

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

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Friday  
18<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2026

School  
News  
No.0480

**Dear Parents/Guardians:** I would like to thank you all for your support this week. It has been difficult. Our children are our priority and my staff are also my priority. Working together is essential for us to move forward surrounded by love and kindness. Today we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Holding as she leaves for pastures new and we thank her for her service to our school. Miss Kay will be working as support in Y6 whilst I get an advert out for this vacancy. I am grateful that she has agreed to this and it also allows her to settle into our school before teaching Y5 when Miss Stockwell starts her maternity leave.

**\*\*\*Next Week\*\*\***

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

After School Clubs begin  
Pupil Conference Week

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Y1 Yogi in PE  
Y2 Fun Run at Towneley 4pm

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

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

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Football Festival BSSP 4-5pm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**Prayer of the Week**

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your  
truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Makaton Sign of the Week**

To dance



<https://youtu.be/I6ME4T1h2os?si=xD3HuCsA-UyEqIfD>

The school Facebook account is Cliviger Primary School.

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

Thanks for your continued support.

*Naomi R. Healey*

Mrs N. R. Healey  
Headteacher

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### **AUTUMN TERM**

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

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

#### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Active 60 Festival BSSP (am)  
Y1 Yogi in PE

#### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Y6 Activity Day at Towneley and sleepover at school.

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

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

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

TT Rockstars and Number Bonds Week  
**No Choir After School**  
Governor Committee Meetings

#### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Flu vaccinations  
Y1 Yogi in PE  
BSSP KS1 Animal Olympics 4pm

#### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Y2 Welly Wednesday  
10am Worship in church with Revd Victor

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Y4 Trip to Ribchester Museum

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Maths Number Fun Day  
Wear a number and come in your own clothes  
2:30pm Y5 Family Fun Friday

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Period Coach in with Y5 and Y6

### **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 – 99.3%  
Y1 – 98.0%  
Y2 – 100%  
Y3 – 98.0%  
Y4 – 96.0%  
Y5 – 91.3%  
Y6 – 99.3%

Overall school attendance was 97.7%.  
Well done to both the Y2 class who had the highest attendance last week

### **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!!

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**



School Council would like to invite you to our coffee morning on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September in Church House at 9-10am to help raise money for this very worthy cause.

### **Safeguarding**

Please remember that only the **named people** on your child's information sheet will be allowed to pick them up. If someone new is collecting your child, **please phone the office with a password** that they **must** give to the teacher before being allowed to take your child home.

### **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.***

### **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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Marh 2027

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

### **School Council**

**Chair-** Emma Nicolson

**Secretary** – Anastasia Keddick

**Year 6** – Edward Durham Hall and Luke Jones

**Year 5** – Teddy Howarth and Tyler Spencer

**Year 4** – Rex Keenan and Phoebe Bradbury

**Year 3** – Jessie Rodriguez and Eliza Barsby-Walton

**Year 2** – Harry Smith and Fred Miller

**Year 1** – Mabel Gane and Nico Gizzi

Congratulations to everyone who wrote and delivered a speech.

**Class Charities for 2026**  
Each class will be supporting a different charity this year.

EYFS – RSPCA

Y1 – Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary

Y2 – Pendleside Hospice

Y3 – Burnley Boys and Girls Club

Y4 – Lancashire Mind

Y5 – Friends of Towneley Park

Y6 – Christian Mountain Centre Wales

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026 by our current Y6.

St Christopher's - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
6-8pm

Unity - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Blessed Trinity - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
6-8pm

Todmorden High School - Thursday  
24<sup>th</sup> September 5:00pm-7:00pm.

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

**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](http://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.

### **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.***

### **Attendance**

#### ***Exceptional Absence due to a medical condition***

If your child has a medical condition which requires them to attend more than 3 appointments during the school year, then this would be an authorised absence and not go against their 100% attendance for the attendance awards in school.

The school would require evidence in the form of:

\* A letter from the specialist or hospital where the appointments are to take place.

A one –off medical absence due to, for example, a dentist appointment or general doctor's appointment would not qualify as exceptional.

