

St. John's
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Primary
School

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Friday
5th
December
2025

School
News
No.0458

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has been a wonderful week with our Christmas Shows. All the children have been amazing and I hope family and friends have enjoyed watching them. Next week, it is assessment week in school and all children, from Monday, will be completing tests to look at the progress they have made this term and the next steps we need to plan for in the Spring term. I think some early nights are needed to get ready for this!

Stay safe and well.

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
class teacher

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.

Prayer of the week

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Makaton Countdown to Christmas



A new Makaton treat every day during Advent.
https://youtu.be/VOPuHS5o_vk
Today, we have Wilf signing Reindeer.
#CountdownToChristmas #Makaton #Advent

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 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

CHRISTMAS

Monday 5th January

School reopens
Y5 swimming lessons begin

Tuesday 6th January

Wellbeing Warriors BSSP
Burnley Leisure Y2 PE

Wednesday 7th January

Bishop Philip on zoom launching the Year of
Centenary for Blackburn Cathedral
Pupil Progress Meetings
Y3 Welly Wednesday

Friday 9th January

Spring Class Newsletter on the class website
pages
Y1 Family Fun Friday

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

Lancashire County Council wants to hear parents' views of childcare, as part of our statutory duties under the Childcare Act 2006.

To help the local authority, we are asking parents and carers to complete a short online survey to understand the childcare needs of Lancashire families.

Please could we ask you to share this link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/1e7570> and/or display this poster far and wide in your communities and to your families using email, or your newsletters, and encourage as many families as possible to complete.

The survey is targeted to all parents/carers using childcare 0 -14 years (up to 18 if disabled) and can be accessed by clicking the link or by scanning the QR code on the attached poster with the camera of a mobile device. It should take no longer than 5 minute to complete. All submissions are anonymous.

School Nurse support.

Our school nurse team can be contacted by telephoning the duty team on 0300 247 0040. They can offer support and advice with;

- Sleep concerns
- Bed wetting
- Eating problems
- Behaviour support

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).

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

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.

Attendance Figures

R – 98.0%
Y1 – 98.0%
Y2 – 99.3%
Y3 – 96.0%
Y4 – 99.1%
Y5 – 93.3%
Y6 – 98.8%

Overall school attendance was 97.5%.
Well done to the Y2 class who had the highest attendance last week

After school clubs – Spring 2026

3:20-4:30PM

Begin Monday 12th January 2026 to Friday 27th March
(unless stated otherwise)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Choir Mrs Healey Y3-6	STEM Miss Stockwell Y5/6 (Spring 1)	Rugby Simon Finnan Y5/6	Netball Mrs Grimshaw Y4/5/6	Football Girls & Boys Mr Klee Off site Y4-6
	Cross Country Miss Stockwell Y4/5/6 (Spring 2)		Board Game Club Mr Spencer Y4/5/6	
	Mathsmagicians Miss Moran Y5/6	Fun Church with Amanda every 4 th week of the month 4:30-6pm in Church House		Media Church with Amanda every 4 th week of the month 4:30- 6:30pm in Church House. Age 9 and above
	Art Miss Saunders Y2 (in Y1)			

Christingle Service



Our service will take place on Friday 12th
December at 9:30am in church.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please sit at the
back of church or upstairs so we can fit all the
children in. It is a bit of a squeeze!!

Envelopes have been sent home for any donations
you are able to give towards the work of the
Children's Society. Please bring back to school on
Friday.

Thankyou

Well done to EYFS who donated 9 bags
of toys and clothing
to the RSPCA charity shop in town!!
This will help raise funds for this very
worthy cause.



GOLDEN BOOK

EYFS

Being kind: Rocky Rodriguez for showing lots of kindness to others.

Being respectful: Oliver Law for being ready to learn on the carpet.

Friendship: Hollie-Rose Johnston for helping others around the classroom.

Thinking outside the box: Rory Gibbons for great work around our senses.

Working hard: Amyrah Rashid for always doing lots of activities in class, and for being super in our Nativity play.

Year 1

Being kind: Stanley Partington for sharing with his friends and always being polite.

Being respectful: Penny-May Moody for talking to and treating people with respect.

Friendship: Arthur Ingham for being a great friend to everyone.

Thinking outside the box: Sadie Bennett for pushing herself and answering my questions carefully.

Working hard: Isabella Jarmin Namora for giving 100% in every lesson and being a role model to others.

Year 2

Being kind: Rosie Mulrooney for using kindness to others.

Being respectful: Evelyn Locke for showing respect to all infant classes in nativity.

Friendship: Penelope Durkin for playing well with her friends.

Thinking outside the box: Jude Jones for stepping up for a role last minute in nativity show.

Working hard: Anya Grace Peters for stepping up last minute in nativity show.

Year 3

Being kind: Fearne Swainbank for helping to tidy up and doing extra jobs in class.

Being respectful: Violet Nesbitt Harbour for always being ready and listening during lessons.

Friendship: Nell Miller for being an encouraging and positive friend to others.

Thinking outside the box: Athena Jane for thinking of creative and interesting ideas in writing.

Working hard: Nate Cawtherley for working hard on his sentence writing in literacy lessons.

Year 4

Being kind: Tyler Spencer for kindness to others.

Being respectful: Zachary Chadwick for brilliant manners.

Friendship: Daniel Isherwood for thinking of others in his class.

Thinking outside the box: Ella Parkinson for wonderful sentences in literacy.

Working hard: Ella Smith for working hard on learning times tables facts.

Year 5

Being kind: Joey Jones for the kindness he shows to children and adults in class.

Being respectful: Oliver Rickard for his lovely manners and the respect he shows to adults.

Friendship: Amelia Mulrooney for the way she interacts with all the children in class.

Thinking outside the box: Wilf Atkinson for his work on databases in the ICT lessons.

Working hard: Joseph Thompson for his perseverance in the maths lessons.

Year 6

Working hard: Ava-Willow Thomas for working extremely hard on her independent writing.

Thinking outside the box: Bohdan Pidluzhnyi for always persevering and tackling any challenge.

Friendship: Louis Wright for being a good friend to others.

Being kind: Emily-Rose Lord for being an amazing friend to others.

Being respectful: Emily Parkinson for always being respectful to staff and children.