



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.*

10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy New Year, we hope you have had a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We have had quite a week with the weather, but are proud that we managed to stay open every day, particularly as many of our staff travel quite some distance to school and the weather is not always as kind in other areas. I would like to thank the staff who have made every effort to get here every day and those who have helped with gritting and shovelling snow to make the grounds safe.

Please check the dates at the end of the newsletter for events this term.



Sunday Gospel

In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast - the Baptism of the Lord. The New Year presents an opportunity to remember, or to discover, the blessings received at Baptism. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins his mission to the world when the Holy Spirit comes down upon him - the same Spirit we receive through Baptism and Confirmation.



Ask your child what they know about baptism. Ask them if they know what any of the symbols of baptism represent (e.g. candle, water, oil, white garment, and the sign of the cross).

School Meals

Our cook Amanda has been looking at the children's likes and dislikes and has worked hard to make some adjustments to our lunch menu so that the children have a choice each day of something they enjoy.

School catering has to abide by set standards so menus can only be changed in line with these. One of the changes is the addition of a sandwich option every day.

The new menus are live on Parentpay.

Please ensure you make daily meal choices as far in advance as possible, so the kitchen can buy the correct amount of supplies for the upcoming menus, meaning we have less wastage and more children enjoying their chosen meals.

PE Days

Year Group	PE Days
Year 1 & 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 4	Monday & Friday
Year 5	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday & Friday

Thank you to the parents who have provided positive feedback in relation to children now changing for PE (as we did pre-covid). We understand change can be difficult, but I would like to reassure and remind you that this will be a requirement in all primary schools from September and for our older children is an important part of their preparation for high school.

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 Fullalove	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm

NHS Pharmacy First Service



Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

For more information, please follow the links below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/>

<https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>

Come and Experience our 'Outstanding' Catholic School in Action

Does your child start school in September 2025?

If so, the closing date for primary applications for September 2025 is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

We are a catholic school but this does not mean your child has to be Catholic to attend. We welcome children of all faiths and backgrounds and are a fully inclusive school.

Please read our recent Catholic School Inspection Report and most recent Ofsted Report to find out a little more about our school.

<https://www.ssmj.lancs.sch.uk/catholic-school-inspection-report-july-2024/>

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-michael-and-st-johns-roman-catholic-primary-school/UploadedDocument/351cc94c-156c-465c-988b-aef044b83365/10268317-st-michael-and-st-johns-roman-catholic-primary-school-clith.pdf>

Primary School Admissions

From Sunday 1 September: School admissions are now open

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: [Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. National closing date for Primary applications is **Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Cora Headteacher Award: Aleks
Yr 1 & 2	Layla, Katy and Rupert Headteacher Award: Hollie
Yr 3	Leo, George and Noah Headteacher Award: Hugo
Yr 4	Marcus, Joshua and Kimberley Headteacher Award: Ruby
Yr 5	Tristan, Lula-Rose and Eleanor Headteacher Award: Willow
Yr 6	Charlie S, Charlie P and Alex Headteacher Award: Nate

Top Table Winners

EYFS - Aleks
Yr 1 - Freya
Yr 2 - Wiktoria
Yr 3 - Rocco
Yr 4 - Marcus
Yr 5 - Edie
Yr 6 - Charlie S



Happy birthday to: Aleks in EYFS, Sebastian in Year 2 and Oliver in Year 5 who all celebrate a birthday this week. Mrs Fullalove will also celebrate her birthday this weekend!

Invitation for Music Lessons

If your child wishes to sign up for music lessons, please find the signing up link below. Parents should use the section in the bottom left corner 'Lessons in School (Parental Direct Payment scheme) to enrol their children for lessons.

[Registration - Cultural Services: Lancashire Music Service \(speedadmin.dk\)](http://speedadmin.dk)

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 23 rd January	Years 5 & 6 - Ribble Valley Athletics
Saturday 25 th January	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Nearly New Sale in School
Tuesday 28 th January	Dogs Trust Workshop
Thursday 30 th January	Year 1 - Clitheroe Cluster Dance Event - Brookside School
Monday 3 rd February	5.00 pm - Year 6 Parent Meeting - SATs and Borwick Hall
Tuesday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the sick
Friday 14 th February	School Closes for half term PTA Neon Disco

Date	Event
Monday 24 th February	INSET Day - School closed for pupils
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 National Number 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
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

Take Care & God Bless.

Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher

Notices from other companies/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.



The poster features a purple and blue background with a crown graphic. At the top left is the Premier League logo and the text 'Premier League Kicks'. At the top right is the Burnley Football Club logo. The central text reads 'Free! PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS SPORTS DAY' in large, stylized fonts. Below this, it says 'SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY, 12PM - 3PM' and lists activities: 'Football • Climbing • Kurling • Boccia • Netball and more!'. Two age-specific time slots are provided: 'AGES 8 - 13 12PM - 1:30PM' and 'AGES 14 - 18 1:30PM - 3PM'. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, and contact information for Kim is in the bottom right. The Leisure Box logo is in the bottom left.

