

St. John's
C of E (VA)
Primary
School

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Friday
11th
September
2026

School
News
No.0479

Dear Parents/Guardians: It has been a lovely start to our new school year, and we have enjoyed settling back into our routines. We welcome our new EYFS children and Roman in Y2 to our school alongside their families. On our staff we welcome Miss Ashworth (Y3 teacher) and Mrs McNulty (Admin Support and Pastoral Worker) to our team. I hope you have all received your letter about how we are supporting Bishop Philip in his 2026 Harvest Appeal. Everyone is welcome to attend our Harvest service in church at 10am on Wednesday 30th September, our school choir 2026 will be singing for the first time.

*****Next Week*****

Monday 14th September
Sports Crew training with Paddy (SSP)

Tuesday 15th September
Individual photos
Y1 Yogi in PE

Wednesday 16th September
Y5 Welly Wednesday

Friday 18th September
Jeans for Genes Day

2:30pm Y2 Family Fun Friday

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Makaton Sign of the Week
Teddy



https://youtu.be/5vHoudJdPQo?si=l4fv_Lbc5UHAo7Qy

The school Facebook account is Cliviger Primary School.

Dates: School closes for half term on Friday 23rd October and re-opens on Monday 2nd November 2026

Thanks for your continued support.

Naomi R. Healey

Mrs N. R. Healey
Headteacher

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All dates can also be found on the school website calendar. Sync your phone to it and then you will not forget what is going on. We are always busy!!!

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 21st September

After School Clubs begin
Pupil Conference Week

Tuesday 22nd September

Y1 Yogi in PE
Y2 Fun Run at Towneley 4pm

Wednesday 23rd September

Y4 Welly Wednesday
School Council are hosting a MacMillan
Coffee Morning in Church House (adults
only) 9-10am

Thursday 24th September

Football Festival BSSP 4-5pm

Friday 25th September

Y2/6 Joint Writing Day
2:30pm Y3 Family Fun Fridy

Monday 28th September

KS2 Intrahouse Athletics in their PE lessons
Y5/6 Blackburn Cathedral Trip (am)
6pm CHSA Meeting

Tuesday 29th September

Active 60 Festival BSSP (am)
Y1 Yogi in PE

Wednesday 30th September

Y2-6 Pupil Conferences and targets sent
home.
Y3 Welly Wednesday
10am Harvest service in church with Revd
Victor. The school choir will be singing.

Thursday 1st October

Y6 Activity Day at Towneley and sleepover at
school.

Friday 2nd October

Whole School Glow Dodgeball Day
Y6 Activity Day onsite at school.

Homework

Every child should be **reading** at home every day. We also encourage practising their numbots and TT rockstars. This will have a huge impact on their confidence and will translate into their learning in class.

How long?

*Y1– Y2 = 10 minutes every day
Reading and Numbots*

*Y3- Y6 = 15 minutes every day
Reading and TT Rockstars*

Y3-6

In Key Stage 2, children are given weekly homework to enrich their experiences of the curriculum and consolidate learning. Homework will be a literacy or maths task or something relating to the current topic. Homework will be set on Friday on the class page of the school website and the children will need to return their homework books the following Thursday with the work inside. Children can make notes if there is not access to a printer. The homework book will be signed by a member of staff before returning. If your child is finding a set piece challenging, please let us know before the Thursday it is due in. This will ensure that the children are able to complete the piece and build their confidence.

We thank you for your support.

Outdoor Learning

During this term, the children will all have an allocated Welly Wednesday. On this day, all learning will be outside. We increase this to once a fortnight when the weather is better.

What does my child need on Welly Wednesday?

Your child should come in their PE kit with extra layers for warmth. They need

SCHOOL UNIFORM (September 2026)

