



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th February 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

Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe we have reached half-term already! Thank you for making me so welcome during my first few weeks at St. Clare's.

The children all looked lovely today wearing red and pink for our non-uniform day. Thank you for your donations to St. Clare's PTFA who do such a great job at raising much-needed funds for school and strengthening our community.



S C A M

What do you do if you get a scam?

You can:

- Tell an adult
- Report them
- Block them
- Don't click it!

What is a scam?

A scam is when someone wants to trick you into pressing on a website or a button. If you click on it they can find your information or money.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every year 100 million people lose an average of £1000.

PHISHING

Phishing is when a scam is trying to hook you by thinking it is a company.

S - seems too good to be true

C - contact you did not expect

A - Asked for personal information

M - money or tale being asked for

Create A Safe Avatar



Would you click this?

YOU WON £10,000

CLICK

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On Wednesday afternoon, we were treated to a concert led by Pine Class, who were keen to perform their amazing keyboard skills. We were also entertained by other musically talented pupils from across the school. Thank you to the children who all played and sang so well, and to Miss. Barton, Mrs Romero and Mrs. Calman for teaching and encouraging them.



Today, our Y6 pupils returned from a week of fun and adventure at Borwick Hall. They have come back pretty exhausted but have definitely grown in confidence and independence, which will serve them well for the next phase in their education. It was a pleasure to be in their company on Thursday with Mrs. Clack and Mrs. Walsh, too. Grateful thanks to our staff team (Mr. Parkinson, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Thorpe) and volunteers who accompanied the children and looked after them so well this week.



I wish everyone a very well-deserved break next week and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 25th February - please remember that school is closed for staff training on Monday 24th.

Have a lovely half-term!

Mrs. Wroblewski

Retirement

Mrs. D. Martin (Willow Class Teacher) will be retiring at the end of the summer term after 17 years of dedicated service to St. Clare's School. There will be an opportunity later this year for our community to come together to thank Mrs. Martin for her excellent teaching and commitment to our pupils in Reception and Year One, and the wider St. Clare's school family.

Parking

The parish would like to implement a more efficient system to monitor parking and manage available spaces in the parish car park. This means that there will be changes to the way parents and visitors of the school use the car park.

Going forward, the parish car park can still be used for school drop offs and pick-ups as normal.

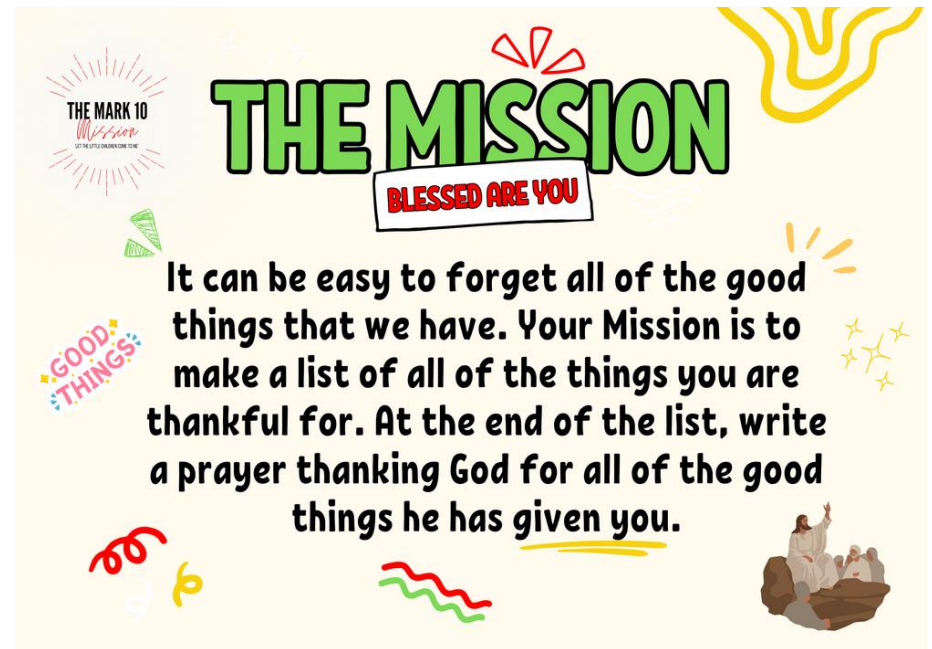
However, if you are attending the school for an event or a meeting, then you will need to collect a visitor pass from the school office and display this clearly in your car to avoid receiving a ticket. We are very sorry that some of our parents and visitors have recently received tickets and hopefully this new measure will ensure that this no longer happens.

