

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Our School Mission Statement: Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve. Friday 5th September 2025

Friday 24th November 2023



Welcome back to another school year!

Welcome to all those children and families who are new to St Clare’s!

I hope that you all had a lovely and restful summer break and that you managed to spend some quality time together with your friends and family. It is wonderful to have our children back at school, looking so smart, happy, and ready to learn. We are truly blessed to have them with us again as we embark on another exciting school year together.

As always, our mission to guide our children on their journey of learning, dreaming, believing, and achieving remains at the heart of everything we do as we follow in Christ’s footsteps. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead, full of growth, discovery, and success for every child in our school community. Together, we will make this year a memorable and rewarding one for all.

**Assembly**

But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Luke 14:13

In our first assembly of the year we spoke of our mission as a Catholic school and how very much God loves each and every one of us. In the Gospel reading, we were reminded that Jesus invites us to generously love all people and not just our family and friends. As Pilgrims of Hope, we can see others as Jesus does and reach out to them with love and care. We are all invited to put God first in our lives this school year.

**Come and pray**

Our chapel / KS2 prayer garden is open each Tuesday morning before school for staff, pupils and parents to come and pray privately. Starting the day with God is a beautiful way to begin the morning. You are very welcome to pop in from 8.15am each Tuesday.

**Pupil certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| RDM | Elysia for being a fantastic role model this week! | Myla-Mae for fantastic work about her family. |
| RS | Jayce for being a fantastic role model this week! | Ayoyimika for putting her all into her first week in Reception! |
| Y1G | Dior for setting such a good example to her friends by always putting her hand up in class and following our rules. | Yasir for great grouping skills in maths. |
| Y1S | Lula for putting effort 100% into everything she has done and settling into Year 1 really well (even with a broken leg!) | Reggie for fantastic work in English labelling Bog Baby. |
| Y2C | Nathan for being a superstar all week. | Iris for beautiful letter formation in her work. |
| Y2D | Rosie for always being ready to learn and having a great start to Year 2! | Gilly for your amazing work counting up to and past 100! |
| Y3F | Nellie for always being ready to learn, what a fantastic start to the year! | Jacob for producing some wonderful maths work this week, keep it up! |
| Y3H | Isabelle L for outstanding contribution to all lessons. | Cole for fantastic dancing in PE. |
| Y4H | Ayomide for having a fantastic first week at St Clares! | Harlen for showing great logic in maths! |
| Y4O | Hope for having a fantastic first week back. She has been so focused and done brilliantly throughout! | Brody for never ever putting his hand down all week! He has been completely engrossed in his work all week and has been involved in every discussion. Well done. |
| Y5K | Layla for a fantastic first week, with some great work in Maths! | Kodie for settling into life in Year 5 so well this week! |
| Y5L | Blessing for starting year 5 with such a positive attitude towards her learning. | Olivia W for producing a fantastic fact file about Saint Maximilian Kolbe. |
| Y6S | Alexis for her fantastic attitude towards her learning. She has settled into year 6 so well. | Bradley for working independently in all lessons, he is building great resilience! |
| Y6W | Keerat for his fantastic attitude towards his learning. | Majesty for his fantastic presentation in all his work this week. |

**Headteacher’s Awards**

Tare in 1G for heartfelt, enthusiastic singing in hymns.

Amelia in 2D for always smiling and brightening up the day.

Yohannes in 3F for being so happy and resilient.

Peter in 4O for great singing in hymns.

Isla in 5L for sharing her things with Mrs Howe

**Attendance**

Overall whole school attendance this week is 94.5%. WE aim for 97%. Please try to ensure that your child is at school each day for 8.40am.

**Under the** **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Article 29, children have the right to an education**. If you are experiencing any difficulties or require any additional support with attendance or punctuality, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Burgess Hamlett.

The best classes for attendance this week are 1S and 2D with 100% - they will receive a longer break and a treat next week.

**Parent Governor**

We have a parent governor vacancy on our governing body. You have been sent out a letter regarding this and we would love you to consider this vital role. Some parents may be put off by the amount of work involved in being a Governor, or feel that they do not have the necessary expertise, knowledge or skills to carry out the role effectively. However, parents have much to offer their local schools and can play a vital part in helping schools to meet the needs of the children and communities they serve. It does involve you attending 6 meetings over the course of the year starting at 4pm until 5.30pm. If you are interested in this role, please let us know by next Friday at the latest.

**General reminders**

* School starts at 8.45am with registration. Doors open at 8.40am, so please ensure that your child is in school for 8.40am
* Children can bring plain water into school to drink. Juice is not allowed. It is important that the children are hydrated during the day. Please see the children’s section on the NHS website re water <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/water-drinks-nutrition/>
* The wearing of jewellery is not allowed – including ear-rings.
* We take pride in how smart our children look in their school uniform. Please remind yourself of the correct school uniform <https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/uniform-information>



* Children can still come into school on their PE days in their PE kit. See the link above for a reminder on the correct PE kit. T-shirts should be plain white. If children come into school in different colours we will either ask you to drop the correct kit off or provide them with a plain white t-shirt for the day.



* If your child is unable to tie their own shoe laces can you please try and teach them at home, or alternatively buy shoes with velcro on, so that is easier for your child.

Many thanks for your support with all of this.

**Year 6 high school places**

You are now able to apply for your child’s high school place for next September 2026. Applications must be made prior to October 31st 2025 for a September 2026 start.

If you live in Manchester, you can apply online via <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_september_2020>

If your address comes under Rochdale, the link is <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-school-place>

If you need any support with filling in the application, please ask.

As a Catholic school, we hope that you will continue to choose to educate your child in a Catholic high school.

Our Lady’s have an open evening to which you are all invited. You have already been sent out the flyer for this event.

*Our Lady's Open Evening is being held in school on Thursday 25th September from 4.30 until 7pm giving all parents of primary children in years 4, 5 and 6 the chance to look around school, hear from the headteacher and find out all about life at Our Lady's!*

**Support**

As a school we are here for both your children and your family. If you are experiencing any difficulties or have any anxieties, please get in touch with Mrs Sylvester for a private conversation. Her email address is [c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk) or you can ring the school number or message via the school app. If we are unable to help you, we may be able to refer you to somebody who can.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please report it. You are able to refer concerns directly to children’s services. The contact details for them is particularly important during the summer holidays when some children may be susceptible to more harm and neglect.



I’m sure that the children will be tired after their first week back in school, so enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Howe

***The weekly newsletter is also available on our school website***[*Newsletters*](https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/newsletters/newsletters-2024-2025)

**A Prayer of Hope**