TOPS	Winter Uniform – royal blue sweatshirt with yellow ‘St John’s C of E school, Cliviger’ insignia and yellow polo shirt.
BOTTOMS	Grey tailored trousers or shorts Grey skirt or pinafore dress (to sit on the knee)
	Summer Uniform as above plus - Blue or yellow striped or gingham dress and white socks.
FOOTWEAR & SOCKS	Black shoes no more than 1 inch high Black, white or grey socks/tights
P.E. KIT To be worn on the days your child has PE instead of their uniform.	School jumper, white t-shirt and black/navy shorts. For the winter months: black/navy joggers Footwear - trainers
JEWELLERY	Only wrist watches are allowed. No earrings. Nail varnish or make up should not be worn at school
HAIRSTYLES AND HAIR ACCESSORIES	Long hair should be tied up with a plain hair band which matches the school colours (yellow or blue) and these should not be flamboyant in appearance . Hair bows should be no bigger than 10cm. It is at the Headteacher’s discretion whether a style or colour of hair is unacceptable. Hair should be cut no shorter than a number 2. Please be aware that if one child has an outrageous hairdo, then many others want the same thing. Please don’t send your children to school with outrageous hairstyles.

Children should not bring unnecessarily large bags to school as there is not the space to store them.

‘Please put your child’s name in everything!’

We expect children to present themselves smartly and require staff to do likewise. Certain hairstyles and colours are not considered appropriate for school and can bring unwanted attention to children and disrupt learning.

P.E. Timetable September 2026

MONDAY	Year 3, 5 and 6
TUESDAY	Year 1 and 4
WEDNESDAY	EYFS, Year 5 and 6
THURSDAY	Year 1, 2 and 3
FRIDAY	EYFS, Year 2, and 4

Children to bring their PE kit into school on these days as they continue to get changed in school for their lessons.

Attendance Figures

R – 100%
Y1 – 93.3%
Y2 – 100%
Y3 – 91.7%
Y4 – 100%
Y5 – 91.3%
Y6 – 96.7%

Overall school attendance was 95.6%.
Well done to both the EYFS and Y2 classes who had the highest attendance last week

Free School Meals – Who is Entitled?

Important Information for Families.

Firstly, if your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action. If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe your they may be eligible, please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you?

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do?

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you **do not need to reapply**

Why it's important to apply?

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility – this support can make a real difference.

September reminders

Y1-Y6 need to bring their own water bottles in. CHSA will provide the first water bottle for EYFS.

School meals will be £2.90 per day. EYFS, Y1 and Y2 have free dinners.

Playtime Snacks

Please remember that in September the children are allowed to bring a healthy snack only. No chocolate, crisps, sweets etc

Peanuts Reminder

We have children in school who have a severe peanut allergy. For this reason, I am asking that **no peanuts** are brought into school in packed lunches or for snacks. This also **includes any foods which contain traces of peanuts.** I know that this is hard to 'police' but we must all endeavour to try.

'Love one another as Jesus loved us' John 13 v 34-35



Preloved school uniform items and toiletries.

Please help yourself.

Free to all!

You can find it in the entrance to the New Building, outside the office.

High School Open Evenings

I would encourage families in Y5 and Y6 to go and have a look around our local high schools. Y6 applications need to be completed by 31st October 2026 by our current Y6.

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We realise the Unity night clashes with our Y6 sleepover. Please let the office know if you plan to attend this.

What does my child need for their new class in September?

- Children do not need big bags. They clutter the cloakroom and are a trip hazard. Any bags in Y4-6 should be able to fit in the lockers'
- Children do not need pencil cases in school. We will provide all the writing equipment needed.
- A water bottle
- A coat – even on hot days. The weather in Cliviger is very changeable!
- Reading bags (blue) bring into school for books to be changed every Tuesday and Thursday.
- PE kits on PE days should be: -
 1. Black/Navy shorts or joggers
 2. White t-shirt – plain
 3. White socks
 4. Trainers
 5. School jumper

PE kits should be plain with no logos on them.

Y5 Children – Information for High School

New Reception Intake September 2027

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

For Lancashire resident families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2026 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at: -

www.lancashire.gov.uk

(Then search "school admissions")

This will go live from **September 2026**. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you **hit the "submit" button** when you are ready to send in your completed on-line application. You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school or academy. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application.

St Christopher's - Tuesday 29th September
6-8pm

Unity - Thursday 1st October
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Blessed Trinity - Thursday 8th October
6-8pm

Todmorden High School - Thursday
24th September 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Mobile phones and smart watches

Both these items are not allowed on the school site. In Y6 we allow children to walk home with written permission from parents. A pupil may bring a mobile phone and hand it into the class teacher at morning registration if they are walking home. This will be kept safe during the school day and handed out to the pupil as the class are dismissed at 3:20pm.

