



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29th 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



Advent is here! This Sunday marks the start of our journey of preparation to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Jesus speaks of something unchanging: 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.' In the New Testament and the four Gospels, Jesus has entrusted us with the enduring gift of his word. This eternal word is more than just text; it is a revelation of the Lord Himself, who never changes and is always present with us—in every season, moment, joy, and challenge.

It is a truly magical time, and we hope you can join Year 5 and Year 6 as they take the lead at our Advent service this coming Monday, December 2nd, at 5 p.m. in the church.

Please check the diary dates for Key Stage 1, Reception and Little Saplings performances that are just around the corner. There is something really magical about our youngest children retelling the story of Jesus' birth.

My goodness, this has been a week of two halves. The weather is telling us that Autumn is here with the frost. Please make sure your child comes with a waterproof coat to keep them warm and dry, as in Autumn, we never know what the weather will do.

Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

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.

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HOPE OF ADVENT

Get to know Jesus better this Advent. Promise to spend time with him each day. Choose when and for how long this will be. Imagine how much better you will know Jesus if you spend an extra ten minutes with him each day. This could be in silence, sharing what has happened in your day. It could be reading from your Bible if you have one at home. Promise to spend time talking to Jesus and make sure to listen to what he says to your heart too.

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Aasiyah - *"For great concentration when playing her instrument"*.

Rowan: Kobi - *"For being a writing machine"*.

Willow: Mohammed Adam - *"For showing focus in all of his lessons and especially our nativity practice"*.

Hazel: Jonas - *"For fantastic independent writing in RE - Great Work!"*.

Beech: John - *"For super 2D & 3D shape work in Maths"*.

Pine: The Whole Class - *"For amazing behaviour on our school trip"*.

Elder: Patrick - *"For showing enthusiasm across all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up!"*.

Cherry: Malik - *"For outstanding energy and enthusiasm for learning"*.

Oak: Fatima - *"For super work on area and perimeter this week. Well done!"*.

The Winning House this week: Southworth!

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 2nd December
– Year 5/6 Advent Service in Church (5pm).
- Thursday 5th December - PTFA School Christmas Disco (see details below).
- Tuesday 10th December - Little Saplings Nativity, In the school Hall (10am).
- Tuesday 10th December - Rowan Class Nativity, in Church (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 - Mrs Charnley's Leaving Mass followed by refreshments in the school hall (9:15am).
- Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term (1:30pm Finish).
- Monday 6th January - Return to School.
- Thursday 9th January - Meet the Teacher (5pm).





Christmas Disco - 5th December

- £7 per child will include crisp, drink and snack
- Infants 3:30pm - 4:30pm (children can bring their party clothes to school and they will change before going to the hall)
- Juniors 4:45pm - 6pm

We have DJ slug booked for the event- Disco tickets are on sale on Arbor (School Shop).

We urgently need some Parent Volunteers to help out at the School Disco. If you are able to help even for a few hours, please let the office know.

Rainbow raffle

Please can children bring into school rainbow raffle items between Dec 9th - 13th Dec - Rainbow raffle will be drawn on Christmas jumper day (Wednesday 18th December).

Little Saplings and Rowan - Pink

Willow - Purple

Beech - Blue

Pine - Green

Elder - Yellow

Cherry - Orange

Oak - Red

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.

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.

