



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.*

7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

Ash Wednesday and the Sunday Gospel



On Wednesday, the GIFT Team and I led an Ash Wednesday Liturgy as we all began our Lenten journey with our whole school receiving the ashes and reflecting on how they will fast, pray and give this Lent. The children wrote Lenten promises.



In this Sunday's Gospel we reflect on how Jesus relied on God's word to resist temptation. Lent is a time for us to make an extra effort to listen carefully to God's word, to turn away from things which are wrong for ourselves or others, to grow in love, and to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

Ask your child what their Lenten promise is and how you as parents/carers can support them with this.



Caritas St Joseph's Penny Box

Your child will be bringing home the annual St Joseph's Penny box as part of our 'giving' this Lent as we support the work of Caritas. Please fill the box with change and return it to the school office when full.

Prayer for Pope Francis

This week 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

Thank you to Local Businesses for Book Donations

At the weekend Ribble Valley Tales Bookshop and Natalie Bristol ran a competition on social media for schools and nurseries to win a selection of Usborne books. SSMJ were very lucky and won a selection of Wellbeing books kindly donated by Low Moor Club and Castle Chippy. The Wellbeing Missionary Disciples would like to say a big thank you to all those involved and especially anyone who voted for us. They are going to display the books in our wellbeing areas in Key Stage 1 and 2.



World Book Day



On Thursday the children were incredibly lucky to take part in World Book Day. There were some fantastic costumes to be seen. All the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities from library searches, 'Oracy Battles' and taking part in paired reading with some of the older children.



Some of the children also took part in creating 'Tube Characters'. There were some amazing creations. We

loved seeing how much work each child had put into each one. The reading Ambassadors very kindly judged all the entries and looked at what the children had managed to create. Congratulations to all our winners:

EYFS: Zane & Coby

Year 1/2 : Renato, Betsy & India

Year 3: Darcey & Paul

Year 4: Rose & Kimberley

Year 5: Isabella and Edie & Una

Year 6: Michael C



A massive thank you to all the parents who went to so much trouble of organising some amazing costumes and 'tube characters'. A good day was had by all!

Wellbeing Warriors

The Wellbeing Missionary Disciples want to welcome Theodore in Year 6, as their new Wellbeing Warrior, after winning the class vote before half term. We wish him well in his new role.

Motivational Speaker Bart Gee

On Tuesday we were incredibly lucky to have Bart Gee at our school. Bart was born with a disability called Arthrogryposis, Bart explained how doctors said he would never walk. However, Bart has turned his disability into a possibility. The children were amazed to learn how Bart has been able to adapt, enabling him to take part in many different activities such as swimming, table tennis, diving and playing the piano. Thank you to Bart for this motivational speech which has inspired all our staff and children. Bart explained how he turned 'Disability in to possibility'.

You can view some of Bart's achievements here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sANDTH1QyDA>



Burnley Football Club World Book Day Donations

Earlier this year, Burnley Football Club applied for a book donation through The Literacy Trust and the EFL Diverse Books Scheme, and have been selected to receive a donation of books.

In celebration of World Book Day, we are excited to offer these books, along with some additional ones, to our valued partner schools.

Thank you very much to Burnley Football Club who we work very closely with and we look forward to receiving our books shortly. This is a lovely way to celebrate World Book Day ensuring the children have a wide selection of books available to help develop that passion for reading.

Burnley Football Club Goodie Bags

Thank you to Lianne Bradford who returned to SSMJ today to present our 8 years 5 and 6 girls who represented BFC recently, with goodie bags. The girls were so impressed with their gifts. Thank you to BFC!



Stem Challenge

Congratulations to Eliza, Riley, Louis, Charlie P and Benjamin who's group won the Johnson Matthey STEM Challenge for SSMJ and as their score was so high they made it through to final which is taking place at The Grand on 11th March.

EYFS Visit to Clitheroe Castle



On Tuesday the EYFS children went to Clitheroe Castle and to the museum. They really enjoyed making a castle out of sand and learning all about the defences that the castle used to have. The children then looked around the castle before taking part in a dragon race. The children listened well, learned lots and represented the school exceptionally.



Girls Football Day

Wow! What a great day we have had!

To celebrate Girls' Football Day, which is part of tomorrow's National Women's day, the girls of SSMJ enjoyed a special football session. The session was led by Ross from Clitheroe Wolves, local women's footballer and parent Jules Driver, Mr Currid and Mrs Canavan from school. The girls showed a fantastic attitude and impressed the coaches and adults with their skills. We are definitely lucky to have such talented and wonderful girls here at SSMJ and the future looks really bright for girls' football, both at our school and in the local area. Who knows, we may have the next future captain of England right here at school!