Smart watches are not allowed in school. If a pupil wishes to wear a watch, so they can tell the time, it must be a digital or analogue watch.

Safeguarding – Reporting Absence

It is important for the safeguarding of your child that contact is made with the office if your child is absent. In the coming weeks/months, it is possible that the phone line will be busy. If you are not able to get through, please email school straight away.

The email should include:

Child's name/class and the reason for the absence.

ourschool@cliviger.com

Parents of children with less than 90% absence will be contacted and make be put on a Parental Contract to ensure their child is attending school regularly

Shooting Stars Wraparound Provision after school



Advanced Notice.

There will be no provision on the last day of each term.

These dates are:

Friday 18th December 2026

Thursday 25th Marh 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Y4, 5 and 6 The Old Building

If your child has an appointment during the school day, please go to the school office first to inform Miss Payne or Mrs McNulty. This is to ensure we know when children have left the school site.

******Late picking up from school******

Any children left in school past 3:35pm will be place in the after-school club and a £4 charge will be incurred.

Requesting leave of absence from school

Taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling as much as any other absence and we expect parents to help us by not taking children away in school time.

Remember that any savings you think you may make by taking a holiday in school time are offset by the cost to your child's education.

There is no automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday.

This is the procedure when requesting leave of absence: -

1. All applications for leave must be made in advance using the 'Request for leave of absence' form from the school office or website (letter section) and, at the discretion of the school a maximum of 10 days in any academic year may be authorised but only in 'special circumstances'.

2. Parents are requested to speak to the Head teacher about their request prior to it being authorised. Please ensure you make an official appointment with the Head teacher and do not catch her on the playground before or after school.

3. Absence during term time will not be granted for days out with the family to places such as theme parks. Time will only be granted when the family holiday cannot be taken at any other time due to individual circumstances and if your child is attending an examination in music or sport. In making a decision the school will consider the circumstances of each application individually, including any previous pattern of leave in term time.

Your child's education and safety are extremely important to us.

CHSA
Church School Home Association



This is our school PTA and plays a crucial role in raising additional funds for our children. I have attached the flyer which shows where all the money went last year. It is amazing and ensures our children's time at Cliviger is enriched and exciting!

Our first meeting is on **Monday 28th September at 6pm.** We meet in the Y3 classroom which is in the New Building.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we would love to see you there!

2026 Challenge

It was wonderful to see all the challenges completed outside of school in the Spring and Summer term. It is still 2026 so you still have time to complete a challenge, raise your £20.26 and wear your wristband in school.

A reminder.....

The challenge is simple:

Raise £20.26 in any way you like – get creative, have fun, and spread kindness along the way.

Children can choose any fundraising idea that suits them.

Some ideas include:

- Helping with chores at home (tidying, washing cars, gardening, etc.)
- Acts of kindness (helping a neighbour, reading to a sibling, doing something thoughtful for someone else)
- Making and selling crafts or artwork
- Sponsored activities (walking, running, skipping, dancing)
- Baking cakes or biscuits to sell
- Collecting spare change (pennies make pounds)
- A simple donation from family members

What are we fundraising for?

As well as raising vital funds for the CHSA to support extracurricular opportunities, termly activities, and much more for our children, this challenge is closely linked to our curriculum and our school values of kindness. It encourages children to take part in thoughtful, helpful acts and to recognise the importance of caring for themselves and others while making a positive difference in our school community.

Returning Funds Raised

- Money can be returned as soon as it has been raised
- Please place money in an envelope with the child's name and class clearly written on the front, or as above, donate it to the online campaign with your child's name.
- If you prefer to pay directly online here is the link [£20.26 for 2026 Challenge | SuperKind](#)

Want to Raise More?

If your child would like to raise more than £20.26, they are very welcome to do so!

We are proud to announce our ambassador and leadership roles for this year.

House Captains

Deerplay (red)	Hidayah Anwar
Dyneley (blue)	Charlie Gavin
Thieveley (yellow)	Lyla McNulty
Causeway (green)	Cora Pate

Sports Crew

Ambassadors	Emmy Keenan and Reggie Rushton
	Hugo Duthoit, Luke Jones, Amelia Mulrooney, Reggie Parker, Robbie Pott, Oliver Rickard, Sonny Rodriguez, Samuel Sanderson, Alfie Southern, Eden Stockburn and Joseph Thompson.

