



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th 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

My goodness the weeks are just flying by and October is just around the corner. It is so lovely to see the children so settled and embracing new learning with enthusiasm across all the classes. I know that Elder Class thoroughly enjoyed visiting Lancaster Cathedral at the start of this week. What a treat to have Fr John Millar spend time with the children explaining all the key aspects of our beautiful Cathedral of Lancaster Diocese, especially in its century year.

This week's Gospel could not have been more perfect for the week that we have had in school. Jesus' message is clear, for anyone who wants to be first, must put themselves last and be the greatest servant of all. Today Rowan Class mark the first of our community events to serve others and support this wonderful charity who are making a real difference for the very families in real need. Thank you to everyone who supported the children and staff.

How are everyone's preparation for 'Talk Master 2024'? Through public speaking, children can develop self-confidence, communication skills, critical thinking abilities, memory, focus, leadership qualities, and the ability to overcome fear and anxiety. So, with this in mind everyone must take part. The children can learn anything from a piece of prose, poem, or information. The important thing is that they must know it by heart and perform it to others. There are some ideas on our website page but they are just suggestions.

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



The first round is within the class—teachers choose the best three children to advance to the next round.

The second round is within four stages: -

- Little Saplings and Rowan Classes
- Willow, Hazel and Beech Classes
- Pine and Elder Classes
- Cherry and Oak Classes

This will be judged externally by well-known retired staff of our school.

The final round involves the whole school and will be judged by Mrs. Wroblewski, Miss Metcalf, and Mrs. Charnley. There will be prizes at each stage, from certificates, rosettes and £10 Amazon vouchers. I am so looking forward to seeing the children taking part.

I know the children in Cherry Class have loved every minute of being at Castlerigg this week. Real memories have been made from spending time together, praying together as a class family and fond memories of skimming stones on the lake. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to make this possible. I know that they are all ready to have a good sleep and share their memories with families and friends.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and I hope you can join us on our Open Day next week.

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.

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ROSARY

Begin the Rosary Challenge. The challenge is to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary every weekday of October with Greg and Sr Therese.

Listen to the scripture passage for each reading and hold it in your heart. Then pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary ten times and the Glory Be.

You can use the videos and tracking sheet from our website to help you record your progress.

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Clarence - *"For doing great in PE "*.

Rowan: Rosie B - *"For always trying her best"*.

Willow: Ameerah - *"For making a fantastic start to her story 'Lost & Found' "*.

Hazel: Yusha - *"For writing your own fantastic 'The Snail and the Whale' story"*.

Beech: Millie - *"For a hardworking attitude and trying her best in all that she does"*.

Pine: Ariana - *"For a fantastic attitude towards learning"*.

Elder: The Whole Class - *"For astounding knowledge and excellent behaviour on our trip to Lancaster Cathedral"*.

Cherry: Muhammad Zayn - *"For being ready to learn and showing a mature attitude at all times"*.

Oak: Ella - *"For working hard and trying her best across the curriculum"*.

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



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 – Parents Welcome (1:45pm).

Thursday 17th October - Movie Night 5:15pm - 7pm (Ran by the PTFA, 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 96.64%.

Well done to Year 2 (Beech), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 98.72%.

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

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.

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/>

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

TOGETHER,

EVERYONE

Achieves MORE



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".

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 laptops, books and school supplies

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.