



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th 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



This week, we have been thinking about how we can be like Saint Francis and Saint Clare by 'doing small things with great love'. It has been lovely to see the children around the school showing little acts of kindness to each other. Our new Reception children have settled in seamlessly to school life, and it really feels as though they've been part of the school for a long time. They have established all those important routines and I must say they have made a very smooth transition into the hall at lunchtime and are having a go at eating all their lunches; every plate is quickly emptied and their cutting skills are improving by the day!

I am delighted to see your generosity as we prepare for our Harvest. Next week will be a real red-letter day as Year 6 leads a community event inviting parishioners to their Harvest Bingo. On Wednesday afternoon, our whole school community will come together in church to mark this season. I hope you can all come and join us, as it is such a lovely service, and everyone is welcome. See you there on Wednesday, October 16th, at 1.45 pm.

This week has also seen some more games for our hockey team, they have been fantastic during the league already and we are very proud of the way they have shown great sportsmanship and what it means to be at Saint Clare's.

Please can you remember our 'drop and go' system in the morning as it not only keeps our children safe but helps the smooth running of traffic at a very busy time.

I wanted to take the time to thank the Lord for all the graces and blessings he has bestowed on the Diocese since its foundation 100 years ago. To mark this occasion, you will find a prayer card in your child's bag.

Have a lovely weekend with your families, returning all rested for our last week before the half term as it is jam-packed with lots of wonderful learning, Harvest and, of course, the return of our PTFA film night.

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: Eesa K- *"For great numberwork "*.

Rowan: Thomas - *"For fantastic reading & being a kind friend "*.

Willow: Willow - *"For working hard across all areas of the curriculum this week"*.

Hazel: Yusha - *"For always putting his hand up & answering questions on the carpet"*.

Beech: Molly - *"For her excellent 'Circus Next Door' story"*.

Pine: Abdullah - *"For his fantastic manners & caring attitude"*.

Elder: Paul - *"For always showing kindness to those around him "*.

Cherry: Amarah - *"For being an absolute pleasure to have in class & great contribution towards lessons"*.

Oak: Maryam P - *"For working hard & understanding the importance of proof reading & checking her work"*.

The Winning House this week: Southworth!

Dates for your Diary



- Wednesday 16th October - Harvest Bingo - Yr. 6 parents/carers welcome (10am-11:30pm)
- Wednesday 16th October - Harvest Worship in church (1:45pm).
- Thursday 17th October - Movie Night 3:30pm - 5:30pm (PTFA event, see details below).
- Friday 18th October - End of the school term.
- Tuesday 29th October - Return to school.
- Wednesday 6th November - Parents Evening Session 1 (Booking opens on Arbor, Thursday 17th October at 9am).
- Thursday 7th November - Parents Evening Session 2 (Booking opens on Arbor, Thursday 17th October at 9am).
- Friday 22nd November - Crazy Hair Day (PTFA event, see details below).

Harvest



On Wednesday 16th October, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival, where we give thanks for all the food that we have, that keeps us fit and healthy. You are welcome to join us in church at 1:45pm. We are very lucky, but not everyone is. Some people don't have access to food on a daily basis.

This year, we have teamed up with the Foxton Centre to support the homeless. We are looking for donations of non-perishable food items. We have given each class specific items to ensure that we are able to donate a good variety of foods. All Donations must be in by Tuesday 15th October 2024.

- **Little Saplings** - Cereal / Granola Bars (no nuts).
- **Rowan** - Box of Cereal or Instant Oats (no nuts).
- **Hazel/Willow** - Dried Pasta, Spaghetti or Rice.
- **Beech** - Jar of Pasta Sauce or Tinned Tomato's.
- **Pine** - Instant Noodles or Soup.
- **Elder** - Tinned Beans, lentils or Vegetables.
- **Cherry** - Tinned Fish, poultry or meat.
- **Oak** - Tinned / Dried Fruit (no nuts).

Thank you for your support in helping those who are less fortunate.

Bishop's Fund Day



This year we will be holding our Bishop's Fund Day on Friday 18th October. The KS2 children will be planning games and activities for the other children to join in with to raise money. The School Council will be choosing a local charity to support. Your child's teacher will help them with their ideas, but we would really appreciate it if you could support your children with their planning at home. All children can bring some money into school on the 18th to join in with the fun! The event takes place during the school day and is just for the children.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

TOGETHER,

EVERYONE



Upcoming PTFA Events

Thursday 17th October - Movie Night. Children from year 1 upwards can stay behind after school and enjoy a movie with their friends. The price will include a Drink, Chocolate and Crisp.

- **Time:** 3:30pm-5:30pm (Children will go to the hall straight from class).
- **Cost:** £4 per child. You can book your child's place for this via Arbor under 'School Shop'.
- Reception Children will also take part but this will be within school time. They will need to be collected at 3:20pm.

Friday 22nd November - Crazy Hair Day.

- **Cost:** £1 per child.

Money collected in the Asda Pot so Far - £120.

Attendance

The whole school's attendance this week was 96.57%.

Well done to Year 3 (Pine), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 98.53%.



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.

LATENESS

The school day start at 8:50am and we expect all children to be in school and ready for Registration at this time. Being late, not only disrupts the class but also causes problems with ordering school dinners. Those who are persistently late will be marked as such in the register and this could lead to the parents receiving a fine.

If your child is going to be late to school for a specific reason i.e. A Medical Appointment, then school need to be informed before 8:50am. This is to ensure they are given the correct mark in the register and we can put their order in for a hot dinner if needed.

Primary School Admissions 2025



**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**

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces and click 'school admission policies'.

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

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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/>