava and Scarlett

Top Table Winners



EYFS - Layton

Yr 1 - Lily

Yr 2 - Betsy

Yr 3 - Finley

Yr 4 - Frank

Yr 5 - Alexander

Yr 6 - Charlie P

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 19 th March	Cafod Visit
Saturday 22 nd March	Laudato Gardening
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, Years 4 & 6 - Lent Mass
	Mother's Day messages published in the Lancashire Telegraph today - Don't forget to buy your copy today!
Friday 28 th March	PTA - Mother's Day Stall
	Non-uniform day for Chocolate Bingo

Monday 31 st March	Year 6 - Go Velo - Bikability Course
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 6 - Go Velo - Bikability Course
Wednesday 2 nd April	EYFS - Go Velo - Bikability Course
Wednesday 2 nd April	Parent's Evening
	Reports sent home
	10.00 am - Years 1, 2, 3 & 5 - Lent Mass
Thursday 3 rd April	Parents' Evening
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter
	PTA - Chocolate Bingo

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.



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  07717 711715

The poster features a red background with illustrations of striped legs in red shoes and a black witch hat.



Welcome to the water

Swim England

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.

4 Years and over.



Ribble Valley
Borough Council
www.ribblevalley.gov.uk



Swim
England



Department
for Education



FUN,
FOOD,
FRIENDS



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.

Children will enjoy a wide range of activities each day including **Dodgeball, Archery, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Football and Laser Tag and many more!**



ROEFIELD LEISURE
EDISFORD ROAD
CLITHEROE
BB9 3LA

**FREE MEAL
PROVIDED FOR
EVERY CHILD!**

MON 7TH - THURS 10TH APRIL 2025

9am - 4pm

WWW.PROSPORTCOACHING.CO.UK

Lancashire
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Council 

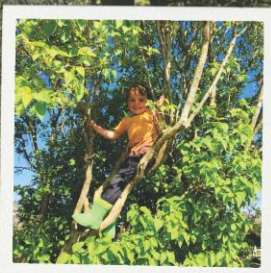


Wild Explorers

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

Easter Holiday Club

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

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



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



hello@wildexplorers.org.uk



www.wildexplorers.org.uk

Clitheroe Mosque Event

Clitheroe Mosque look forward to welcoming everyone on Sunday. The fasting times for those who wish to try fasting on the day will be: 4.22am start, 6.21pm end. The fast means not only leaving our food and drink, but also from controlling ones anger, tongue and limbs from hurting others! We hope you look forward to the challenge!



You are invited!

Sunday 16th March 2025
From 5pm

Clitheroe Mosque invites you to be a guest at an Iftar meal (a celebratory meal to break the fast) hosted at:

93-97 Lowergate, Clitheroe, BB7 1AG

We welcome people from all faiths & backgrounds interested in connecting with the community & learning about other cultures.

Share in the blessings, build bonds and explore different cultures this Ramadan.



Register/Contact:
Tel: 07973360320
Email:
info@clitheroemosque.org
www.tasteramadan.co.uk



Mosque at the Mount

Scan me to learn more details

ENCORE

TUITION



HOW FAR WILL YOU GO THIS SUMMER?

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

 [encoretuition2024](https://www.instagram.com/encoretuition2024)

 [Encore Tuition](https://www.facebook.com/EncoreTuition)

www.encoretuition.co.uk
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Cricket Youth Training

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



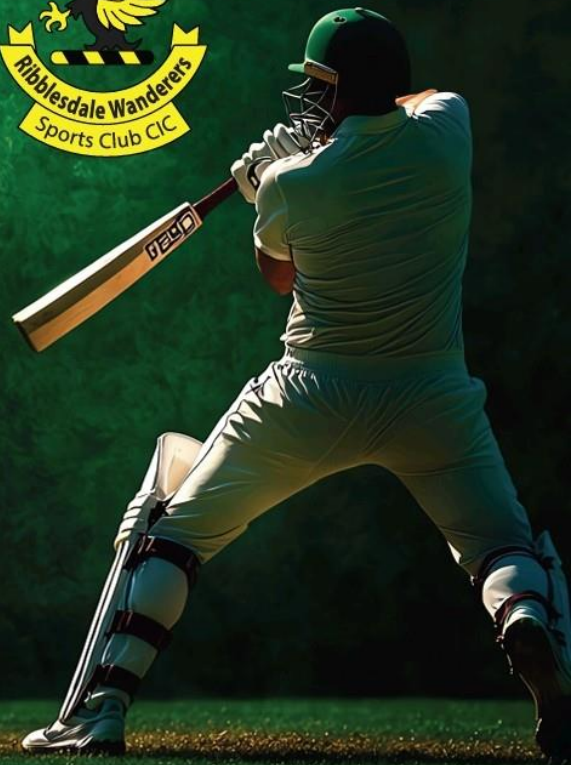
Age Groups from 5yrs upwards

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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