School Council Chair – Emma Nicolson and Secretary – Anastasia Kedrick

Head Gardeners – Lucy Swindells and Joey Jones

Register and office co-ordinators – Scarlett Seamans and Eden Stockburn

Music monitors for worship – Wilf Atkinson and Robbie Potts

IT co-ordinators in worship – Cara Scrivener and Scarlett Hardiman

Literacy

Year 6	Maggie Schinkel and Anastasia Kedrick
Year 5	Elizabeth Wood and Sebastian Fritchley
Year 4	Ilijana-Marija Taylor and Lottie Nesbitt Harbou
Year 3	Penelope Durkin and Harry Gavin
Year 2	Evie Byrne and Rowan Casson

Maths

Year 6	Kara Froude and Samuel Sanderson
Year 5	Penelope Lalor and Teddy Howarth
Year 4	Leo Lennox and Brenin Stott
Year 3	Abel Durkin and Stanley Waterworth
Year 2	Charlie Nesbitt and Temperance Knowles

Science

Year 6	Luke Jones and Edward Durham-Hall
Year 5	Lilly Macaree and Reuben Cliff
Year 4	Storie Barton and Eli Smith
Year 3	Jude Jones and Emilia Scott
Year 2	Spencer Vaughan and Martha Kurtianyk

Digital Leaders

Year 6	Alfie Southern and Amelia Mulrooney
Year 5	Ella Smith and Arno Garnett
Year 4	Ashton Warburton and Athena Jane
Year 3	Nellie Allum and William Rigg
Year 2	Alfie Bott and Aria Riley

Worship

Year 6	Hidayah Anwar and Scarlett Seamans
Year 5	Orin Giles-McNamee and Carson Sturgeon
Year 4	Phoebe Bradbury and Poppy Hirst
Year 3	Eliza Barsby-Walton and James Rowe

Equality, Diversity and Respect Team

Year 6	Hidayah Anwar, Lyla McNulty, Emmy Keenan, Edward Durham-Hall and Charlie Gavin
Year 5	Ella George, Caleb Fleming and Jessica Law
Year 4	Penelope Atkinson-Wareing, Nell Miller and Elsie Allum
Year 3	Tommy Woinson, Betsy Stephenson and Rosie Mulrooney

Mental Health Ambassadors

Year 6	Georgia Bideau and Cole Simpson
Year 5	Lilly-May Woinson and Isabelle Chapman
Year 4	Fearne Swainbank and Rory Fletcher
Year 3	Tommy Wall and Harriet Bideau

Maths Bees

Ella George, Ella Parkinson, Daniel Isherwood and Zachary Chadwick

Accessible Parking



We save the area in front of the Old School building for parents of children who need to be picked up or dropped off near to school due to mobility. It is also saved for any parent, grandparent etc...who also has mobility issues. **It is not for everyone and not for a quick drop off.** Please speak to Mrs Healey if you need to use this area.

Cliviger Conker Championships



Get ready for our annual 'Cliviger Conker Championships' which will be taking place after half term.

They are already falling for the trees so make sure you are on the lookout for the best one!!

What is Family Fun Friday?

Each class has a turn at Family Fun Friday. It takes place on a Friday at 2:30pm in Church House (our hall).

During this session, parents and grandparents are invited to come in and work alongside their children.

It is a great way to see what your child is learning at school and we look forward to welcoming you.

What is EYFS Drop in?

These are sessions for our EYFS families. There are two options per half term and you only need to attend one. They tend to take place on a Tuesday or Thursday at 2:30-3pm in the EYFS classroom with your child.

We will notify you to sign up for a session a few weeks before.

School Lottery



To register go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
Find our school and sign up as a new player.
Thankyou!

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Easy fundraising



Raise Money for Our School – Simply by Shopping!

Did you know you can raise money for school without spending anything extra? With **Easyfundraising**, a percentage of what you spend online is donated to our school.

Here's how-

1 Shop online as normal

2. Pay the same price

3 Our school receives a donation!

Your shopping could help us raise much needed funds for our children.

Every penny really does make a difference!

Sign up today and support our school while you shop! 📌

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>