

St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025



St Clare's is a Christ-centred family where everyone is valued and respected. We learn and grow, whilst strengthening our relationship with God and one another. Together in His love, we can achieve our full potential.

Play, learn and grow together with Christ



Mrs Wroblewski's Message

A very happy New Year to you all and welcome back to a new term at St. Clare's. Thank you for your very warm welcome to the school family, which has more than made up for the cold and icy conditions outside, which we have had to contend with getting to school each day this week!

It has been a real pleasure to meet lots of families and begin to get to know you all at drop off time each morning. I am still working on getting your names right, but I very much want to get to know every child and family individually as soon as I can. On that subject, I am trying hard to get my "5 a day" – some quality time with at least five pupils every day, finding out what they love about St. Clare's and what suggestions they have to make our school even better. The same goes for parents – I am keen to know your views on all aspects of school and I will be sending out a questionnaire very shortly in order to hear your views. I pride myself on being approachable and welcome conversations in person, too.

On that note, please join us if you possibly can on Thursday at 17:00 for our 'Meet the Teacher' event, where I will be presenting some headlines about the term ahead before you spend time with your children's class teachers.

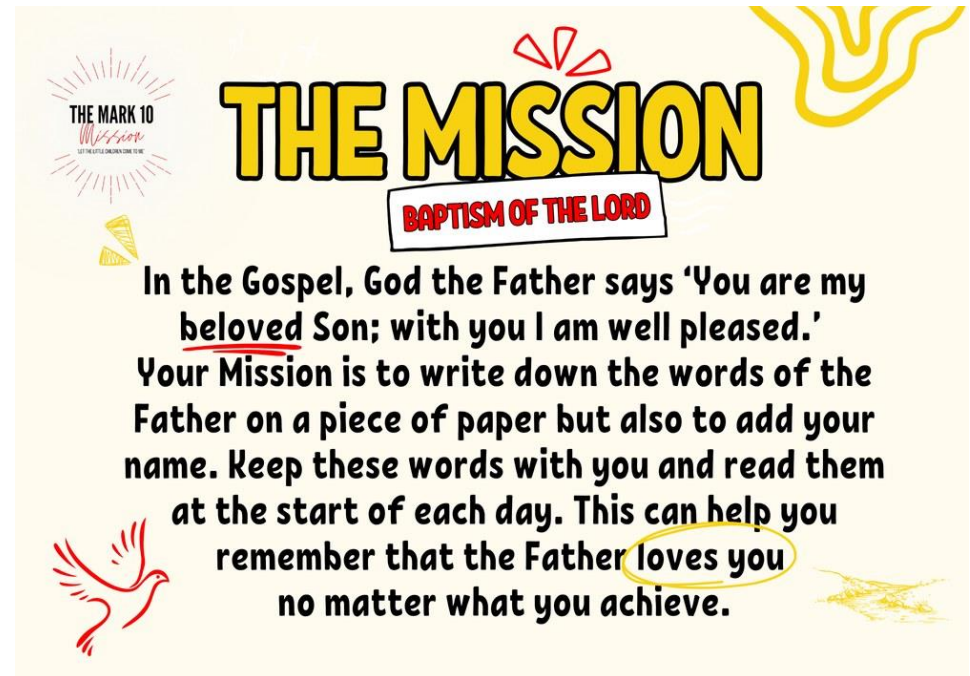
Finally, you are getting two Head Teacher messages for the price of one this week – please see the end of this newsletter for a thank you from Mrs Charnley.

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Best wishes, Mrs Wroblewski and all the staff of Saint Clare's.

Faith

Here is our weekly mission - a small way of putting into practice the gospel values. We believe we are called to live our lives differently because of what we have experienced and prayed about. What we offer as the 'mission' is a suggestion of how we can all do just that.



THE MISSION

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In the Gospel, God the Father says 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

Your Mission is to write down the words of the Father on a piece of paper but also to add your name. Keep these words with you and read them at the start of each day. This can help you remember that the Father loves you no matter what you achieve.

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Viaansh - *"For great concentration in class "*.

Rowan: Ivy - *"For working hard in phonics "*.

Willow: Baaqir - *"For a fantastic start to the new year, engaging with all areas of the curriculum"*.

Hazel: Madinah A - *"For fantastic effort in your work this week and putting your hand up to answer questions"*.

Beech: Riccardo - *"For making a super start to the new term"*.

Pine: Adil - *"For drawing fantastic arrays in Math's"*.

Elder: Arthur - *"For showing resilience and determination doing an activity"*.

Cherry: Louie - *"For excellent contributions to discussions"*.

Oak: Francesca - *"For a wonderful first week back in school, pushing herself out of her comfort zone"*.

The Winning House this week: Haydock!

Dates for your Diary



- Thursday 16th January - Meet the Teacher (5pm).
- Monday 13th January - Year 4 River Ribble Trust day

First Holy Communion



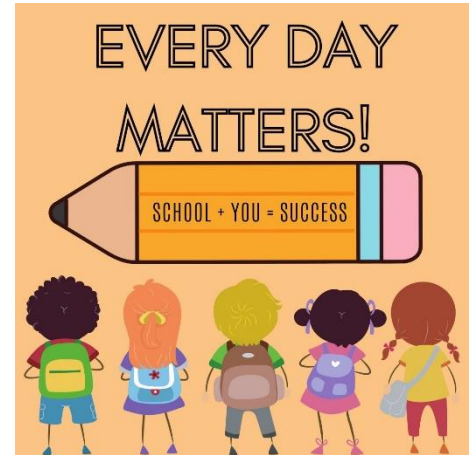
Letters have been sent out to those children in Year 3 who are looking to make their First Holy Communion. The letter includes dates and times of the Preparation Sessions. Please hand the reply slip back in to the church.

