



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th 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

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you all had a good half-term break; I have enjoyed hearing about all the fun things the children did during their week off school.

The season of **Lent** is fast approaching and we shall be marking the start of this important season in the liturgical year by attending the **Ash Wednesday Parish Mass** next Wednesday 5th March at 09:15 in St. Clare's Church. Please join us if you are able to – all welcome.



The week started with a definite buzz in Elder and Pine Classes as they enjoyed an **Ancient Egyptian and Ancient Greek Day** respectively, led by **Professor Tuesday**, who complimented our pupils on their excellent behaviour. I was extremely proud (but not surprised) to hear this!

We have also had a visit from the **Anne Frank Trust** this week, who talked to pupils in Oak and Cherry class about **gender equality**. Gender stereotypes were challenged and the children were reminded of the need to treat all people with kindness and respect.

Little Saplings had a wonderful day out at Windmill Animal Farm on Wednesday. Mrs. Ronson chose a great day weather-wise and the children all thoroughly enjoyed their time outdoors seeing and feeding lots of different animals.



Looking ahead to next week, we shall be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. We look forward to seeing lots of great book-related dressing up costumes! Please remember to visit our Book Fair to buy your child a book, if you possibly can. We do gain a small commission, which we take in new books for our class libraries. Thank you to all those families who have visited the book fair so far.



Have a great weekend, everyone!

Mrs. Wroblewski

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: Mikaeel P - *"For extreme bravery on our school trip "*.

Rowan: Malalai - *"For always trying her best "*.

Willow: Ayizah - *"For enthusiasm and effort with her reading "*.

Hazel: Lavina - *"For a fantastic attitude to your learning and joining in with class discussions".*

Beech: Addi - *"For never giving up and for always trying her best in all that she does "*.

Pine: Alesha - *"For fantastic answers on Ancient Greece Day".*

Elder: Isabelle - *"For showing resilience with column multiplication "*.

Cherry: The Whole Class - *"For making Mrs Thorpe feel so welcome and for super listening and hard work".*

Oak: Sophie - *"For working across the curriculum and pushing herself out of her comfort zone "*.

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:15am
- Adoration takes place in Church Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 8:00am – 8:45am – all welcome
- 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).
- Tuesday 1st April – Parents Evening session 1 – 2:00pm – 5:30pm. (more info to follow)
- Tuesday 2nd April – Parents Evening session 2 – 2:00pm – 5:30pm (more info to follow).
- Tuesday 8th April – Year 3 Easter Play (2pm & 3:30pm).
- Wednesday 9th April – Last day of term (1:30pm finish).
- Tuesday 22nd April – Return to school.
- Thursday 24th April – Meet the Teacher.
- 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.

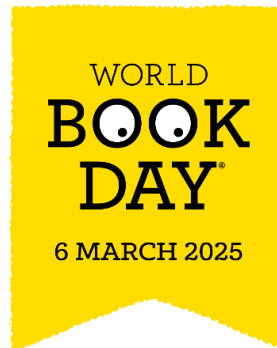


Book Swap

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.

