



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st November 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



Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. I can safely say that autumn is well and truly here, as we have had four seasons in one day. Please can you make sure that your children come to school with a coat—especially some of our older children who walk to school.

What a magical half-term this is with our run-up to Christmas and all the events we have to mark the Liturgical year and the excitement that Christmas brings. Please check the diary dates to make sure you don't miss out. I know that our PTFA have lots planned too, including a Christmas Disco for the children to enjoy. Please support them, and if you can give some time, too, that would be amazing. Remember that you are helping the school, which then helps your children.

Next week sees our parent's evenings, which I hope you are booking appointments through the app for. These will take place in the school hall. Please be mindful that appointments are ten minutes per child. This is a lovely opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and see how well they have settled into the new academic year. At the spring term parents' evening, you will have the opportunity to look at your children's work.

Finally, I know that you will be marking Bonfire Night this weekend so please keep yourself safe and enjoy spending time together as families.

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

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: - Mikail - *"For using great descriptive language when explaining about his religious pilgrimage (umrah) to the class".*

Rowan: Haron - *"For always putting his hand up and trying hard with rhyming words".*

Willow: Baaqir - *"For confidently sharing his ideas during class discussions".*

Hazel: Jasmine - *"For always trying your best & having such a positive approach in all that you do".*

Beech: Jordan - *"For always listening carefully and trying his best in all his work".*

Pine: Nancy - *"For answering lots of questions & always trying her best".*

Eloise – *"For fantastic work in Maths when learning about shapes & Angles".*

Elder: James - *"For excellent mathematical work, understanding & applying decimals. Super!"*.

Cherry: Seoni - *"For Showing acts of selflessness".*

Oak: Elina - *"For wonderful work across the curriculum & a fantastic diary entry in RE this week".*

The Winning House this week: Southworth!



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 4th November - Class heats for Talk Master.
- Wednesday 6th November - Parents Evening Session 1 (Book on Arbor).
- Thursday 7th November - Parents Evening Session 2 (Book on Arbor).
- 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 Helmsshore Mill.
- Monday 2nd December - Year 5/6 Advent Service (5pm)
- Thursday 5th December - PTFA School Christmas Disco (see details below).
- Tuesday 10th December - Little Saplings Nativity (10am).
- Tuesday 10th December - Rowan Class Nativity (2pm).
- Wednesday 11th December - KS1 Nativity (2pm & 3:30pm).
- Tuesday 17th December - School Theatre Trip (see details below).
- Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day.
- Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term (1:30pm Finish).
- Monday 6th January - Return to School.



St Clare's Parish Christmas Fair



Parish Christmas Fair Sunday 24th November, after 9:30am. Mass.

We would be grateful for all donations; prizes for tombola, cakes, toys, gifts for raffle, bric a brac etc. Please start to leave any items in the Narthex. This will be a great Parish occasion.

School Trip



We are Preparing for a tiny adventure at the Dukes Theatre this Christmas!

This year the whole school will enjoy a trip to The Dukes Theatre in Lancaster to see the upcoming production of 'The Borrowers'.

Hidden beneath the floorboards of an empty house you'll find a peculiar miniature world that belongs to brave Arrietty and her family of Borrowers. These clever Borrowers make use of anything they find "upstairs", from buttons to biscuits and baubles.

But their quiet existence is disturbed when a family of Human Beans arrives! Soon the gentle dripping of pipes is replaced by Hoovers, TV's and the sound of Slade on the radio. Arrietty is desperate to understand what life is like for the Beans upstairs and her friendship with eight-year-old Eddie is the opportunity to do just that.

Date: Tuesday 17th December 2024.

Cost: £16 per child. To book your child's place, please register and pay for this trip on Arbor under 'Trips'.

Please note that the whole school will be attending this trip including all staff members which means the school will be closed until we return.

PTFA

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.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

TOGETHER,

EVERYONE

Achieves

MORE



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**

*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/>