



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

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 Charnley's Message



Goodness what busy half term we have enjoyed together. At the start of the week we thought about Jesus' challenge to give all we have to the poor to be rewarded in heaven - such a perfect Gospel message as we try to meet the challenge this week.

Your donations for The Foxton Centre have been amazing. Oak Class, your gift of time with your Harvest Bingo was wonderful to see. I have nothing but pride in the way you looked after our visitors, entertained them with bingo and comedy and served them with a brew and a biscuit. We finished the day with marking the joys and privileges we have in sharing our world

and the beauty God provides was a true blessing. Today our Key Stage 2 classes have worked so hard to raise money for Metanoia in the outreach work they do for the homeless in Preston. There was such a wonderful 'buzz' around school, it is a delight to see how in simple ways we can make a difference. Thank you everyone for your contributions this week as we try to emulate the Gospel reading.

Finally, today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Armstrong. Mrs Armstrong has been such an integral part of our school since 2006 and it is going to be hard to imagine her not being part of our school family. We wish her well as she retires and enjoys time with her family. I know she will continue to 'Reach for the Stars' in the future.

Have a wonderful half term holiday and enjoy family time together.

God Bless,

Mrs Charnley and all the staff of Saint Clare's

“The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So, write and draw and build and play and dance and live only as you can.” – Neil Gaiman

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Phoebe - *"For working hard listening and trying lots of new things".*

Rowan: Humaid - *"For putting his hand up to answer questions".*

Willow: Elham - *"For being amazing all week – getting ready for PE, playing with her friends and asking for her favourite toy".*

Hazel: Aisha Hiba - *"For a fantastic effort and confidently answering lots of questions during our 2D Shape lesson".*

Beech: Riccardo – *"For really thinking carefully about how Ladyewell made him feel and for writing thoughtful comments".*

Pine: Zaynab - *"For showing resilience in Maths ".*

Elder: Elena - *"For always showing enthusiasm during our music lessons. A delight to see! ".*

Cherry: Khalisah - *"For reading beautifully at the Harvest Festival ".*

Oak: Frank- *"For super division work this week – keep up the great work".*

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



- Monday 28th October – INSET Day
- Tuesday 29th October - Return to school.
- Monday 4th November - Class heats for Talk Master.
- Wednesday 6th November - Parents Evening Session 1.
- Thursday 7th November - Parents Evening Session 2.
- Tuesday 19th November - Year 6 Confirmation (7pm).
- Friday 22nd November - Crazy Hair Day (PTFA event, see details below).
- Thursday 28th November - Year 3 trip to Helmshore Mill.



On behalf of the PTFA Chair, I want to extend a sincere thank you to the entire PTFA team and all the parents who made Film Night such a success. The team worked hard to deliver on our promises, and the parents' support was incredible. We're excited to share that we sold over 150 tickets!

Thank you to everyone for your continued support—let's keep up the great work! We've already reached 1/5 of our target of £2,500. Remember, every effort is an investment in our children's future.

The next PTFA Events are as follows:

Crazy Hair Day

Friday 22nd November

£1 per child

Christmas Disco

Thursday 5th December

Infant Disco - 4:00pm-5:30pm

Juniors Disco - 6:00pm-7:30pm

(More details will be provided closer to the time)

Christmas Jumper Swap Day

Dates TBC

We're offering a wonderful opportunity to donate children's Christmas jumpers that are no longer needed. You can either swap your jumper for another one or simply pick up a jumper that you like for your child. It's a great way to recycle and save.

We also have an opportunity for a Secretary to join the PTFA. Please let the office know if you're interested or would like some more information.

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/>





**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY
NORTH**

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit **[lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)**



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call **01524 581148**.

**HAVE
YOUR SAY**

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To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'.*

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The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2025 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

Sunday 1 September 2024 - Apply from this date

School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

Wednesday 15 January 2025 - National closing date for primary applications (statutory).

During this period all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a primary school place are finalised.

Wednesday 16 April 2025 - Offers issued to parents

(The national offer date is 16 April, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)

To apply for a Reception place, please follow the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

Secondary School Admissions 2025



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY
EAST**

**Do you have a child starting
secondary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 31 October 2024

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

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The arrangements for the transfer of pupils to secondary schools in September 2025 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

Sunday 1 September 2024 - Apply from this date

School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

Thursday 31 October 2024 - National closing date for secondary applications (statutory).

During this period all applications are processed, and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a secondary school place is finalised.

Monday 3 March 2025 - Offers issued to parents

(The national offer date is 1 March, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)

To apply for a Secondary school place, please follow the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

Community Events

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HOME *from* HOME

OCTOBER HALF-TERM PROGRAMME



AT PRESTON GUILD HALL

MONDAY 21 SPOOKY STORIES 1.30 - 3.30PM	WEDNESDAY 23 DIWALI DECORATIONS 1.30 - 3.30PM
TUESDAY 22 LANTERN MAKING 1.30 - 3.30PM	FRIDAY 25 FOOTBALL CRAFT 1.30 - 3.30PM

 All events are free to attend, and drop-ins are welcome, no booking required! 

Parking!



Parking is an ongoing issue at St Clare's and an issue that sadly, we are having to bring up time and time again. We understand that parking around the school is limited however, this does not mean that you park in way that is unsafe or causes an inconvenience to others. The car park belongs to the Parish, who kindly allow our parents to use it for dropping off and picking up children from school. Part of the car park is also used by staff at Royal Preston Hospital, who PAY to park on there. Due to a number of complaints, we risk the option of no longer being allowed to use it. Therefore, in order for us to continue having access to the parish car park, please be mindful that you do not park your car in a place that is blocking other people in or preventing others gaining access. Please continue to report any incidents, along with a registration number to the office. Any registration numbers handed in, will be passed on to our School PCSO, who will deal with it accordingly.

Please note the carpark in the mornings will now be for Drop and Go only. You must park elsewhere if you wish to park and take your child in to school.