

St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th September 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



Parking!!!!

As we returned to school, the parking deteriorated, putting children at risk of harm. This morning was one of the worst I have seen in many years here. There was a five-minute moment when no car could get on or off the carpark. Drop and Go does work as a system, but only if all parents use it. The gridlock is caused by parents who park and walk their children to school. They are then trying to leave the carpark at the same time as parents who are using the Drop and Go, which means that no car can move and everybody is gridlocked. This has got to change. Two staff and I come out daily to ensure that Drop and Go works. We ensure that the children are carefully looked after and enter the school safely, as we do throughout the day. We do this in all weathers, as we know it is essential.

Moving forward, the parish carpark in the mornings will be solely for Drop and Go. You must park elsewhere if you wish to park and take your child in to school.

The lovely thing about being back in school is how quickly the children settle into the old routines. It has been a pleasure seeing the children in the hall for lunchtime and key stage assemblies; long may that continue. Wednesday saw 'Election Fever!' as the children in Year 6 canvased the children for the roles of Head Girl, Head Boy and Team Captains. I know they have worked hard on their presentations, and it was an absolute delight to listen to them all speak; I am so glad I did not need to vote, as it was hard to choose from such strong candidates. However, with every election, there is an outcome, and I am privileged to share with you this year's results:

Head Boy - Freddie Monks

Head Girl - Sophie Watson

Southworth Team Captain - Jack

Rigby Team Captain - Maryam P

Haydock Team Captain - Elina

Plessington Team Captain - Anthony

Congratulations to you all. Mother Teresa said, 'In this life we can only do small things with great love' which I know you will all do this academic year.

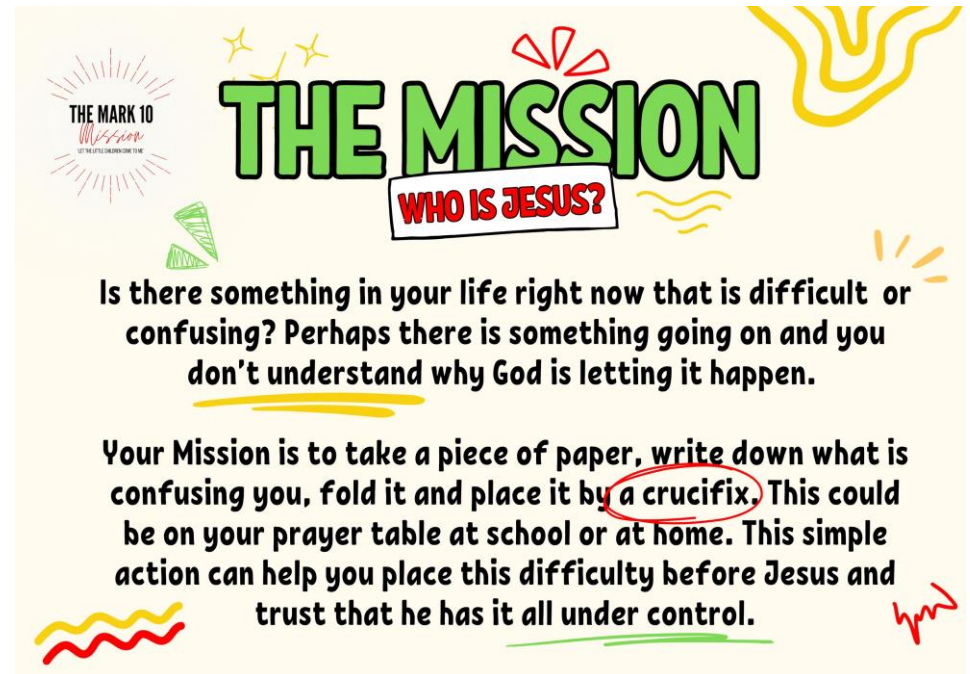
How lovely to see you join our 'Meet the Teacher' event at the start of this academic year. The information prepared by the staff will be available on your child's class page, along with all the curriculum information. Watch this space for more news on our 'Talk Master' competition in 2024.

Have a lovely weekend ready for another week of wonderful learning here at St Clare's

Mrs Charnley 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.



