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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another  
to be the best we can be.*

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

### The Sunday Gospel



Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. The blessings in this Sunday's Gospel, which promise true, lasting happiness, are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and are known as the Beatitudes.

Jesus' words would have turned upside down the thoughts that most of his listeners had about true happiness, and maybe they challenge our own ideas too.

Ask your child what they think true happiness is. When or where are they usually most happy? What is their happiest memory?

### Year 6 Parent meeting

A reminder to all year 6 parents that a meeting will be held on Monday evening at 5pm regarding the residential trip to Borwick and information about Year 6 SATs. Year 6 children are welcome to attend if they wish.

### Design Technology Showcase



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February the doors of the hall entrance will open at 3.00 pm - 3.30 pm for our whole school Design Technology Showcase.

The children have all worked incredibly hard and this is a great opportunity to celebrate and share their projects with you all.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Visit to the Relics of Saint Carlo Acutis



On Thursday, 4 members of our GIFT Team went to St Mary's Church in Burnley.

They attended with numerous schools from the Diocese to visit the Relics of Saint Carlo Acutis. They had the opportunity to hold the Relics and be blessed by them. They also wrote prayers which will be taken back to Assisi with Father David. What a wonderful day and a fantastic opportunity!

Thank you to Mrs Whyman for organising the visit and taking the girls.



## Congratulations to George who has been awarded the Caritas Award

George and his Mum have been fundraising for Dementia UK. They were challenged to walk 50 miles throughout January however decided that this was too easy and they would do 70 miles instead. They've been walking at weekends, after school and managed to do some longer walks during the Christmas holiday. The target of 70 miles was reached last weekend but they aren't stopping yet. One final push and they'd like to reach 80 miles. George's favourite walk was from Clitheroe to Whalley and back last weekend when they reached 67! His least favourite was the 11-mile walk!

They hoped to have raised £600 before the end of the month. An amazing achievement George congratulations and well done!



## Let's Go Sing Visit

Rose from Let's Go Sing came for her final visit as we prepare for the Concert on 18<sup>th</sup> March. The children were amazing and sang brilliantly, Rose was very impressed. Between now and the concert we will continue to practise and learn the words by heart. For any parents who want to go and see the performance please get your tickets as they are selling very fast.

Happy Singing!



## Girls Cricket Event



Congratulations to our Year 6 girls who were chosen to represent both our school and Clitheroe, in an inter-schools' cricket competition on Wednesday. Not only did the girls behave amazingly and show great sportsmanship, they won the tournament as well!

A fantastic achievement and thank you to Miss Brindle and Miss Mabbott for accompanying the girls to the event.

## Sports Hall Athletic Event

Year 5 and 6 represented the school in an inter-schools' athletics competition on Thursday. The children were all fantastic ambassadors of our school. They worked really hard and displayed superb teamwork skills. Thank you to Mr Currid and Miss Mabbott for accompanying the team to the venue.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Children have taken home book review sheets this week, for them to review their favourite book and return to school by Monday, to be in with a chance of winning a £5.00 voucher to spend at the school book fair (5 vouchers up for grabs!)

The book fair will take place after school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 3.20 pm - 4.00 pm - card payments only. Children will have the chance to browse the books available on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Willow who won an award on Monday night. It was for Rising Star at the Little Voices premiere movie screening. Well done Willow!



## NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 6th February, we will be celebrating the NSPCC's Number Day in school.

During this day we will be taking part in lots of fun math's games and activities to celebrate all things maths.

This will be a non-uniform day and pupils are encouraged to link their outfit to maths - numbers on a t-shirt; repeated patterns and shapes etc.

## Toy Donations for Wet Playtime Activates



We are kindly asking for donations of toys to support our wet playtime activates. We are specifically looking for cars, farm animals, action figures, Barbie dolls, and transformers that are in good condition and age appropriate for our children. Please note that at this time we cannot accept soft toys or board games, as we already have lots of these toys available for our children to play with! Thank you very much for your continued support.

## Attendance Matters

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

We are having a close focus on attendance at SSMJ. Ensuring children attend school is very important for promoting wellbeing and enabling children to reach academic milestones as well as for preparing children for adulthood.

Please ensure you minimise absences and make appointments outside of school time as far as possible. We may ask for evidence for absences.

We are tracking the attendance data very carefully to support children to have the very best learning opportunities. Please work with us to improve our attendance.



## PE Days

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

## Clubs and Afterschool Activities



Activity	Year Group/s	Teacher	Date/Times
Multi Sports	5 & 6	Progressive Sports	Monday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Multiplication Club	4	Miss Parkinson	Monday 3.30 - 4.15 pm
Choir	KS2	Mrs Russell	Tuesday Lunchtime
Burnley Football Club	3 & 4	Burnley Football Club	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Tennis Club	All Years	Tennis Coach	Wednesday 8.00 - 8.45 am
Create Club	All Years	Mrs Troughton	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Prayer Club	All Years	Mrs Whyman	Thursday 8.15 - 8.45 am
Year 6 Extended Lessons	6	Mr Duckworth	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Multi Sports	1 & 2	Progressive Sports	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 pm



Happy birthday to Kutenda in Year 2 who will celebrate a birthday this week.