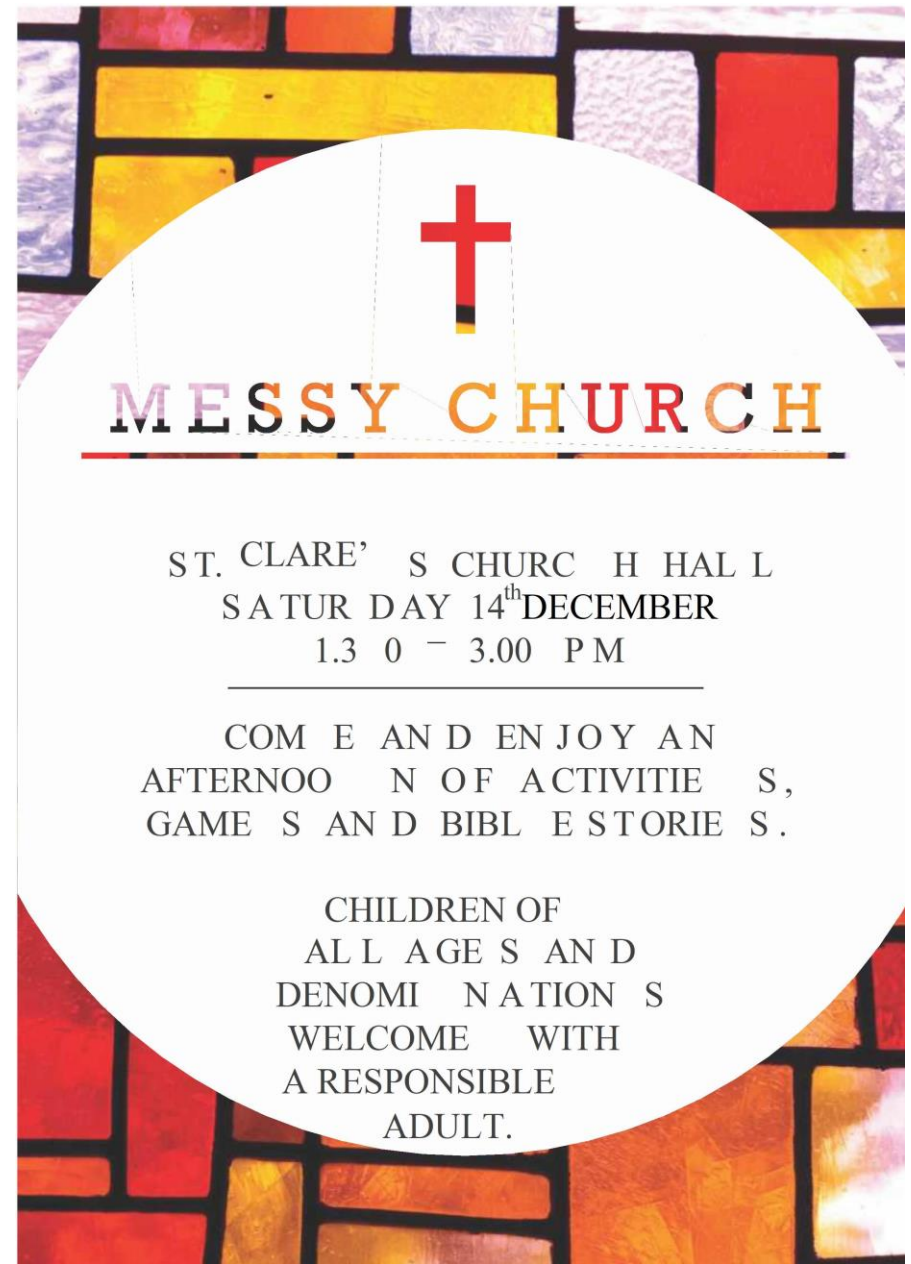
But their quiet existence is disturbed when a family of Human Beans arrives! Soon the gentle dripping of pipes is replaced by Hoovers, TV's and the sound of Slade on the radio. Arrietty is desperate to understand what life is like for the Beans upstairs and her friendship with eight-year-old Eddie is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

Community Events



Catholic Teaching Alliance - Recruitment



Recruiting for September 2025

Catholic Teaching Alliance - Train to Teach in Local Schools

Have you thought about a career in teaching?

Established since 2014, the CTA has 10 years' experience in delivering teacher training.

Train locally - schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

Apply now for a September 2025 start

PGCE with QTS

Minimum requirements for our teacher training courses are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary), plus an honour's degree, class 2:2 or above.

For more information

Call: 01772 326931

Email: CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html>

Poppy appeal Raised...



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal



To St Clares Catholic Primary School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy

Appeal. Together we raised £181.95



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.

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.

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 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/>

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.

RESTRICTED – PERSONAL



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have been receiving several complaints about dangerous parking at school drop off and pick up hours where vehicles are parking in a dangerous manner along Sharoe Green Lane.

I appreciate that parking around this area is limited, but we ask you to be considerate when parking your vehicle and use a relevant and safe space to park when picking up and dropping your children off. Dangerous parking on double yellow lines is illegal and poses a risk to other road users and pedestrians, especially due to the location of the school.

The local Neighbourhood Policing team will take further action and vehicles who are parking inconsiderately will be ticketed accordingly if they are causing an obstruction or a hazard.

Regards,

Lancashire Constabulary

Sharoe Green Neighbourhood Policing team,
in partnership with **St Clare's Catholic Primary School.**

In case of emergency call 999, non-emergency call 101

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