For whole school events, where a large number of parents will need to park their cars, we will liaise with the parish beforehand to ensure parking is available without a pass.

We appreciate your co-operation with this matter.

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.



Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: John P - *"For great organisational skills".*

Rowan: Maya - *"For fantastic keyboard playing ".*

Willow: Zayne G - *"For writing wonderful stories in our continuous provision ".*

Hazel: Evelyn - *"For growing in confidence & sharing ideas with the class".*

Beech: Zayyan - *"For trying much harder in all areas, especially in Maths".*

Pine: Olivia - *"For working hard in Maths, telling the time".*

Elder: Abdul-Rahman - *"For always being polite & well mannered ".*

Cherry: Maryam B - *"For thoughtful & creative writing".*

Oak: The Whole Class - *"For a great week at Borwick Hall ".*

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



- Monday 24th February - Inset Day
- Tuesday 25th February - Return to school.
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day (More info on all the activities happening on this day next).
- Thursday 13th March – PTFA Event – Film Night (Details TBC).
- Monday 24th March – Friday 28th March – Toy Drive for Alder Hey Hospital (More info below).
- Friday 28th March - Non-Uniform day to raise money for Alder Hey Hospital (More info below).
- Saturday 21st June - First Holy Communion Mass (11am).

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday the 6th of March. We have many different exciting activities planned.

Freezeframe Competition

We are launching a freezeframe competition. Please help your child or children create the most interesting freezeframe from a book and take a picture. Please email the picture to worldbookday25@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk before the closing date of Friday 28th of February. Winners will be announced on World Book Day.

World Book Day

We will all dress up as book characters on the day to celebrate. If your child finds dressing up challenging please speak to your child's class teacher.

Book Cafe

We are holding a book café on Thursday the 6th of March and would love you to come and have a coffee and share a book with your child. Please join us

- Little Saplings, Rowan, Willow, Hazel and Beech 9.45-10.15am
- Pine, Elder, Cherry and Oak 10.30-11.00am.



Book Swap

We are also holding a giant book swap! Please send in any unwanted, but in good condition, children's books to school on Thursday the 6th and the children will be able to swap them for a different one.