It is also a BIG happy birthday to Miss Parkinson who also celebrates her birthday this week.

### Celebration Assembly



EYFS	Theodora and Callie
Yr 1 & 2	Blake, Rupert, Zane and Thomas
Yr 3 & 4	Hunter, Rory, Nancy and Ada
Yr 4 & 5	William, George, Marcus and Lottie
Yr 6	Henry, Mykyta, Una and Edie

### Top Table Winners



EYFS	Isabelle
Yr 1	Jessica
Yr 2	Kutenda
Yr 3	Arthur
Yr 4	Theo
Yr 5	Marcus
Yr 6	Alexander

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	5.00 pm ~ Borwick & SATs Parents' Information Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15 - 11.30 am ~ Gymnastics Taster Event ~ Hyndburn Leisure Centre
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Number Day - Non uniform
	3.20 - 4.00 pm ~ Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3.20 - 4.00 pm ~ Scholastic Book Fair
	5.30 pm ~ Sacramental Parents' Information Meeting
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 ~ Catalyst Activity Morning
	3.00 - 3.30 pm ~ Design Technology Showcase
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Afterschool today, school will close for half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	INSET Day - School Closed for Pupils
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4/5 Liverpool Museum Trip
	3.30 - 4.30 pm ~ Reconciliation Preparation Session
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1/2 Thornton Hall Farm Trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
	3.30 - 4.30 pm ~ Reconciliation Preparation Session
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	During this week - Mother's Day Messages will be published in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph (Date to be confirmed).
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	EYFS Trip to Little Lancs Village
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Liverpool Museum Trip
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	1.15 pm ~ Lets Go Sing Performance - Blackburn Ice Arena
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15 am ~ Rock Steady Concert - Parents' Welcome
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	School reports out to parents'
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Afterschool today, school will close for Easter
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SAT's Week
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 pm ~ First Holy Communion
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential Borwick Trip
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Borwick Trip returns

**Take Care & God Bless.**

**Mrs Zoe Mabbott - Headteacher**



## ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY LIST 2025/2026

### Autumn Term 2025

**Re-open on:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
**Half Term** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (inclusive)  
**Christmas Holiday** Early closure on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

(Number of openings: 73)

### Spring Term 2025

**Re-open on:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2026  
**Half Term** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
(inclusive)  
**INSET DAY** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
**Easter Break** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (inclusive)

(Number of openings: 58)

### Summer Term 2026

**Re-open on:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
**Bank Holiday** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
**Half Term** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (inclusive)  
**Summer Holiday** Early closure on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

(Number of openings: 59)



## ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S HOLIDAY LIST 2026/2027

### Autumn Term 2026

<b>Re-open on:</b>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
<b>Re-open on:</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Early closure on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026

(Number of openings: 71)

### Spring Term 2027

<b>Re-open on:</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 (inclusive)
<b>INSET DAY</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027
<b>Re-open on:</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2027
<b>Easter Break</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2027 (inclusive)

(Number of openings: 52)

### Summer Term 2027

<b>Re-open on:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027 (inclusive)
<b>Re-open on:</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	Early closure on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2027

(Number of openings: 67)

(Total number of openings: 190)

## 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.

**Targeted Youth Support 12-19 (25 SEND)**

SEND	The group aims to work on life skills, improving communication skills, self-confidence & self-esteem in a group work setting.
Safe Spaces	Safe space for young people to hang out with friends and opportunities to participate in a variety of activities.
LG&TQ+	Access this group to obtain support, discuss and challenge ideas around gender and identity.
Youth Council & Participation	Join and have your say. At this group you can join in with debates on issues in the local community and wider society. Creating campaigns for positive change.

**Participation** Groups and services provided by our Family Hub Partners

**Important Information**

**If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, please contact the Police in the first instance using 999.**  
**Next, report your concerns to Children's Service by telephone: 0300 123 6720 or 0300 123 6722 if out of hours.**  
**Please have available the Police crime log number.**  
**To contact your local Family Hub**  
**Please call: 01200 420460 or**  
**Email: [Ribblevalleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Ribblevalleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk)**

Please use the QR code to register if you haven't been to our groups before



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What's On...



# Ribble Valley



**Longridge Family Hub**  
Berry Lane  
Longridge  
PR3 3JP



**Clitheroe Family Hub**  
Wesleyan Row  
Parsons Lane  
BB7 2JY

Children and Family Wellbeing Service



**0-5 years old**

Infant Massage	Suitable for babies from 6 weeks to crawling, these sessions support your baby's development and strengthen your attachment.
Baby and You	A fun and stimulating group that encourages positive play and interaction with your baby. Suitable for babies from birth to pre-walking stage
Chat, Play and Read	A group for children under 5, which supports speech, language development, and listening skills in a fun and interactive way.
Development Matters	A wonderful session for children under 5 to learn, play, and make friends. It offers stimulating indoor and outdoor activities
Mini Move and Groove	Develop social skills and make friends in this fun and upbeat group which encourages physical activity and a health lifestyle. For children under 5.
Transitions	Supporting children's development through learning, creative play and exploration as they prepare for early years provision or primary school.

