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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 February 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

Sunday Gospel



In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter is finally successful and realises his true calling because he listens to and follows Jesus' instructions. It's important to make the right choice about who or what we follow in life. Jesus invites us to make following him our most important priority.

We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, try to make peace, and make others feel welcome. Choosing to follow him is not always easy but it really does guide and help our families to keep growing in wisdom and love.

Talk to your child about how they can follow Jesus even in the simple things they do in their lives every day, and how they can make life better for everyone around us.

Sacramental Program

Letters have now been sent out which include all the dates for the preparation sessions and the dates for First Reconciliation (children and staff only) and First Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

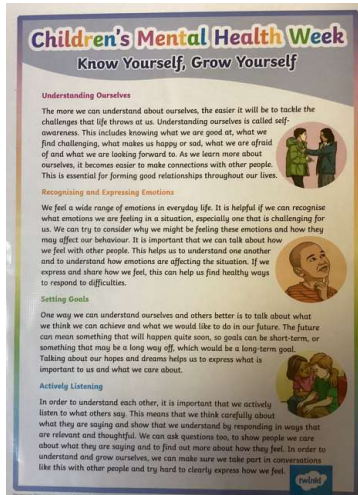
Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



Last week Bishop John blessed an anchor for every school in the Diocese as part of the Jubilee year 2025. We are called to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. During this Jubilee year, we will be thinking about what this means for us.



Children's Mental Health Week - 3rd - 7th February



This week the children have been learning about the theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week, which is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. The Wellbeing Missionary Disciples presented an informative assembly to the rest of the school and classes have been taking part in wellbeing activities. Year 1 & 2 have been playing a game with their feelings and emotions dice, answering interesting questions about times when they have felt happy, sad or embarrassed, what their favourite holidays are and what strengths they have. They also enjoyed doing word searches, drawing and colouring pictures and thinking up poems and acrostics on this year's theme.

Dance Festival

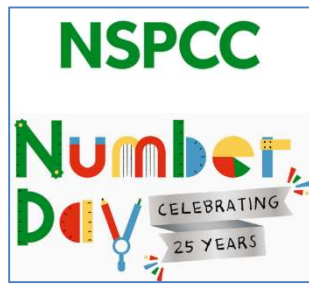
Last week, four of our Year 1 children went to Brookside School to take part in the Year 1 dance festival. They had lots of fun and worked amazingly well together. Thank you to Mrs Matthews for accompanying them.



Y6 Parent Meeting for SATs and Residential

Thank you to all the parents and relatives who attended the meeting on Monday night. We hope you found it useful. PowerPoints have been shared for those who could not attend or for you to refer back to. More details will be provided in due course. Thank you to Miss Harkin for supporting me at this event.

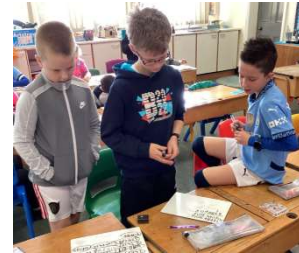
NSPCC Number Day



Today we celebrated NSPCC Number Day.

For a donation of £1 or more, to support this good cause and to show how much we love maths at SSMJ, children dressed up as a number or in non-uniform which included one or more numbers.

The children took part in various number activities during the day to mark the event.



Phonics Workshops

Thank you to parents and relatives who attended these in person or online. We hope you found them useful. Thank you to Miss Massaro for leading on these.

Clubs and Afterschool Activities

Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Choir	All Years	Mrs Russell	Tuesday Lunchtime
Burnley Football Club	5 & 6	Burnley Football Club	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Create Art Club	All Years	Create Art Club - Mrs Troughton	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Just Dance	1, 2 & 3	Miss Massaro	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Year 6 Extended	Year 6	Miss Harkin	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Jessica and Cora
Yr 1 & 2	Liberty, Riley, Theo and Harper
Yr 3	Alarna, Archie, Alessandro and Theo
Yr 4	Sid, Hubert, Ruby and Rosie
Yr 5	Alexander, Edgar, Elsie-May and Kaylar
Yr 6	Alfie, Ava, Nate, Theodore and Scarlett

Top Table Winners



EYFS - Cora
Yr 1 - Thomas
Yr 2 - Isla
Yr 3 - Nora
Yr 4 - Frank
Yr 5 - Henry
Yr 6 - Eliza



Happy birthday to: Jack in Year 3 and Jessica in EYFS who celebrate a birthday this week.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the sick
Thursday 13 th February	DT Showcase 3.00pm - 3.20pm - Parent's invited into the school hall to view children's DT work
Friday 14 th February	School Closes for half term PTA Neon Disco
Monday 24 th February	INSET Day - School closed for pupils Ribble Valley League A Football - see separate letter
Tuesday 25 th February	School re-opens for pupils
Thursday 27 th February	KS1 Dance festival - St Augustine's
Monday 3 rd March	Tempest Photography - Class Group Photographs
Tuesday 4 th March	EYFS - School Trip to the Castle
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Girls Football Day
Monday 24 th March	Book Fair Week 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm - Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
Friday 28 th March	PTA - Mother's Day Stall Non-uniform day for Chocolate Bingo
Monday 10 th March	Ribble Valley League B Football
Wednesday 2 nd April	Parent's Evening Reports sent home
Thursday 3 rd April	Parent's Evening
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter

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.

