

St. John's
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Primary
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Friday
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November
2025

School
News
No.0457

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thankyou for all your generosity in donating toys and food to the BFC in the Community Christmas Appeal. I know that these will be appreciated by many families in our local community. On Wednesday we welcomed the Archdeacon of Lancaster to our school. The whole school enjoyed his worship, and he enjoyed meeting all the children and finding out about what they love at Cliviger. Today we have had a full-dress rehearsal of both our Christmas Shows and we are ready to perform to you all next week.

Stay safe and well.

Autumn Term

Monday 1st December

Baubles in memory of lost loved ones can be placed on our Prayer Tree until Friday 19th December.

2pm KS1 Christmas Show
6pm KS1 Christmas Show

Tuesday 2nd December

BSSP Elf Dash (am)
2pm KS2 Christmas Show
6pm KS2 Christmas Show

Wednesday 3rd December

Care for a Cuppa at 9am
The school nurse will be attending.

Thursday 4th December

EYFS Storytelling session with Rogan Mills
6pm KS2 Christmas Show

Friday 5th December

EYFS/Y6 Writing Day
Y3 Stone Age session with Mr Sansom (am)
2:30pm Y2 Family Fun Friday

Prayer of the week

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his
feet;
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 Gloves



<https://youtu.be/Ytiqk-DMkIw>

The school twitter account is @ClivigerSchool

Dates: School closes for Christmas on Friday 19th December and reopens on Monday 5th January 2026.

Thanks for your continued support.

Naomi R. Healey

Mrs N. R. Healey
Headteacher

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AUTUMN TERM
Monday 8th December
Assessment Week

Tuesday 9th December
Mad Hatter with Mrs Healey
EYFS Drop in at 2:30pm

Wednesday 10th December
PoP review day with Mrs Pickup and classteacher

Thursday 11th December
EYFS Drop in at 2:30pm

Friday 12th December
End of term reports go home
9:30am Christingle Service at church – all welcome
Y5/6 Christmas Party in their own clothes all day.

Monday 15th December
Christmas Jumpers and clothes all week.



Christmas dinner

Tuesday 16th December
Santa's Sack CHSA

This is a fun game with members of the CHSA. Children are invited to bring in coins to throw onto the sack in exchange for some sweets.

Reindeers flying into Cliviger
Y3/4 Christmas party pm
Wow Walk with Rae

Wednesday 17th December
EYFS Christmas Party (pm)

Thursday 18th December
School choir singing Christmas Carols at Blackburn Cathedral 1pm
Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party (pm)
End of term slideshow for each class on their website page

Friday 19th December
2pm Carol service at church – all welcome

Advent Service of Light
Blackburn Cathedral
Sunday 30th November at 4pm



First Sunday of Advent
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As this Sunday marks the first in Advent, I wanted to warmly invite you to Blackburn Cathedral this Sunday for their 4pm service. I will be reading during the service as we start to think about what Advent means and prepare for Christmas.

Breakfast Club and Shooting Stars
Wraparound Provision



The Governors have asked me to inform you that there will be an increase in charges from 1st January 2026 to cover the rising costs of staffing, food, electricity etc....

Breakfast Club will be £6.50 per session

Shooting Stars will be £7.50 per hour or £14 for the full session (2hours and 40minutes).



FAQ's on attending shows at school

1. *Can I bring children to the shows?*

We ask that only children of primary school age upwards come to see the show, and they can only come if they have their own tickets. Children should not be sat on parent's knees and babies are not allowed simply because they distract the children in their performance.

2. *Can I use my ticket on another night if I miss a performance?*

Tickets can only be used on the night they have been allocated. This is due to the Health and Safety Fire Regulations and strict numbers which must be adhered to.

3. *Can I have more than two tickets for my family?*

We have over 160 families in school and, therefore, can only allocate two tickets per family due to the Health and Safety Fire Regulations and strict numbers which must be adhered to.

We expect families where the parents do not live together to communicate and ensure each person with parental responsibility has a ticket so that they can both enjoy seeing their child in the show. Extra tickets cannot be issued.

Any extra tickets which become available are allocated on a random draw basis.

I would ask you to be kind when speaking to our Office staff. They work tirelessly and bend over backwards to accommodate everyone's needs. The governors and I will **not tolerate challenges or rudeness** towards the Office staff.

Severe Weather Procedure

In the case of the snow arriving this is the timeline and procedure we are going to implement to try and ensure everyone is kept informed and it is done as soon as possible.

- **7:50am** Mrs Healey will decide whether school is open or closed. This is dependent on the number of staff who can get to work. School will use the texting system. **If you have not had a text by 8am, please assume school is open.**

If school is open:

- A 'key route' will be cleared for access.
- Please enter the new building via the main office.
- Please enter the old building via the back entrance.
- Please don't use the steps, ramps or main playground area.