If anyone is interested in joining a football team, please contact Clitheroe Wolves on the contact details provided on their website

<https://clitheroewolvesfc.co.uk/contact-us/>

A big thank you once again to Ross, Jules, Mr Currid and Mrs Canavan for helping us to put on this special day for our girls!

Here are some photos from our morning session with Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2. Please look out for the photos from Years 3,4,5 and 6 in next week's edition of the newsletter.



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	Jessica
Yr 1 & 2	Ada, Hollie, Lyla and Renato
Yr 3	Noah, Rocco, Daniel and Archie
Yr 4	Hubert, Harry, Sadie and Harry
Yr 5	Penny, Jacob, Nahri and Tristan
Yr 6	Ava-Rose, Louis, Emily and Chase

Top Table Winners



EYFS - Mateusz

Yr 1 - Lilly

Yr 2 - Ada

Yr 3 - Paul

Yr 4 - William

Yr 5 - Theo

Yr 6 - Alex



Happy birthday to Dexter in Year 5, who celebrated a birthday this week.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Saturday 8 th March	Laudato Gardening
Monday 10 th March	Ribble Valley League B Football
Wednesday 12 th March	10.00 am - Years 1 & 2 and Year 4 - Lent Mass
Friday 14 th March	Reconciliation (during the school day, children only).
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 and Year 6 - Lent Mass
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 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.

A red poster for a 'Wicked' Easter Theatre Week Camp. The background is solid red. On the left, there are two vertical, striped, leg-like shapes. On the right, there is a black silhouette of a witch's hat. The text is white and centered. At the top right, it says 'For ages 5-16'. The main title 'Wicked' is in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, 'Easter Theatre Week Camp' is in a slightly smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The dates 'Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April 2025' are centered below the title. Underneath the dates are the times: 'Drop off 8:30am - 9am' and 'Pick up 3:30pm'. The location 'St Mary's Centre, Clitheroe, BB7 2DG' is centered below the times. The price '£130 per child' is centered below the location, with a smaller line of text '(Little Voices pupil discount available)' underneath it. At the bottom left, it says 'HOW TO BOOK' followed by an envelope icon and the email address 'bdrv@littlevoices.org.uk'. At the bottom right, it says '© 07717 711715'.

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**LANCASHIRE
MUSIC SERVICE**

WIND ENSEMBLE

For children in year 4 and above

Beginners welcome

Instruments will be provided during the ensemble session

Begins 27th February 2025

Thursday, 4pm - 5pm



**St Augustines's RC High School
Elker Lane, Billington, Clitheroe BB7 9JA**

**SIGN UP: [https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration?
signupSchoolID=1610#/Course/1058/0/6575/1610](https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1610#/Course/1058/0/6575/1610)**



**Lancashire
Music Hub**

**For more information email:
victoria.fletcher@lancashire.gov.uk**





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



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.



Scan me to register your interest

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



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

Cricket Youth Training

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



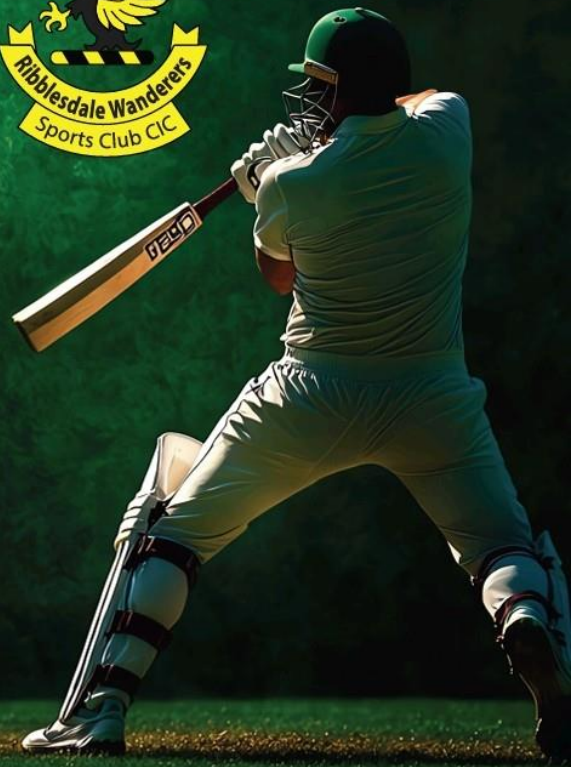
Age Groups from 5yrs upwards

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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