Premier League Kicks

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FC

Free! PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS
SPORTS DAY

THE LEISURE BOX

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• Football • Climbing • Kurling • Boccia • Netball and more!

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TO BOOK THIS FANTASTIC EVENT,
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
KIM AT [K.SNOOKS@BURNLEYFC.COM](mailto:k.snooks@burnleyfc.com)

JANUARY 2024

ST MARY'S CENTRE

WHAT'S ON FOR THE MONTH AHEAD

CLITHEROE PARISH CHURCH
AMATEUR OPERATIC & DRAMATIC SOCIETY
PRESENT

Sweeney Todd

The Demon Barber of Fleet Street
A Musical Thriller

Music and Lyrics by
STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Book by
HUGH WHEELER

From an Adaptation by CHRISTOPHER BOND
Originally Directed on Broadway by HAROLD PRINCE
Orchestrations by JONATHAN TUNICK
Originally produced on Broadway by Richard Bar, Charles Woodward, Robert Fryer, Mary Lea Johnson, Martin Richards in association with Dean and Judy Maros
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

15th - 22nd February 2025 at 7.30pm

Saturday Matinee 22nd 2.15pm

St Mary's Centre, Church Street, Clitheroe

Book Online: thopera.co.uk

BOX OFFICE: Tuesdays 10am-12pm, 7-8pm

Fridays 7-8pm, Saturdays 10.30-11.30am

TICKET HOTLINE: 07951 643349

TICKETS FROM £13

 CPCAODS

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NODA
For every stage

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

Aerobics—11.00am-12.00pm

Jujitsu—7.00pm-8.30pm

WEDNESDAYS

Tai Chi—6.30pm-7.30pm

THURSDAYS

Gong Bath Meditation 6.30-8.30pm (pre-booked only)

FRIDAYS

Line Dancing—10.00am - 12noon

SATURDAYS

Puppy Training—10am-11am

SUNDAYS

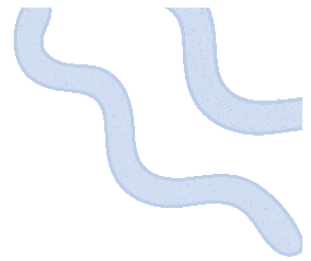
Rugby Tots—8.45am- 11.00am (Term time & pre-booked only)

Most classes are drop in for more information please visit our website

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ONLINE: STMARYSCENTRE.CO.UK
FACEBOOK: ST MARY'S CENTRE



Ribblesdale PCN 'New Year, New Me' Winter Wellness Event

Saturday 11th January 2025 9.30am-3.00pm

Mytton Fold Hotel, Whalley Road, Langho, BB6 8AB

Offering Covid & Flu Vaccinations for eligible patients, General Health Checks, Health & Wellbeing Advice, Blood Pressure Checks.



LET'S LIVE LIFE



**RIBBLE VALLEY
HEALTH & WELLBEING
PARTNERSHIP**



9.30 am	Seated Move and Groove Let's Live Life
10.00 am	Breast Cancer Screening in the Community Sanam Taj - Breast Screening Awareness and Uptake Officer
10.30 am	Breast Cancer Survival Journey
10.45 am	Sweet Balance - Taking Control before Diabetes Strikes Daniel Cockle - Lead Health & Wellbeing Coach
11.30 am	Let's Get Brushing Jeanette Topham - Child and Family Wellbeing Service
12.00 pm	Cancer Won't Wait Until the Cows Come Home Kate White - Farming Community Network
12.45 pm	Prostate Cancer Awareness Dr Sibtain Hussain
1.30 pm	How to Stay Well During and After the Menopause Dr Sibylle Holch



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**





Dance & Performance Class

Every Monday

4:30pm - 5:30pm



Clitheroe Rugby Club

Children aged 6-10



Taster session 13.01.25

Instagram & Facebook: Anna'sAllstars

Call or text: 07931 621579



Giving every child a chance to shine in the spotlight!



Learning to dance and perform to songs from Annie, Matilda, Wicked and much more! My aim is to help each child grow in confidence as they learn new skills, make new friends and have fun!



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Introduction to Gardening Skills 🌻🌿

Monday 13th January 1pm

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=52769

Quick Ways to Improve Your Mood 😊😊

Tuesday 14th January 2pm

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=52662

Working with Children and Young People - Is it For Me? 🍎🍌

Friday 17th January 9.30am

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=52486

Experimental Drawing and Painting - Learn the Basics 🎨🖌️

Monday 20th January 1.30pm

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=52797

Simplify Your Life 🗂️🌱

Monday 20th January 1pm - 3.30pm

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=53219

Tuesday 28th January

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=53223

Beat the Winter Blues ☀️

Monday 20th January 9.30am

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=53217

Tuesday 21st January 9.30am - 12pm

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=53218

Building a Resilient Life 🗂️🌱

Tuesday 21st January 2pm

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=52666

Get Into Working in Schools and Colleges 🎒📖

Friday 24th January 9.30am

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=52487

Magic of Meditation 🧘🧘

Monday 27th January 9.30am

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=52614