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THE MISSION

WHO IS JESUS?

Is there something in your life right now that is difficult or confusing? Perhaps there is something going on and you don't understand why God is letting it happen.

Your Mission is to take a piece of paper, write down what is confusing you, fold it and place it by a crucifix. This could be on your prayer table at school or at home. This simple action can help you place this difficulty before Jesus and trust that he has it all under control.

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Muhammad Saad - *"For showing great confidence & independence".*

Rowan: The whole class - *" For a great start to school".*

Willow: Rafael - *"For great enthusiasm in all areas & always happy to share his ideas".*

Hazel: Jonas - *"For excellent effort in all you have done this week ".*

Beech: Ciaran - *"For making a brilliant start to Yr. 2 & being and excellent role model".*

Pine: Maria - *"For listening to feedback & improving her work".*

Elder: Wilfred - *"For using a range of noun phrases in his writing. Well done".*

Cherry: Nellie M - *"For settling in well, showing a mature attitude & good example to others".*

Oak: Maryam A - *"For working hard across the curriculum & making a great start to Yr. 6".*

The Winning House this week: Southworth!

Dates for your Diary



- Monday 23rd September - Year 4 Lancaster Cathedral Trip.
- Tuesday 24th September - Rowan Class LEP Photos.
- Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th September - Year 5 CastleRigg residential.
- Friday 27th September - Rowan Class Parents, MacMillan Coffee Morning (9:30am).
- Monday 30th September - Individual and Sibling School Photos.
- Tuesday 1st October - School Class Photos.
- Wednesday 2nd October - Open Day for 2025 Admissions - 9am - 11am & 2pm-6pm.

Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 97.68%.

Well done to Year 1 (Willow), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 100%.

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.

Open Day

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

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Admissions 2025
Wednesday 2nd October
9am - 11am & 2pm - 6pm



Prospective
parents are
invited to join
us for a
guided tour of
our school.



www.st-clares.lancs.sch.uk



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Our school open day for 2025 Reception admissions will take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2024. Prospective parents are welcome to come anytime between 9am - 11am & 2pm-6pm, to have a tour of the school. Please can we ask our parents to share this with any prospective parents they know, that are looking for a school place for their child.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

TOGETHER,

EVERYONE

Achieves

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We are asking parents to come and join our PTFA! What is the PTFA?
A PTFA is a group of volunteer Parents / Grandparents, Teachers, Friends and Associates who work together to make their school a better environment for children to learn. They raise extra funds for the school through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more.

If you would like to join the PTFA then please give your name and contact details to the school office.

"Together, everyone achieves more".

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- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online?
Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest!
We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Optional - The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage

Optional - Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most, such as (Blank – for schools to input what they want)



Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required.
0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833.
Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30/11/24

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.**

Nut Free School



Please be reminded that St Clare's is a **Nut Free School**. Our “Nut-Free Policy” means that the following items should not be brought into school under any circumstance: Packs of nuts, Peanut butter / Nutella sandwiches, or any other items that contain nuts. This is to ensure the safety of children in our school, who have very serious and life-threatening allergies.

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#/>

Brass Lessons

Is your child interested in learning a brass instrument?

Many studies have proven the academic and emotional benefits learning an instrument has on young children. ***“Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for math's and science.”***



The children at St Clare's now have the opportunity to access individual brass lessons in school. We are working in partnership with Josette Coupe who has a wealth of experience from teaching brass with the Lancashire Music Service and is passionate about teaching children to play brass instruments. The brass lessons will take place on a Wednesday during school time and will start from the 24th April.

The cost of the lessons.

Individual lessons are for 20 minutes and cost £10 per lesson. There is an additional charge of £20 per term if you would like to hire an instrument. Cash is preferred in a clearly marked envelope at the start of each half term. Alternatively, Josette's bank details can be provided if needed. Payments will be collected at the start of each half term so the total will vary depending on how many weeks are in the upcoming half term.

How can you get involved?

If your child is interested in starting brass lessons, please return this form as soon as possible. The lessons are offered on a first come first served bases due to the number of instruments available.

If you have any questions, please see Miss Barton at the end of the school day. Thank you.