This invitation also extends to children in Year 4,5 and 6 who may want to make their First Holy Communion. If this is the case then please contact the school office.

Attendance

ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason then please call the school office and speak to a member of staff, leave a voicemail, send an email or a message via Arbor to the school. This must be done before the start of the school day which is 8:50am. You must call in everyday that your child is absent. Failure to do this will result in an unauthorised absence mark.



Sickness Policy

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day. Let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason so that we may reflect this on the register.

If your child is well enough to come to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Please follow the link below for the NHS guidelines on different cases of illness;

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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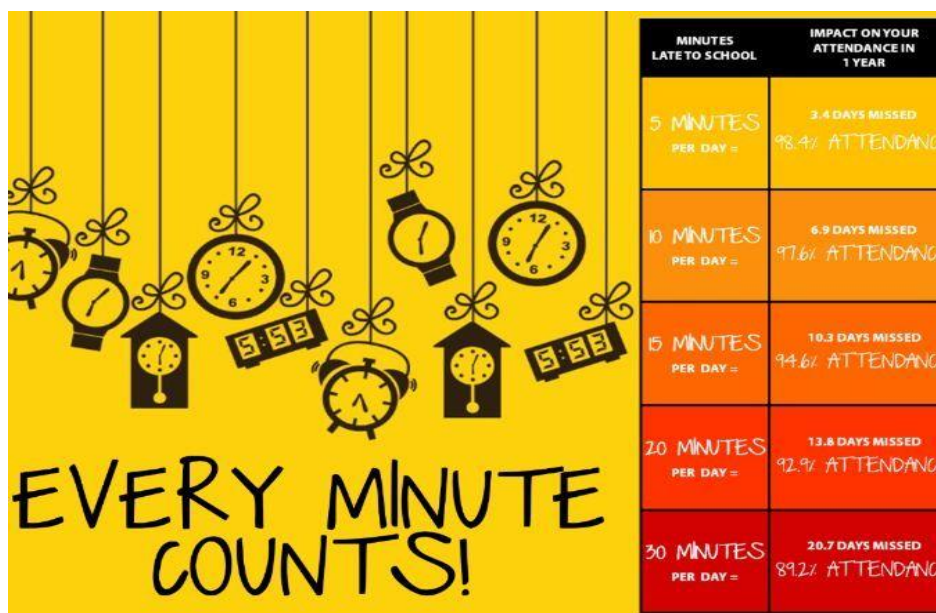
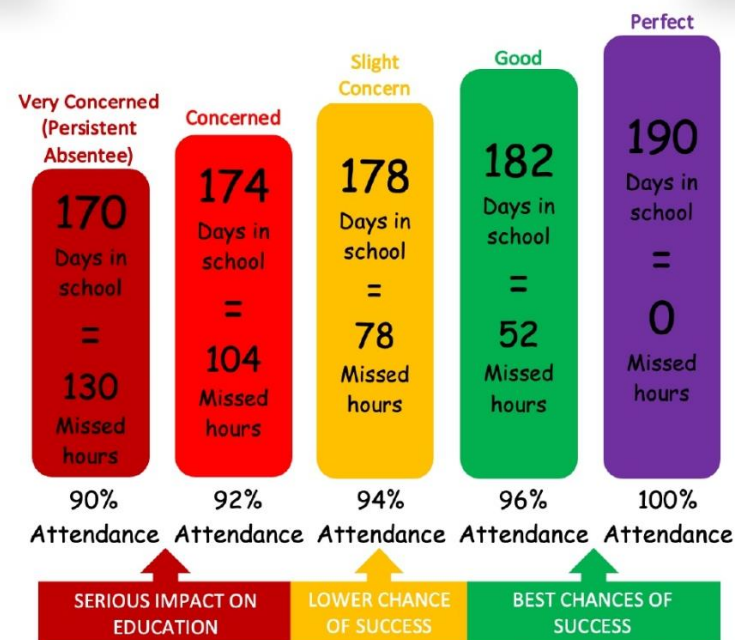
95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?



Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves
- Learn how to be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

A two-week holiday in term-time means the **highest** attendance your child can get is **94.7%**. This is 65 hours of missed school time.

Online Safety



Digital Resolutions for the New Year

We have put together an Online Safety Parent Blog, which we think will be informative for parents. This is scheduled to go live on the 10th January at 9am. You will find this under your child's class page on our school website.

Please do take the time to have a read.

Piano/ Keyboard & Voice Lessons



There are places available, for parents who want to book their child in for Piano / Keyboard or Voice lessons with Mrs. Calman. The Parental Direct Payment scheme allows parents to pay the Music Service directly for instrumental and vocal tuition. The lessons are delivered in school, Individually. If this is something you are interested in then please follow the link below which will take you to the registration page;

<https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Message from Mrs Charnley

Dear Parents,

What a truly wonderful last day at St. Clare's. You made me feel so special, and I am deeply grateful. I feel incredibly blessed to have had my final St. Clare's school mass filled with such love and warmth from everyone.

I am overwhelmed by the kindness and thoughtfulness shown to me – the many cards, gifts, and well wishes from you all. A special thank you for arranging the luxury night away for Mr. Charnley and me; it is such a generous gesture, and we will certainly enjoy it.

The messages from the children and yourselves were incredibly humbling. It has been a true privilege to serve the children and families of this special school, where we are more than just a community – we are a family.

As I move forward, I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. I know that St. Clare's will continue to 'play, learn and grow together in Christ.'

*God Bless you all,
Mrs C*