

Mission Statement

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.



Welcome!

- We want your child to feel happy and settled.
- We want them to enjoy coming to school and learning.
- We aim to provide a happy, nurturing and supportive environment where all children can learn.



The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)



What We Learn

The EYFS curriculum is slightly different to the rest of the school.
It is organised into 7 areas of learning:

3 Prime Areas

- ✓ Communication and Language
- ✓ Physical Development
- ✓ Personal, Social and Emotional Development

4 Specific Areas

- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Understanding the World
- ✓ Expressive Arts and Design

Religious Education



How We Learn

We learn through play. Through play children can:

- ✓ Develop the social skills needed to build relationships.
- ✓ Develop their communication and language skills.
- ✓ Learn by experimenting, testing theories, rehearsing skills and consolidating their understanding.
- ✓ Make progress in an enjoyable way that instils confidence.



How We Learn

Whole class
teaching



Working individually with an
adult



Group work





Literacy



- We learn how to talk confidently and listen to others.
- We learn the sounds that letters make and the sounds that letter combinations make.
- We learn how to blend and segment sounds to read and write.
- We retell stories and act them out.
- We learn about characters and their actions and behaviours.
- And much, much more....





Mathematics

- We learn how to count accurately.
- We learn different ways to make a number.
- We learn how to recognise and write numbers.
- We learn how to add, subtract, share and count in groups.
- We learn how to measure and weigh objects.
- We learn how to recognise, make and use shapes.
- We learn how to use money.
- We learn about time.
- And much, much more....





Understanding the World



- We learn more about ourselves and each other.
- We learn more about our families.
- We learn about events that happened in our past and the past in other people's lives.
- We learn about our local area and the world around us.
- We learn about different countries and their traditions.
- We learn about different plants and animals.
- And much, much more...



Expressive Arts and Design

- We learn how to create and make.
- We learn how to express ourselves through art, drama and music.
- We learn to design and build.
- We learn to solve problems.
- And much, much more...





Preparing for School

Suggested activities:

- Begin to express their needs and feelings verbally
- Attempt to use the toilet independently
- Wash and dry their hands
- Dress and undress themselves
- Tidy up things they have used
- Independence in feeding – using a lunchbox or knife and fork
- Share and take turns



Top Tips

- ✓ Talk positively about school.
- ✓ Quick and happy goodbyes are best. If your child is upset, approach a member of staff and they will support your child so you can leave.
- ✓ Be on time at collection. Please wait at the red gate and we will hand over your child to you.
- ✓ When you pick up your child, ask them all about their exciting day and talk about what might happen on the next day.
- ✓ Establish a bedtime routine.



Parental Communication

How?

Speak to a member of staff at drop off or pick up time

Phone the school office

Write a note in your child's diary

Email our family support worker –
lcayton@stclares.mecmat.org

Send an Arbor in app message



01772 787037

bursar@stclares.mecmat.org

What?

If your child is going to be late for school

If you are going to be late to pick up

If your child is ill and won't be in school

If you need to submit a 'leave of absence' request

If anything at home changes or if you move house

If you need support or advice please contact our family support worker.

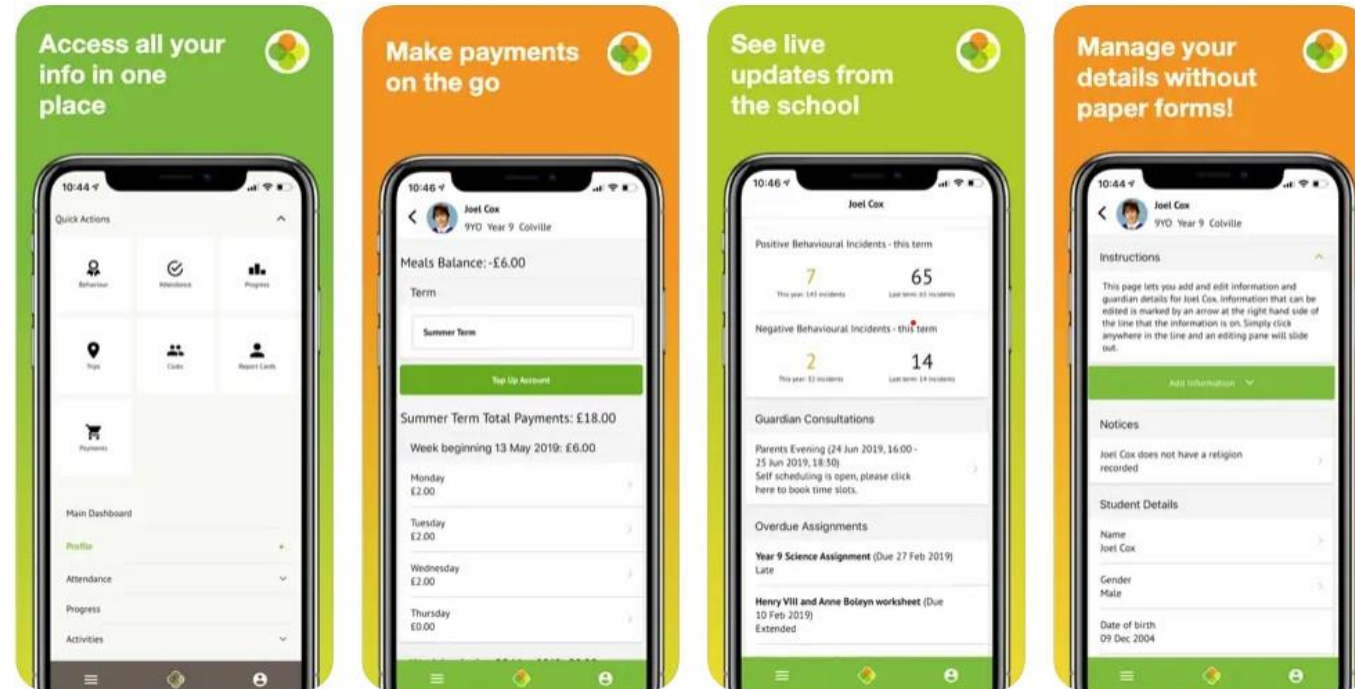


School Communication

School Newsletter every Friday
Letters in your child's reading bag
Class blog on the school website
Parent – Teacher Meetings
Pupil Reports
Email or In App Messages via Arbor



If your child is unwell at school, we will contact you by telephone. Please ensure that your number and any emergency contact numbers are always up to date.