Ribble Valley Borough Council - The Arts Excellence Grants

The Arts Excellence Grants are designed to assist young talented performer's progress in their chosen activity. The main aim of the scheme is to help with the cost of tuition, travel, and equipment. To be eligible the young people should be over the age of 9, in full time education & live in Ribble Valley. Grants are available for the following performance arts activities:

- Dance
- Drama
- Instrumental Music
- Singing

The deadline for applications is the 14th February 2025.

Follow this web link to see more information on the application process, apply online or download an application form [Arts Excellence Award - Ribble Valley Borough Council](#)

Love Clitheroe Holiday Fun is back!

This February Half Term, come and take part in games, crafts and activities at the churches in Clitheroe each morning (Monday-Thursday), followed by a free lunch. These fun mornings are really suitable for children aged 0-11 with their parents or carers and are completely free of charge, but booking is essential.

Booking opens at 9am on Monday 3rd February at www.loveclitheroe.com/holidayfun

Half term Dog's Trust Fund at Clitheroe Library

Over half term, we are working with the Dog Trust Fund to help teach people, particularly children, to be safe around dogs and wondered if you could put the information on your school newsletter.

It will take place on **Thursday 20/02/2025 (10:30am to 12:00pm)**

This workshops will include a variety of games, crafts, and role play to allow for lots of fun and interaction. The aim is to teach everyone how to be safe around dogs and learn how to keep a dog happy and healthy.

The Dog Trust Fund do not bring real dogs to the workshops, but instead use realistic stuffy dogs for pets and cuddles.

This is free event but is booking required. This can be done in the library or on the library What's On page. [LCC Events](#)

Volunteer opportunities with Home Start

We are currently in need for volunteers in the Hyndburn area, especially for our maternity support including pre-birth and post-natal in their homes and our school readiness support.

Parents can ring our office on 01282 690536 or contact Rachael direct on 07702555078 for more information. They can also view our website www.homestarteastlancs.org and apply to become a volunteer through there.

If you would like to help us support families please consider donating or sharing the link provided: <https://localgiving.org/donation/home-start-in-east-lancashire/start>



Community Genetics



Counselling



Trustee



Groups



Other Volunteering
Opportunities
at Home-Start



School Readiness



Home-Visiting



Fundraising



SEN Coffee morning

Volunteering Opportunities Maternity



Maternity

"Maternity Ward" volunteers visit the Lancashire Women and New Born Centre in Burnley offering emotional support to parents on NICU, Post-natal and Ante-natal wards

Pre- Birth

Our "Pre-birth" support volunteers visit a first time mum to be at home helping them to get ready for baby's arrival and for motherhood



First 10 Days

"First 10 days" volunteers support first time mums when they first come home with baby. Providing practical and emotional guidance, helping a new mum to cope.



Other Volunteering Opportunities are available at Home-Start

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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February Fun



Where am I hiding?

Will you take up the challenge and join the hunt? Can you help us find all the dinosaurs hiding in the museum galleries. Search high and low, and let us know how many you find. If you find them all, you might be our lucky monthly prize winner. No need to book, daily drop in event. Free with museum admission.

Roar-some craft

Enjoy some pre-historic fun this half term with our dino-tastic crafts. Choose your favourite ceramic dinosaur and get creative in our craft area. £2.50 whilst stock lasts. No need to book, daily drop in event between 12 noon and 4pm. Museum admission does not apply to craft activities.



Discover Dinosaurs this half term

- ⇒ Dig out your costume and travel back to the prehistoric era as you learn about these fascinating creatures.
- ⇒ Don't forget to take a selfie with Roary, our resident iguanodon.
- ⇒ Then enjoy all things dino with our daily drop in dino-mite event.



Games

Puzzles

Storytime

Colouring

Fun facts



Don't forget to pick up your dino souvenirs from the gift shop.

Open Daily, all kids go free

Find details of all our activities and events on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or visit our website at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/clitheroe-castle-museum> or via the QR code.



FEBRUARY 2025

ST MARY'S CENTRE

WHAT'S ON FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

**CLASS
FREE**



COMING JANUARY 2025

Brand new drama & musical theatre classes

Start date: Wednesday 15th January
Location: St. Mary's Centre, Clitheroe, BB7 2DG

Class times:
4 - 7 years: 4:30pm - 5:15pm
8 - 11 years: 5:15pm - 6pm
12 - 18 years: 6pm - 7pm

£5 per class

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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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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB

Pendle Primary, Clitheroe, BB7 2AL

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February



Full day: £25

08:30-16:30

Half day: £15

08:30-12:30 or 12:30-16:30

Full course discount £110 for the whole week!!



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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

February Holiday Club

17th - 21st February

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



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



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