Book Fair

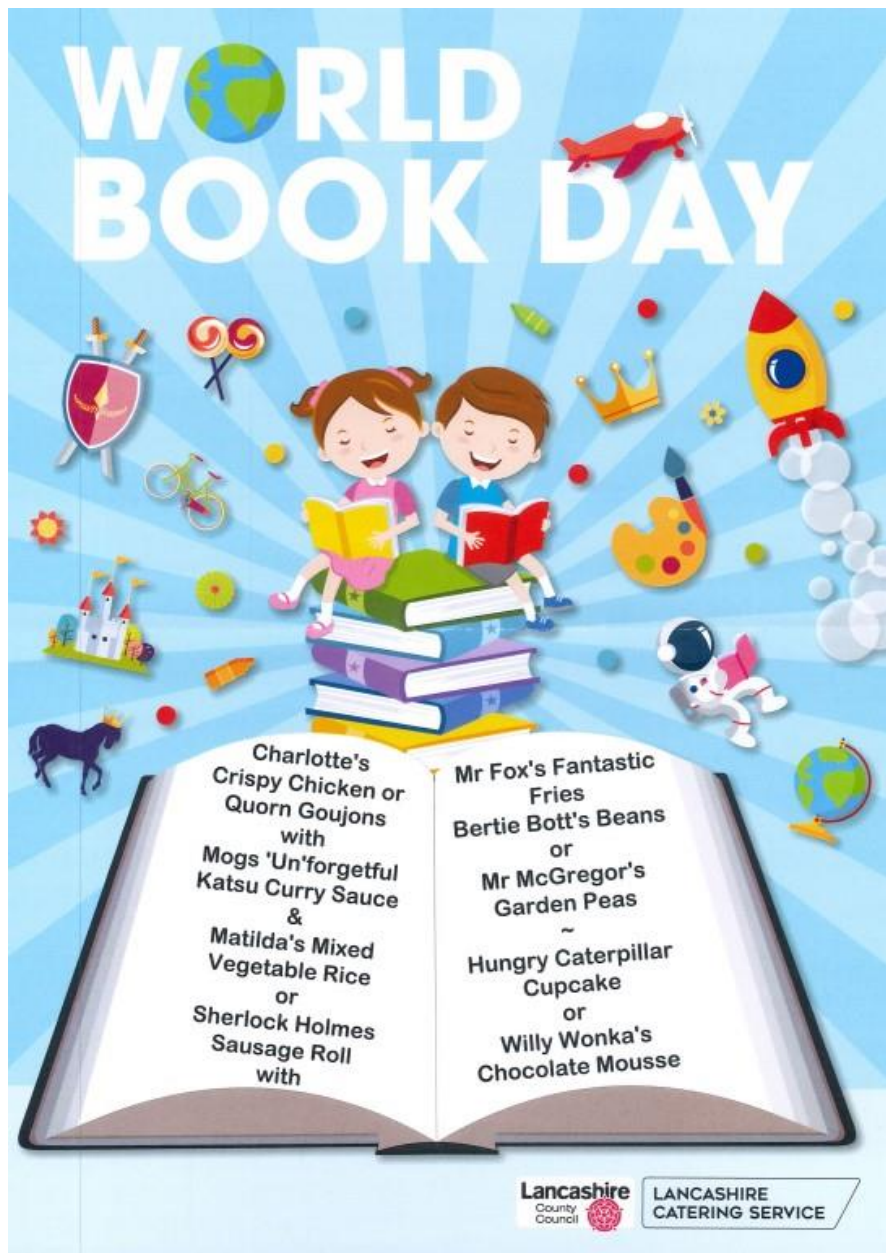
To celebrate World Book Day, we will be holding a book fair on the 27th Feb until the 4th of March 3.30pm-4.15pm in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to purchase books, journals and diaries with your child. Every purchase that is made earns commission for the school that we can use to buy new books for our classrooms. We hope to see you there!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
6 MARCH 2025



World Book Day Menu

There will be a special lunch menu on Thursday 6th March For World Book Day.



PTFA

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

TOGETHER,

EVERYONE

Achieves

MORE



On behalf of the PTFA thank you all for supporting the school with the ASDA rewards scheme. We raised £299.

For the Spring Term please pencil the following key dates in your diaries and more information will be released soon

- 13th March - Film Night
- 4th April - Easter Event

Fundraiser for Alder Hey Children's Hospital



In support of Alder Hey Hospital, as well as the Toy Drive, we would like to raise funds for the Alder Hey Children's Charity, with a non-uniform day. This will take place on Friday 28th March 2025 and we encourage the children to wear something **Blue**. You can donate to this cause on Arbor under 'Trips'. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 but feel free to donate more. A representative from the hospital will be joining our Assembly, where we will present her with our donations. To learn more about the charity and the vital work they deliver please follow the link below.

<https://www.alderhey.nhs.uk/about/charity/>

Internet Safety

We're excited to share three new blog posts on our school website celebrating Internet Safety Day!