We have to keep a manual record of these types of absences so we will need to see a letter as evidence.

#### **It is also worth pointing out that:**

Every half-day absence from school has to be classified by the school as either AUTHORISED or UNAUTHORISED. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required. To be marked as present in the register children must attend at least 50% of the session (morning or afternoon).

### **Medication in School**

Each class has an '**Emergency Rucksack**' which contains all the medication forms, care plans and medication for that class. It is hung next to the classroom door and taken wherever the class is e.g. Church House, Church, Swimming, or trips.

If your child is attending an **after-school activity** or going to a **friend's for tea**, then it is the **parent's responsibility** to ensure the child has their medication with them and clear instructions on the administration of it. This should be additional to what is in the class 'Emergency Rucksack'. This will then minimise the risk of the medication not being replace back into the Emergency Rucksack.

Additionally, if your child is going on a trip where it is not the whole class then the 'Emergency Rucksack' will be left in the class and, again, additional medication should be sent to school. This will include trips such as the choir, any sporting events, and the Collective Worship Trips. For whole class trips then the class Emergency Rucksack would be taken.

I want to ensure that we always have up to date information and medication in school and in the Emergency Rucksack so that we can ensure the well-being of all children and staff.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Subject: Important Information Regarding Secondary School Applications and Transport Eligibility

Dear Parents and Kinship Carers of Current Year 6 Pupils,

We are writing to provide important guidance regarding your child's upcoming secondary school application, with particular emphasis on home-to-school transport considerations. Before submitting your application, it is essential to carefully consider how your child will travel to and from your preferred secondary schools. Free travel assistance is only available to pupils who meet the criteria outlined in Lancashire County Council's **Home to School Transport Policy**.

When selecting your school preferences, please ensure you have read and understood the information available on the Lancashire County Council website regarding **school admissions and travel assistance**.

Please note:

- For transport purposes, the *nearest suitable school* is defined as the school closest to the family home. In some cases, this may be a school located within another local authority area.
- If you choose a school that is not considered the nearest suitable school, there is **no entitlement** to free transport. In such cases, you will need to make your own travel arrangements.
- Most children will attend their local school, which is typically within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent or carer.

If transport costs are a concern, we strongly encourage you to contact your **Area Education Office** before submitting your application.

| NORTH AREA                           | SOUTH AREA                                         | EAST AREA                                               |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde | Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley | Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale |
| (01524) 581148                       | (01772) 532109                                     | (01254) 220747                                          |

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils, and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

## Maths Practice: Little and Often Makes a BIG Difference! ★



Just 5–10 minutes a day can make a huge difference to your child's maths! 📅 ✨  
We encourage all children to use Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) regularly at home. Both programmes make maths practice fun while building confidence and fluency.

### 📱 Reception & Infants – Numbots

Numbots develops essential early number skills, including counting, number recognition, addition, subtraction and number bonds. Regular practice strengthens these foundations and helps children feel more confident in maths lessons.

### 🚀 Juniors – Times Tables Rock Stars

TTRS helps children develop quick and accurate recall of multiplication and division facts. Secure times tables support many areas of maths, including fractions, decimals, percentages and problem-solving. Automatic recall means children can focus more easily on solving challenging problems.

### 🕒 Little and often is the secret!

A few minutes of regular practice is more effective than one long session occasionally. Encourage your child to practise, challenge themselves and celebrate their progress.

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



Preloved school uniform items,  
toiletries and .

Please help yourself.

Free to all!

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

### Harvest

We will be supporting the Bishop's Harvest Appeal by completing our Silly Sock race w/b 28<sup>th</sup> September in our PE lessons.

We will also be supporting BFC in the Community and their foodbank this Harvest.

They are collecting: -

UHT milk  
Beans  
Soup  
Pasta  
Rice  
Tinned fruit  
Tinned meals  
Tinned meat  
Tinned fish



Please bring to our Harvest service on  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September in church at 10am  
with Rev Victor.

### School Lottery



To register go to [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://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>