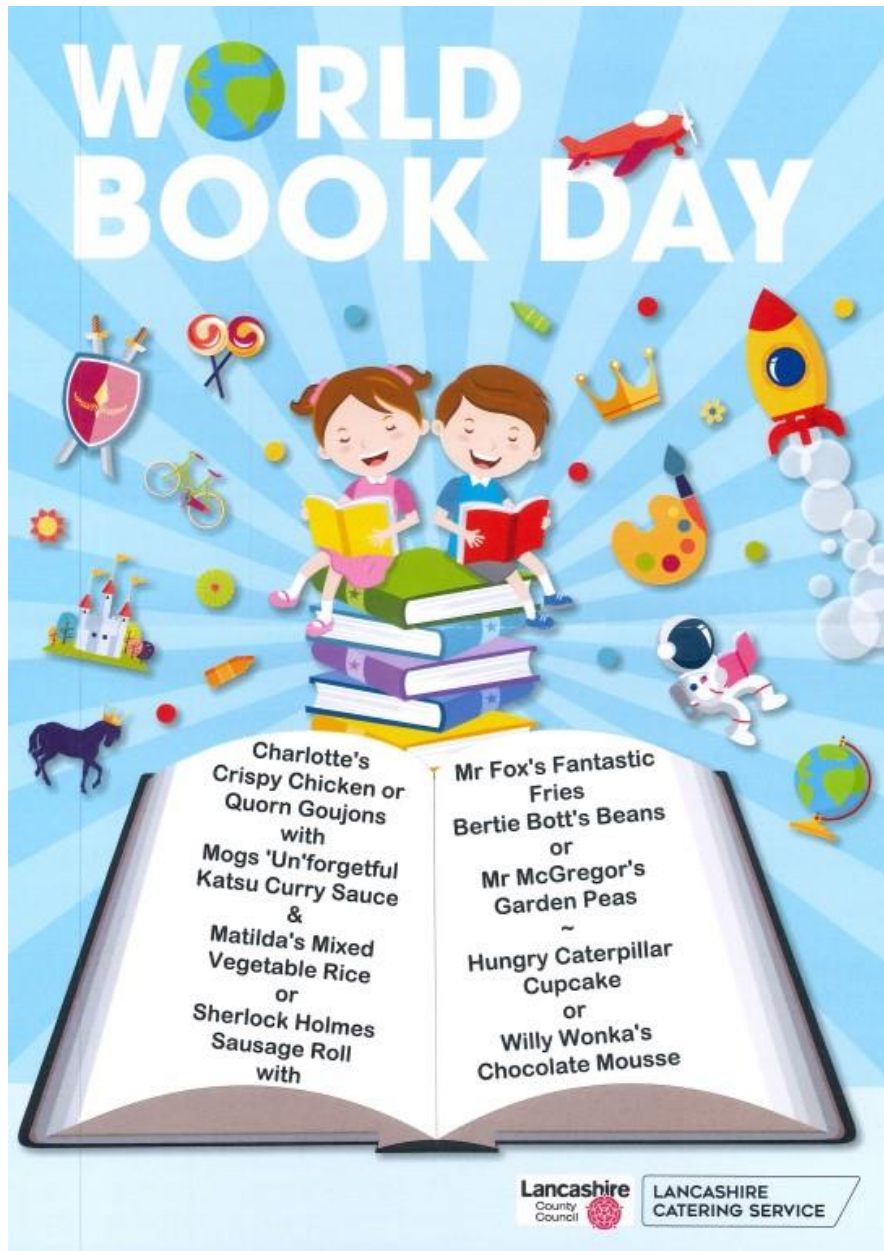
Book Fair

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 Menu

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



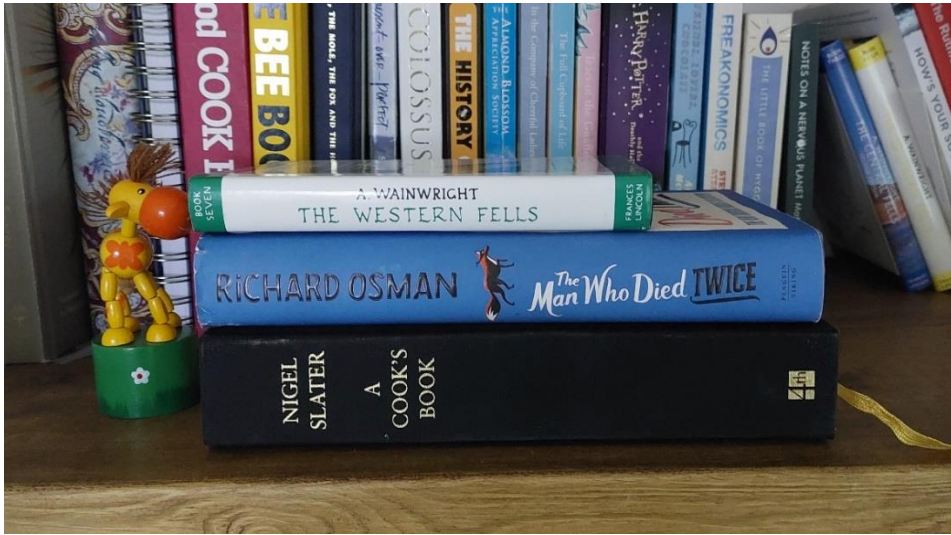
World Book Day Quiz

Just for fun, can you guess which bookcase belongs to which member of staff? There are no prizes but answers will be published in next week's newsletter. Good luck!

