

St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th 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

In this week's gospel, we were reminded about the names Jesus is called and how some people struggled to know who he was. We have found a challenging gospel message, too. In life, it would be just wonderful if everything went the way that we had planned, there were no obstacles to bear, and we knew the direction that we were travelling. This week, we are strongly encouraged to trust in God; we may not understand why something is happening or why God has chosen it to happen. By trusting that everything will be ok, it gives us the hope that we need to hold on to.



Next week, Elder Class will visit Lancaster Cathedral. It is such a beautiful place and a great way to mark the centenary of our diocese with a pilgrimage to our cathedral. The fun doesn't stop there, either. Cherry Class will head off on an adventure to Castlerigg Manor Residential. Not forgetting that Friday sees Rowan class with their community event. They will be running a McMillan Coffee morning from 9.30 until 11.00 am. What exciting times!

Parking has improved on some days, so let's keep it up. Can I remind you that the parish car park is for drop-and-go?

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy going for a walk in what could be the last of the warm weather.

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.



THE MARK 10 Mission

THE MISSION

SISTER CLARE

Your Mark 10 Mission is inspired by Sr Clare Crockett and her beautiful heart for serving others. Find a chance to do something for another person or group when you are tired or short of energy.

The secret of this mission is not to tell anyone that you were tired or wanted to leave. Just keep it quiet, don't make a fuss and offer this little act of service to God.

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Halima - *"For great communication".*

Rowan: The whole class - *"For a great week in class".*

Willow: Zayn - *"For being a helping friend to the new member of our class".*

Hazel: Phillip - *"For having a fantastic attitude to your work, Keep it up!".*

Beech: Teddy - *"For writing a super character description of Jim Lad".*

Pine: Martha - *"For answering questions and joining in class discussions".*

Elder: Hamssini - *"For writing an excellent poem using figurative language. Well Done!".*

Cherry: Tyler - *"For settling in well & adapting to the new routines sensibly".*

Oak: Lewis C - *"For making a great start to year 6, showing determination and being a great model".*

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

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.

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 5:15pm - 7pm (PTFA event, more information to follow).

Friday 18th October - End of the school term.

Tuesday 29th October - Return to school.

Attendance

The whole school's attendance this week was 96.92%.

Well done to Year 1 (Hazel), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.52%.



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.



**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 is 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/>

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

OPEN DAY

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



01772 787037

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



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".

Our next PTFA meeting will take place via Teams next week. The time and date will be confirmed via Arbor.

Please see the next page on how you can help the PTFA raise money for school whilst doing your weekly shop!

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards
and we will donate **££s** to schools.



HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 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

Online Safety

Our next virtual Online Safety Parent/Carer information session:
Wednesday 2nd October 2024 – 4pm – 4.45pm

The link will be sent before via email and Arbor. The session will be recorded for you to access afterwards if you cannot attend.



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 speak to the school office.

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.