SNOW!!!!!!

Please ensure the children have the appropriate clothing every day.

To include: - Wellingtons or boots (bring shoes for inside school), hat, scarf, gloves, a warm padded coat and waterproofs (if you wish). We will play out in the snow if it isn't too icy, and the children will need to be dressed to keep warm and as dry as possible. Children who do not have the correct footwear will not be allowed to play out.

Our Year 2 Infant Wellbeing Warriors designed badges together today so other children can easily identify who they are as they go about their important work on the yard.



Care for a Cuppa



As part of our continued support for parents each half term we hold 'Care for a Cuppa' sessions, these are a chance to meet with other parents and carers, discuss parenting concerns and get support from others. These sessions are tailored to meet our family's needs, and we welcome your ideas, previous sessions have included behaviour support, training for parents, supporting children to use technology safely.

Mrs. Pickup is available during these sessions and refreshments are on offer. We hope you can join us!!

3rd December at 9am - 10am.

Our school nurse will be available during our next Care for a Cuppa session; please come along to have a chat about any concerns you may have. Mrs. Pickup will also be available during this time.

As we approach the Christmas performances, I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone in the school community about the school's policy on this.

Parental right to take photographs.

Parents are not covered by the Data Protection Regulations if they are taking photographs or making a video recording for their own private use. Regulations do not, therefore, stop parents from taking photographs or making video recordings at school events, such as nativity plays.

Parents are not permitted, however, to take photographs or to make a video recording for anything other than their own personal use (e.g. with a view to selling videos of a school event). Recording and/or photographing other than for private use would require the consent of the other parents whose children may be captured on film. Without this consent the Data Protection Regulation would be breached.

Data Protection considerations aside, it is possible to consider banning all filming / recording / photography of school productions, sports days etc. if we felt that this is appropriate. We believe, however, that many parents would consider it to be overcautious to impose such a ban and we would not, at this stage, recommend this course of action. Should we wish to impose any such ban we would take legal advice to ensure that the correct steps are taken, whilst acknowledging that such a ban would be difficult to enforce.

Attendance Figures

R – 98.0%
Y1 – 97.7%
Y2 – 99.3%
Y3 – 92.3%
Y4 – 96.5%
Y5 – 94.7%
Y6 – 95.0%

Overall school attendance was 96.3%.
Well done to the Y2 class who had the highest attendance last week



Christmas Baubles for lost loved ones.



Many of you will know that we have a Prayer Tree at the entrance to the New Building.

I would like to invite you to hang a bauble in memory of loved ones not with us this Christmas.

The baubles should be clearly labelled (should you wish to have them back) with your child's name and class.

On Monday 1st December, you are invited to hang your bauble on our Prayer Tree. This can be when you drop off/pick up your children or during the school day. The children will not be coming out of class so you can do a time to suit you.

See examples of baubles below



The baubles will stay on the Prayer Tree until the last day of term.



After the Christmas Shows, every child will receive their keepsake bauble to remind them of their 2025 Christmas Show. It is a lovely way to remember the shows and by the time they reach Y6, they should have 7 baubles.

Thank you to Mrs Marshall who has worked tirelessly to put them all together.

Reindeer



The CHSA have generously paid for a reindeer to visit on school on the morning of Tuesday 16th December. The children can also buy some reindeer food, essential for Christmas Eve to guide the reindeer to your house, for 50p.

If there are any siblings (under 4) who would like to come and see the reindeer, please come in the first slot 9-9:15am.

Thankyou!

Christmas Post



The Cliviger Christmas Post box will open on Monday 1st December. It will be in the entrance of the New Building near the office. If your child would like to send cards to their friends, they can post them, and the House Captains will deliver them.

The cards should have on the envelope:

- Child's full name
- Class e.g. Y1

Well Being Warriors

Our two mental health ambassadors had a great time on their wellbeing warriors training, which was led by hockey player Charlotte Hartley. The children gave an excellent presentation to the group about how they will use the training within school to set up their own wellbeing group.



Archdeacon of Lancaster

On Wednesday we had a visit from the Archdeacon of Lancaster, David Picken. We enjoyed learning about VERY important people in the Bible. Mrs Healey and Archdeacon David enjoyed touring our school and speaking to all our children. The children told him what they loved about Cliviger and what improvements they would like to see. They were very honest!!!



Church News



Jane and Jeanette, who currently run Guides on a Thursday in Church House, will be finishing at Christmas after many years of service. They have asked school to advertise this and ask if there is anyone in our school community who would be willing to become part of the Girl Guides and volunteer so this uniformed organisation can continue. If you would like further information, please contact the school office and we will gladly pass on your details.

Christmas has officially begun in EYFS!