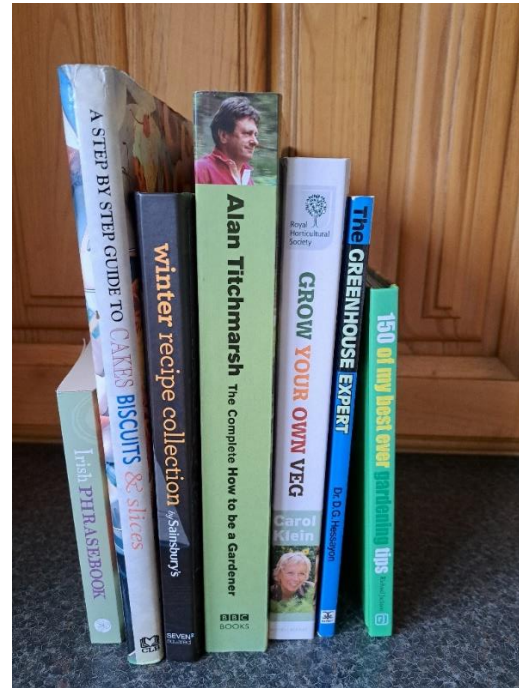
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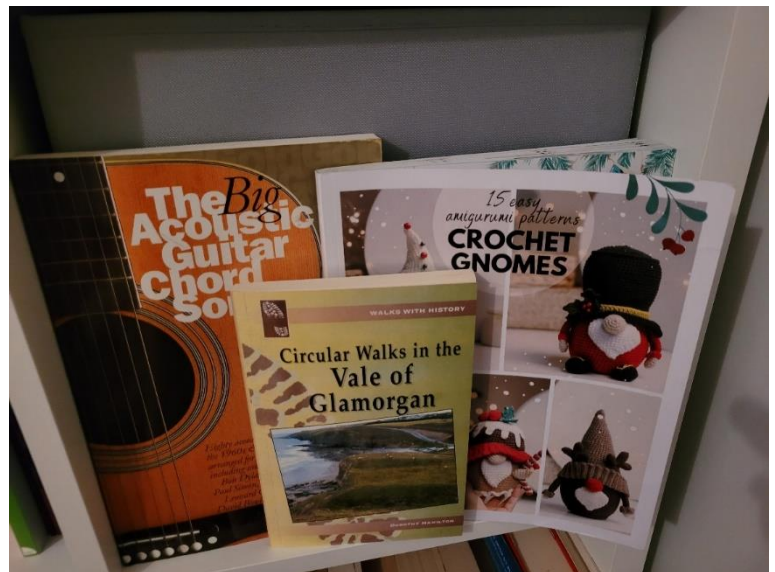
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Fundraiser for Alder Hey Children's Hospital



ST CLARE'S TOY DRIVE FOR ALDERHEY HOSPITAL

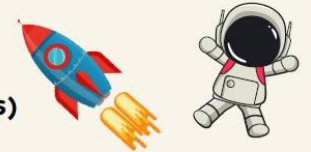


Mon 24th March - Friday 28th March 2025

Hi, my name is Hamza and I am 6 years old. Alderhey hospital have been looking after me since I was born. Being in hospital can be sad and lonely, I want to bring a smile to the poorly children by gifting them a new toy. I would like to request if all of my friends at St Clare's can help me reach as many children as possible by bringing in a toy to gift them.