- **Internet Safety Day: Parents – Top Tips:** Essential advice to help keep your family safe online.
- **Internet Safety Day: Children – Top Tips:** Engaging tips crafted especially for our young digital explorers.
- **Celebrating Internet Safety Day – Our Work:** A look at the activities our school has undertaken to promote Safer Internet Day and safe internet practices.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to read these posts and join us in fostering a safe online environment for our children. These can be found on the computing page on our school website, or by following and scrolling to the blog section

<https://st-clares.lancs.sch.uk/computing/>

Half Term PE Challenge

Half Term PE Challenge – full information can be found on PE Blog <https://st-clares.lancs.sch.uk/half-term-pe-challenge-the-animal-movement-challenge/>

Target Throw Challenge

- **KS1:** Set up targets like soft toys or cushions on the floor. Stand a few meters away and toss rolled-up socks to hit the targets. Count how many you can hit in 1 minute.
- **KS2:** Increase the distance from the targets or place them at different heights (e.g., on chairs or shelves). Add a point system for each target and try to beat your score in 2 minutes.

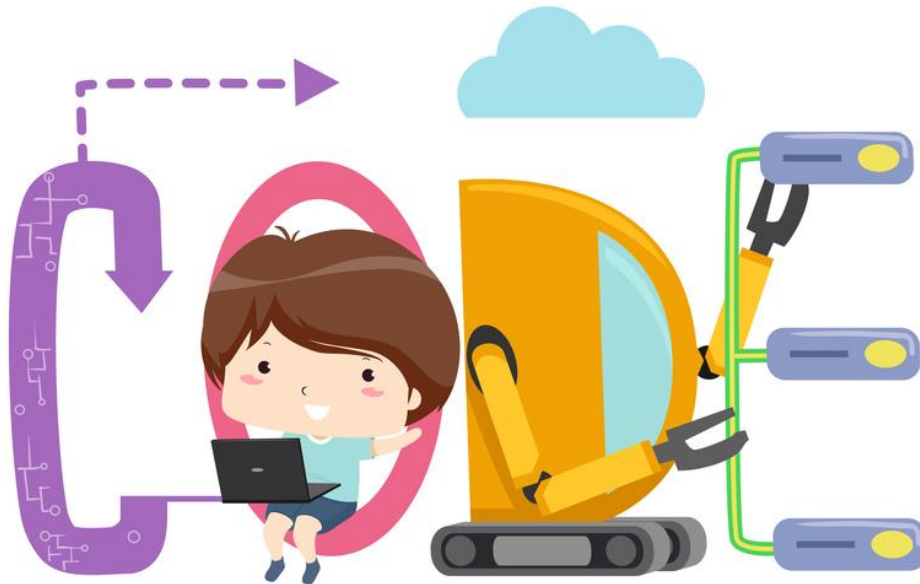
Half Term Computing Challenge

Half Term Computing Challenge - Full information can be found on Computing Blog

<https://st-clares.lancs.sch.uk/coding-challenge-unleash-your-inner-coder-this-half-term/>

Coding Challenge

- KS1: Can you use 2Code to create a basic program where a character moves around the screen following simple directional commands (up, down, left, right).
- KS2: Can you develop a more complex game in 2Code where users can control a character to complete levels, incorporating conditional statements (e.g., "if" commands) and loops.



After School Clubs



There are still spaces available in our After-School Clubs which will run for a further 4 weeks after half term. The clubs run from 3:20pm till 4:20pm and are free of charge.

The clubs available are:

Monday's – Choir Club

Tuesday's – Yoga Club & Year 5/6 Football with Coach Dom.

Wednesday's – Year 3/4 Football with a FA certified coach.

School Lunches

Week Commencing 24th February

Choice	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Pork or Veg meatballs & with rice	Lancashire Butter Pie with Peas or Beans	Roast Chicken or Quorn with Potatoes and Veg	Beef or Veg Burger in a bun	Fish Fingers
2	Macaroni & Cheese (v)	Loaded Veg Quesadilla (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta (v)	Pasta Twists and Tomato Sauce (v)	Pizza Margherita (v)
3	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Sandwich (Cheese/Tuna)



Pancake Day

4th March

*Dessert option

with all school

lunches*

Be Happy Day

28th March

