



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th December 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



As Christmas approaches, there is a real sense of community within the school. Many of the children are working hard to learn song words, movements and acting roles in addition to all their curriculum work. We also use this time to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas, the miracle that was Jesus' birth.

As our Advent preparations continue, we encourage the children to see the beauty of Christmas. Therefore, when children look outwards and recognise the needs of others, this is a true reflection of their growth, something for all of us, young and old, to aspire to.

Second Sunday in Advent is just around the corner and we hear about John the Baptist. During this week in advent we think of peace and we think about our actions and try to make sure that we are ready for the coming of Jesus. We think about what we could do better and try to make a change to our lives.

What do you think you could do differently, so that you can try to be ready for Jesus?

This week we have had several reports of inconsiderate and dangerous driving on the Church carpark and directly outside the School gates. I ask you, please, particularly at this time of goodwill to all mankind, that we think of others when dropping children off at school. Please don't park outside the School gates and take care when moving around the carpark. As you can see, there are children as young as three in our school and we really must think about their safety.

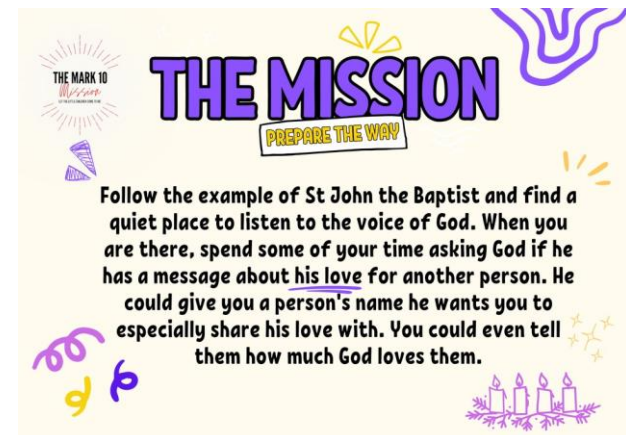
With a weather warning for us for high winds please take care over the weekend.

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.



Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Esme - *"For outstanding performing skills".*

Rowan: Abigail - *"For remembering so much of our Christmas play".*

Willow: Ryan - *"For showing excellent focus during our test week & working hard in all our lessons".*

Hazel: Zakwan - *"For fantastic effort in all your work this week".*

Beech: Libby - *"For trying much harder to improve all of her work".*

Pine: Evie - *"For fantastic column subtraction work in Math's".*

Elder: Leah - *"For an excellent diary entry".*

Cherry: Sera - *"For always showing kindness & helpfulness to all".*

Oak: Leona - *"For working hard across the curriculum & pushing herself out of her comfort zone. Well done!".*

The Winning House this week: Plessington & Southworth

Dates for your Diary



- 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 to Dukes Lancaster.
- 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).

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TOGETHER,

EVERYONE



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 Disco

The School Disco was a huge success and enjoyed by all. DJ slug was fantastic and really helped to keep the kids engaged. Finally, a big Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help out.

Rainbow Raffle – CANCELLED



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

Fully Funded (FREE)
NCFE | CACHE
Courses available in
levels 1, 2 & 3 starting
on 2nd December!

Our next course starts
on 6th January. The
deadline to enrol is
Friday 13th December.

Sessions will be
available with our
employment
engagement officers
after course completion!

We run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet and our friendly tutors will guide you all the way.

These courses are fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

If you are earning less than £24,000 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available.

Please go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more information.



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1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

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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 honours 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>

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.



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/>

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 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/>