THE TOY NEEDS TO BE:

- **BRAND NEW**
- **IN ITS ORIGINAL PACKAGING**
- **NOT WRAPPED (DUE TO HYGEINE REASONS)**



EXAMPLES TO DONATE: SENSORY TOYS, FIDGET TOYS, PAMPER GIFTS, GAMES, MUSICAL TOYS, JIGSAWS, PUZZLES, LEGO AND MUCH MORE.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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/>

PTFA

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

Online Safety

Please check your inbox for the **March 2025 Online Safety Newsletter**. This month covers key topics including the risks and safeguards related to **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, the impact of **smartphone use** on children's mental health, and **TikTok safety** measures like privacy settings and family pairing. It also provides resources on **NSPCC's "Talk PANTS"** campaign, safe online gaming via **LEGO Arcade**, and guidance on child-friendly messaging apps like **Stars Messenger**.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA



Child Car Seat Safety Events

From February -March 2025 car safety events will be delivered by the Good Egg Safety, supported by Lancashire County Council

These free, community events will take place at a variety of supermarkets in specifically targeted areas and aim to educate parents/carers, grandparents and anyone who drives with children in their vehicle on how to correctly fit a child car seat to their vehicle.

The team will demonstrate how to correctly install the child car seat or inform the driver if a car seat is unsuitable for some reason. General road safety literature will be offered to take away with them.

Many of the mistakes' people make surrounding child car seats are simple and easy to avoid, including seats belts needing tightening, harnesses not being in the right position and incorrect head restraints? simple, yet potentially lifesaving. Pop along for free advice and an independent check.

All events run from 10am - 3pm

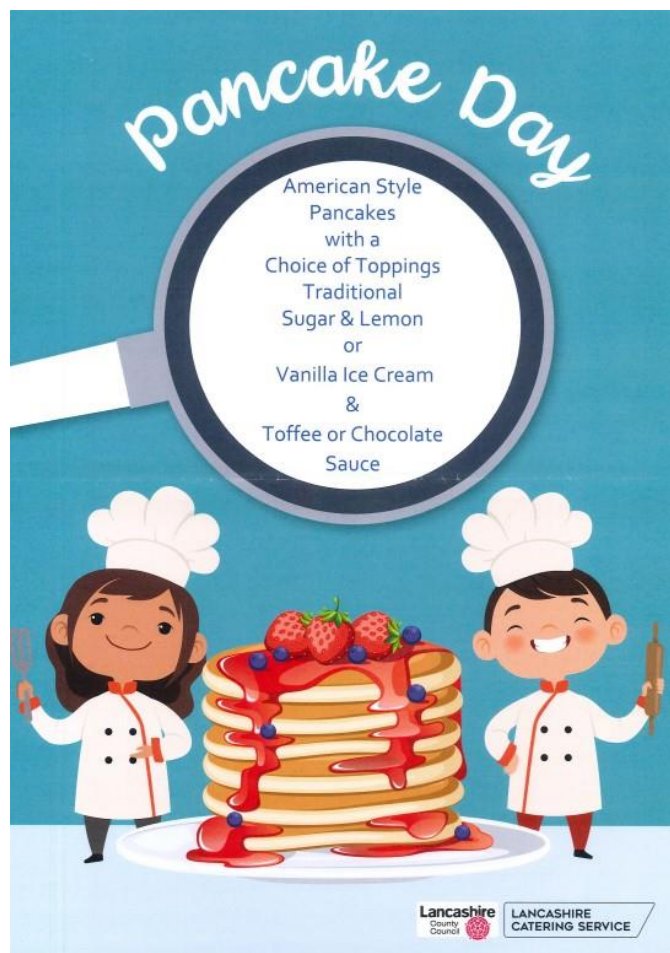
Morrisons, Olympian Way Leyland Friday 28th February

Morrisons, Riversway Preston Wednesday 5th March

School Lunches

Week Commencing 3rd March

Choice	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Vegetarian Sausage Roll (v)	Chicken or Veggie Burger	Booths Pork or Veg Sausages Toad in the Hole	Chicken or Veg Curry	Crispy Battered Fish
2	Loaded Pizza Pocket with tortilla chips (v)	Pasta Spirals and tomato sauce	Oriental Veg Noodles (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta (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