We're using Arbor's free parent portal and Arbor App.

- ✓ Access important information about your child.
- ✓ Get updates from school via push notifications.
- ✓ Use the in app messaging service.
- ✓ Make payments on the go.

Your Homepage Dashboard

The dashboard is the first screen that you will see. This gives a quick glance of the student's daily timetable, behaviour points, meals, notices, current attendance and progress. You can see your [in-app messages](#) by clicking this button under your child's photo.

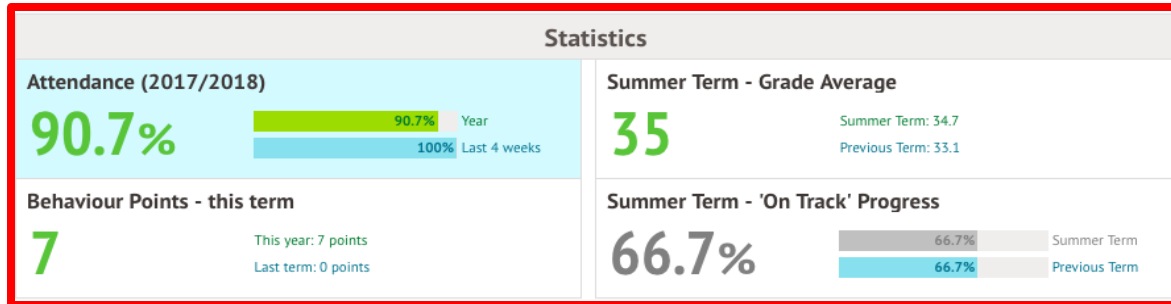


Sammy Adams ♀

Form 9GU

View Student Profile

You have no unread messages



If your child's school has granted access, you will be able to click on different parts of the home page to view more data on your child.

For example, clicking the attendance percentage will bring up the attendance page which breaks down the attendance figures into present, late, or absent.



How to change personal details on Arbor:

1. Go onto the Arbor App
1. Click on Profile – on there you will find;
 - Student details
 - Student Contact details
 - Guardian Contact details
 - Meal Preferences & Dietary requirements
 - Medical & Consents.
3. Any of the above can be amended by yourself on the App.
There is no need to contact the school to make these changes.



St. Clare's

Breakfast Club

7:40AM - 8:40AM

Includes a drink and breakfast snack (cereal or toast), reading, toys and calming activities ready for the school day!

Bookings are to be made on a termly basis

We accept childcare vouchers!

If you have a tax-free childcare number or a childcare voucher reference please email it to:
finance@stclares.mecmat.org

Bookings to be made via the Arbor App - Limited Spaces First Come, First Served Basis



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ST. CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRESENTS

SILVER BIRCH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We accept
childcare
vouchers!

Open to all St. Clare's pupils from Reception to Y6 and staffed by school staff who know the children well.

Our Managers are Mrs. Mills & Mr. Boardman.

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

3:20PM - 5:50PM

TERM TIME ONLY

£5 - 3:20-4:20PM

£8 - 3:20-5:50PM

DRINK & SNACK PROVIDED



- Bookings to be made on a termly basis via the Arbor App.
- Places can be booked on the day if spaces are available.
- First come, First Served Basis!
- 24 hours' notice must be given to cancel a place.



Arbor

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Attendance

Rules around school attendance are now very strict. Our attendance stats are monitored closely by an attendance officer. It is important that you:

- Only keep your child off school if they are not well enough to attend (e.g. sickness, diarrhoea, chicken pox, or other infectious illness.)
- If your child becomes unwell during the school day, we will telephone you.
- Unless an illness is contagious, your child can still attend school. We can administer antibiotics for infections.
- Do not take holidays in term time. We understand that holidays during school holidays are more expensive, but we cannot authorise these and you may be fined or even prosecuted as a result.





Punctuality

Every Minute Counts!

Always on time!	No hours missed!	No learning missed!
5 minutes late each day	15 hours missed	3 days learning missed
10 minutes late every day	32 hours missed	6.5 days learning missed
20 minutes late each day	65 hours missed	13 days learning missed
30 minutes late each day	95 hours missed	19 days learning missed

Arriving late at school means that your child:

- misses important learning
- feels embarrassed
- takes longer to settle in
- could receive an absent mark





Key information

- School gates open at 8.40 am.
- Collection time is at 3.20 pm.
- Good attendance is very important.
- Read with your child and complete homework together.
- Encourage your child to talk about school and celebrate their achievements, no matter how small.



What Happens Next?

Download the Arbor app and update personal information

Complete forms in Induction Packs

Home visits

Check our website for updates

Staggered Induction (Rowan)



St Clare's PTFA Helpers

WhatsApp group



This group QR code is private. If it is shared with someone, they can scan it with their WhatsApp camera to join this group.



Thank you for listening.

Now it's time to visit your child's classroom.

Please speak to staff and feel free to ask any individual questions.