



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th 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



Thank you to all who joined our parent's meetings this week. I hope you found catching up with your child's class teacher useful. I have heard nothing but delightful comments from staff as they shared your child's start to this academic year.

This is often the most magical half-term for both children and parents. As we travel through the half term, we will explore and grow our faith to travel through Advent together while we wait for the birth of Our Lord. Our youngest children are busy getting the various Nativity plays ready. We would ask that you encourage the children to practice getting changed independently and ready for the performances. Please check the term dates for the various Advent and Christmas events, as I know how precious these memories are, which parents do not want to miss. I know that the trip to see The Borrowers will be a real highlight this year. The children have talked about how much they enjoy our annual trip to the Dukes in

Lancaster. As we are going as a whole school, it will be a unique time to make lasting memories with the children.

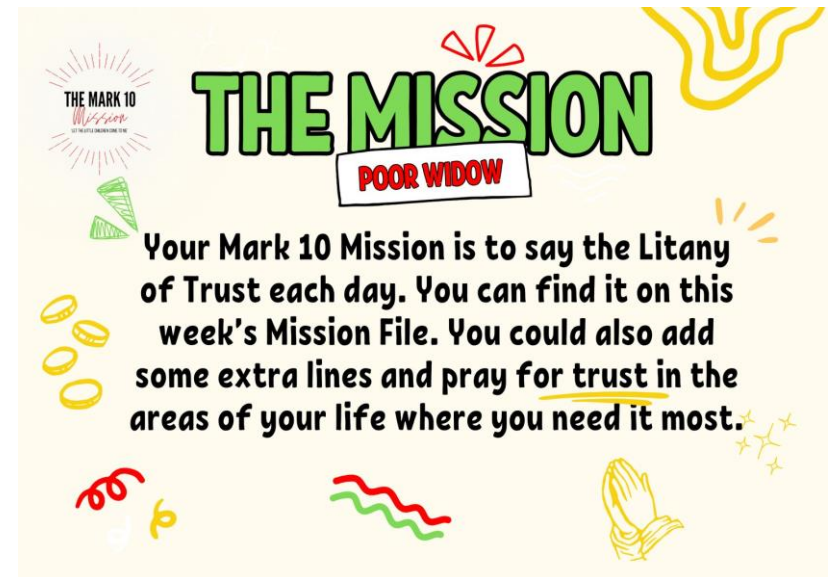
Have a lovely weekend together, enjoy family time together, and remember that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we are all equal in God's eyes and should treat each other with kindness and respect.

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: Jordan - *"For doing great in the talk master challenge".*

Rowan: Teresa - *"For fantastic writing about bonfire night".*

Willow: Khadijah - *"For sharing the solar system in the talk master challenge".*

Hazel: Rayaana - *"For growing in confidence & putting your hand up to answer questions".*

Beech: Pearl - *"For super RE work".*

Pine: Anna - *"For being brave & facing her fear when she was nervous and for trying hard".*

Elder: Niall - *"For excellent work recalling fact families in mathematics Niall. Keep it up!"*.

Cherry: Jayden - *"For working hard all the time & being a brilliant member of Cherry Class".*

Oak: Safaa - *"For fantastic responses in class discussion & working hard across the curriculum".*

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 19th November - Year 6 Confirmation (7pm).

Friday 22nd November - Crazy Hair Day (PTFA event, see details below).

Thursday 28th November - Year 3 trip to Helmsore Mill.

Monday 2nd December - Year 5/6 Advent Service.

Thursday 5th December - PTFA School Christmas Disco (see details below).

Tuesday 10th December - Little Saplings Nativity (10am).

Tuesday 10th December - Rowan Class Nativity (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 - Last Day of Term (1:30pm Finish).

Monday 6th January - Return to School.

Thursday 9th January - Meet the Teacher (5pm).

St Clare's Parish Christmas Fair



Parish Christmas Fair

Sunday 24th November, after 9:30am Mass.

We would be grateful for all donations; prizes for tombola, cakes, toys, gifts for raffle, bric a brac etc. Please start to leave any items in the Narthex. This will be a great Parish occasion.

Advent Service

Children from Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Advent Service on Monday 2nd December. Children will need to be back in school for 4:30pm and the service will start at 5pm. The service will be approximately 45mins.

Parts will be given to the children next week.

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.

PTFA

The next PTFA Events are as follows:

Crazy Hair Day

Friday 22nd November

£1 per child

Christmas Disco

Thursday 5th December

Infant Disco - 4:00pm-5:30pm

Juniors Disco - 6:00pm-
7:30pm

(More details will be provided
closer to the time)

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.

We also have an opportunity for a Secretary to join the PTFA. Please let the office know if you're interested or would like some more information.

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.

ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

TOGETHER,

EVERYONE

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**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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County
Council 

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/>