



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th October 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



I have had a great week spending time with classes; the artistic talent in Little Saplings is fantastic. The way they looked at Turner and Van Gogh was beautiful. It has been lovely hearing from the children in Rowan about how to look after a baby – they were amazing with how much they knew. Willow and Hazel had a wonderful time at the Zoo, blessed with fantastic weather. Oak class has been developing their understanding of keeping safe online. What exceptional, clever children we have here at St Clare's. How lovely to see such excellent active learning across the school, too.

It was lovely to meet so many new faces and have the opportunity to share our excellent school with them on our Open Day. Our Year 6 are to be applauded for their fantastic representation of our school. I had nothing but compliments from all our visitors on how wonderful they were and confident in the way they completed their guided tours of school. Well done Year 6, you really have shown yourselves to be fantastic role models for school as Mrs Wroblewski, Mr. Parkinson, and I received nothing but compliments from the many parents looking to apply for a place here in September 2025.

This week has been a week of joy but also sorrow. Mrs Donaldson and her family are devastated at the sudden loss of Mr. Donaldson. As a whole school community, we have felt this sad news, too. Throughout the year, Mr. Donaldson volunteered his expertise and support, from repairing equipment in reception to setting up the sound system for sports day. There are so many quiet ways that Mr. Donaldson supported our school. I know so many of you want to pass on your condolences, and if you wish to drop a card into school, we will ensure the family receives them. We have arranged flowers from the whole school community already. Please keep the family in your prayers at this sad time.

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: Mika - *"For simply being WOW all week in all his learning".*

Rowan: Jaylan - *"For trying hard to put up his hand".*

Willow: Mohammed Adam - *"For fantastic work in Geography, naming & locating the 5 oceans on a map".*

Hazel: The Whole Class - *"For excellent behaviour on our trip to Blackpool Zoo, What a great day!".*

Beech: Jeremiah - *"For always listening carefully & concentrating fully so she can produce great work".*

Pine: Kaleesi - *"For showing resilience".*

Elder: Elvin - *"For making steady progress in morning Math's - Keep trying hard!".*

Cherry: Tara - *"For showing patience & kindness towards others, working hard & not being distracted by those around her".*

Oak: Mason H D - *"For a fantastic week in school & wonderful artwork".*

The Winning House this week: Plessington!

Dates for your Diary



- 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 3:30pm - 5:30pm (PTFA event, see details below).
- Friday 18th October – Bishops Fund Day
- Friday 18th October - End of the school term.
- Tuesday 29th October - Return to school.
- Wednesday 6th November - Parents Evening Session 1 (Booking open on Arbor under 'Guardian Consultations' on 17.10.24)
- Thursday 7th November - Parents Evening Session 2 (Booking open on Arbor under 'Guardian Consultations' on 17.10.24)
- Friday 22nd November - Crazy Hair Day (PTFA event, details to follow).

Harvest



On Wednesday 16th October, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival, where we give thanks for all the food that we have, that keeps us fit and healthy. You are welcome to join us in church at 1:45pm. We are very lucky, but not everyone is. Some people don't have access to food on a daily basis.

This year, we have teamed up with the Foxton Centre to support the homeless. We are looking for donations of non-perishable food items. We have given each class specific items to ensure that we are able to donate a good variety of foods. All Donations must be in by Tuesday 15th October 2024.

- **Little Saplings** - Cereal / Granola Bars (no nuts).
- **Rowan** - Box of Cereal or Instant Oats (no nuts).
- **Hazel/Willow** - Dried Pasta, Spaghetti or Rice.
- **Beech** - Jar of Pasta Sauce or Tinned Tomato's.
- **Pine** - Instant Noodles or Soup.
- **Elder** - Tinned Beans, lentils or Vegetables.
- **Cherry** - Tinned Fish, Poultry or Meat.
- **Oak** - Tinned / Dried Fruit (no nuts).

Thank you for your support in helping those who are less fortunate.

Bishops Fund Day

This year we will be holding our Bishop's Fund Day on the 18th of October. The KS2 children will be planning games and activities for the other children to join in with to raise money. The School Council will be choosing a local charity to support. Your child's teacher will help them with their ideas, but we would really appreciate it if you could support your children with their planning at home. All children can bring some money into school on the 18th to join in with the fun! The event takes place during the school day and is just for the children.

PTFA

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.

Upcoming PTFA Events

- **Thursday 17th October** - Movie Night. Children from year 1 upwards can stay behind after school and enjoy a movie with their friends. The price will include a Drink, Chocolate and Crisp.

Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm (Children will go to the hall straight from class).

Cost: £4 per child. You can book your child's place for this via Arbor under 'School Shop'.

Reception Children will also take part but this will be within school time. They will need to be collected at 3:20pm.

- **Friday 22nd November** - Crazy Hair Day. (more details to follow)

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

TOGETHER,

EVERYONE

Achieves

MORE



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/>

Community Events



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SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN
ACTIVITIES
CRAFTS-FACEPAINTING-BISCUIT
DECORATING

JOIN US AT MILLBANK WELLBEING
CENTRE
EDMUND STREET
PR1 1ED

Drinks Provided Snacks Provided

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER
9:30-11:30 AM

Booking is not required

Children and Family Wellbeing Service
Places for People
LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUB NETWORK



COME AND JOIN US FOR
HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
CRAFTS FACEPAINTING
HALLOWEEN TRAIL AND MORE

AT THE HUB GRANGE PARK
RIBBLETON

ON THE 25TH OCTOBER
1:00-3:00 PM

email
cfwprestongroups@lancashire.gov.uk
to book a place or ring 01772 539444

Free Refreshments Available

Children and Family Wellbeing Service
GROW PRESTON
LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUB NETWORK
Lancashire County Council



Halloween Themed Activities

Face painting, crafts, biscuit
decorating and more

AT

The Foxton Youth and Community Centre
Unit 10 & 12
Oakham Court
Preston
PR1 3XP

24h October
9:30 - 11:30 AM

Drink And a Snack Provided
no need to book - just come along



Family Halloween Party

Free
Hotdogs

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

3:00-4:30 PM

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

Free
Juice

MOOR NOOK COMMUNITY CENTRE
BURHOLME ROAD

PR2 6HN

book a place via the QR
code