**5-11 years old**

Inside Out	A group to build confidence, self-esteem, and friendships through creative and physical activities.
Move and Groove	Promotes physical play and a healthy lifestyle whilst building social skills and having fun.
Colourful Footsteps	A safe space for children with physical, learning, behavioural, or emotional difficulties to gain confidence, self-expression and make new friends.
Moving on	For children moving from primary to secondary school, this session uses interactive activities to help them prepare both practically and emotionally.

**Parenting and Family Support – Parents and Carers**

Bump, Birth and Beyond	A comprehensive course supporting expectant parents in preparing for their baby's arrival. Delivered in collaboration with Midwives and Health Visitors.
Nurture Programme	A 10-week course that helps parents and carers build positive relationships, encourage co-operative behaviour, and boost resilience.
Solihull	Helps parents understand their child's behaviour by focusing on emotional wellbeing, strong relationships, and how children's brains develop.
Triple P	Parenting course to support development and address behaviours. Group parents of 2-11-year olds and Teen's course.
Riding the Rapids	For parents and carers of children with Autism, learning or neurodevelopmental disabilities, or complex physical needs. It supports understanding and managing challenging behaviour.
Positive Relationships, Stronger Families	This 4-week programme supports parents and carers facing ongoing conflict, helping them understand its impact on children and what healthy relationships look like.
Separated Parents	A 4-week course for separated parents, exploring the impact of separation on children, co-parenting positively and meeting children's needs while living apart.
DA Recovery	For women who have experienced domestic abuse. Offers support in recovering abusive behaviours, understanding healthy relationships in a safe and supportive way - call for more details.

Visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) and search 'safer sleep for baby' for more information about the 'six steps' to safer sleep.



# What's On... Ribble Valley



Scan to Book  
an Event



**January -  
February  
2026**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>Infant Massage</b> 9:30am - 11:00am Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 2JF BOOKING REQUIRED	<b>Development Matters</b> 9:30am - 10:30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY	<b>Chat Play Read</b> 9:30am - 10:30am Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 2JF		<b>Chat Play Read</b> 10:30am - 11:30am Clitheroe Library Church Street BB7 2QC Last Friday of every month
	<b>Baby Self-Weigh</b> 12:15pm - 1:15pm Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 2JF	<b>Riding the Rapids</b> 10:00am - 12:30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY BOOKING REQUIRED	<b>Weigh In Clinic</b> 9:30am - 11:30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY		<b>Generations Stay and Play</b> 10:30am - 11:30am Abbeyfield House Union Street Clitheroe BB7 2NH
	<b>Baby and You</b> 1:30pm - 2:30pm Longridge Family Hub Berry Lane PR3 2JF		<b>Sing and Rhyme</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY		
	<b>Baby and You / NCT Feeding Support</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY				
	<b>Infant Massage</b> 1:30pm - 3:00pm Clitheroe Family Hub Wesleyan Row Parsons Lane BB7 2JY BOOKING REQUIRED				

Do you have a two-year-old?

To help you balance family life don't forget to apply for a funded childcare place.

Pre-visit to your nearest Family Hub for more information and support!



## Additional Sessions

For the bookable groups please refer to the QR code below



Scan or go to  
at Event

### Saturday Family Fun

10:00am - 12:00pm

New Era Family Hub  
 Paradise Street  
 Accrington  
 BB51PD



Children and Family  
**Wellbeing  
Service**

# Get advice and support

Someone to talk to  
Problems at  
home/school  
Jobs and training  
Apprenticeships  
Staying safe  
online  
Sex and health  
Relationships

Mental Health  
Self Harm  
Bullying  
Drugs and  
alcohol  
Things to do  
Housing, rights  
and money  
What age can I?



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You can contact us 365 days a year

**2pm to 10pm**

**talk  
zone**

**Text 07786 51 11 11**

**Talk online** [lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone](https://lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone)

**Call 0800 51 11 11**

## Age 0-19

(up to 25 for young  
people with learning  
difficulties or disabilities)

[lancashire.gov.uk](https://lancashire.gov.uk)



**Lancashire**  
County  
Council



0813 34403



# Lancashire **SEND** Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.





## Dates across Lancashire are:

<b>25th Sept 2025</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Kirkham Family Hub
<b>22nd Oct 2025</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone
<b>3rd Dec 2025</b> 9:30 – 1pm	Pendle and Burnley 1882 Lounge Burnley Football Club
<b>28th January 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub Accrington
<b>4th February 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Inspire Youth Zone Chorley
<b>26th March 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Clitheroe Family Hub
<b>15th April 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Lune Park Family Hub Lancaster
<b>6th May 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone
<b>16th June 2026</b> 9:30 – 1 pm	Fleetwood Library
<b>1st July 2026</b> 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Ribbleson Family Hub

Please scan the following QR codes  
for more information:



Local Offer



Family Hubs

