



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 February 2025**

Dear Parents and Families,

### Sunday Gospel



Graphics by Lauren Harper

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus told a parable to his disciples. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces. You cannot pick figs or grapes from brambles. A good person does good things out of the good stored up in their heart; a bad person does bad things out of the badness in their heart. Your words show what is in your heart.

Jesus is using parables - short stories - to teach us important lessons. Just as good fruit is a sign of a good tree, so our words and actions show what is truly inside our heart.

Ask your child what the saying, 'Actions speak louder than words' means to them.

### Prayer for Pope Francis

This week we have joined in prayer for Pope Francis. You may wish to pray at home with your child.

This was the prayer we said together today:

*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*





To Layton in EYFS who has joined us this week.

### SSMJ Represent BFC at the Girls under 11 Premier League Regional Final at Blackburn Rovers.



On Wednesday, 8 of our girls from years 5 and 6 - Annabelle, Emily, Erin, Una, Nahri, Eleanor, Issy and Phoebe represented BFC at the regional finals. The competition was tough as the girls played against teams from Preston, Blackpool, Bolton, Blackburn Rovers and more. The girls had a great day and played the best they could. Whilst not making it through to the National finals, this was an achievement in itself and they had a great day. They even had their photo taken with the Premier League Trophy.

Thank you to Lianne Bradford (Education Manager at BFC) and Dom (BFC coach) for supporting the girls. Thank you to Mrs Ireland who supported with transport and to Mr Currid who accompanied the girls.



### Car Park

A polite reminder that cars **MUST NOT** park on the school car park in no designated spaces. This is so we can keep the children safe. Staff might also need to leave school at 3.30 for meetings or events or might arrive with children from an event so they are back safely for home time. Please be respectful and ensure only designated spaces are used. Spaces are available in the area next to the car park near the mosque.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping all of our children safe.

## Our Wonderful PTA Surprise SSMJ with New Kits



This morning in Celebration assembly 3 members of our PTA surprised the children at SSMJ by sharing with them the new kits the PTA have sponsored. The children have needed and been asking for new kits for some time. Thank s to the PTA we now have kits for football and for other competitions such as Cross Country.

Our PTA work in a voluntary capacity and work tirelessly to put on events and to raise money for the children at SSMJ. A HUGE thank you to our wonderful PTA!



## 'Biggest Ever Girls Football Session' - Friday 7th March

Next Friday we are following an initiative by the FA to take part in the 'Biggest Ever Girls Football Session'. The aim from the FA is to get as many girls as possible in school all playing football on the same day! The girls will have the opportunity to try out new skills and enjoy spending time together as a group. The girls are invited to wear football kits, PE kits or other suitable clothing on the day. We are looking forward to this exciting event.

## Year 6 Extended sessions

Extended lessons are now taking place on a Monday after school.

## KS1 Dance Event



Some year 1 & 2 children had an incredible time at St Augustine's High School last night at the Dance Festival. We all joined in dancing with different props and creating a whole group dance which we were able to perform from the Musical 'The Greatest Showman'. The children were very well behaved and represented the school well. Thank you to all the children who came and showed off their dancing skills.



## Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Zane and Layton
Yr 1 & 2	Anthony, Harper, India and Igor
Yr 3	Paul, Theo, Hugo and Archibold
Yr 4	Frank, Charlie, William and Rose
Yr 5	Jake, Willow, Jacob and Dexter
Yr 6	Annabel, Alex, Scarlett and Charlie

## Top Table Winners



EYFS - Alfred

Yr 1 - Max

Yr 2 - Betsy

Yr 3 - Riley

Yr 4 - Rosie

Yr 5 - Edgar

Yr 6 - Isaak

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Tempest Photography - Class Group Photographs
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS - School Trip to the Castle
	Years 3, 4 and 5 - Breaking Limits Workshop & Assembly Motivational Speaker - Bart Gee
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Girls' Football Day
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Laudato Gardening
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Ribble Valley League B Football
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am - Years 1 & 2 and Year 4 - Lent Mass
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Reconciliation (during the school day, children only).
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Cafod Visit
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Laudato Gardening

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair Week
	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm - Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 am - EYFS and Year 6 - Lent Mass
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA - Mother's Day Stall
	Non-uniform day for Chocolate Bingo
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 6 - Go Velo - Bikability Course
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 6 - Go Velo - Bikability Course
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	EYFS - Go Velo - Bikability Course
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parent's Evening
	Reports sent home
	10.00 am - Years 3 & 5 - Lent Mass
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents' Evening
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 word 'Wicked' is written in large white letters, with two striped legs in red and black shoes appearing to hold the letters 'i' and 'c'. To the right of the title is a witch's hat. The text on the poster provides details about the camp dates, times, location, and price.

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](mailto:bdrv@littlevoices.org.uk)  07717 711715



**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>**



**Lancashire  
Music Hub**

**For more information email:  
[victoria.fletcher@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.fletcher@lancashire.gov.uk)**



**BIGGEST EVER  
FOOTBALL SESSION**  
7th March 2025

**WE'RE CELEBRATING  
FEMALE  
EMPOWERMENT  
ON THE 7TH MARCH  
AT BIGGEST EVER  
FOOTBALL SESSION**

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**#LET  
GIRLS  
PLAY**

**BARCLAYS  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL  
SCHOOL  
PARTNERSHIPS**  
BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL



*You are invited!*

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 be a guest!

Register/Contact:  
Tel: 07973360320  
Email:  
[info@clitheroemosque.org](mailto:info@clitheroemosque.org)  
[www.tasteramadan.co.uk](http://www.tasteramadan.co.uk)



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](http://www.encoretuition.co.uk)  
[encoretuition@outlook.com](mailto:encoretuition@outlook.com)

# 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**

