

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

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Friday
12th
September
2025

School
News
No.0449

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is great to have a full school with our new EYFS children (and parents) settling into their new routines. It is a big week in the Healey household also as my daughter sets off to start university life in Newcastle tomorrow. She was 2 years old when I became head here and I cannot believe how time has flown. I am not looking forward to her going but, as parents, we want them to achieve their dreams. My advice.....enjoy these primary school years as they pass very quickly and before you know it, they are leaving home!!!

Stay safe and well.

Autumn Term

Monday 15th September

After School Clubs start
Pupil Conference Week

Tuesday 16th September

Individual Photos
BSSP (Burnley Schools Sports
Partnership) Party in the Park (all day)

Wednesday 17th September

Y6 Welly Wednesday
EYFS Yogi lesson

Thursday 18th September

Y1 Yogi lesson
BSSP Y5/6 Football Festival 4pm

Friday 19th September

Jeans for Genes Day
Y2 Family Fun Friday
Sports Crew training with Paddy Martin
from BSSP

Prayer of the week

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

Police Officer



<https://youtu.be/GN3pyXWbZRE?si=4OROZHhzEX-RniDW>

The school twitter account is @ClivigerSchool

Dates: School closes for half term on Friday 24th October and reopens on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Thanks for your continued support.

Naomi R. Healey

Mrs N. R. Healey
Headteacher

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AUTUMN TERM

Monday 22nd September
KS2 Intrahouse Athletics Week

Tuesday 23rd September
BSSP Rugby event (am)
BSSP Y2 Fun Run 4pm at Towneley

Wednesday 24th September
Y5 Welly Wednesday
9:15am Church Service with Rev Din
Parents are welcome to attend
EYFS Yogi lesson

Tag Rugby after school starts tonight
4:30-6pm Fun Church with Amanda

Thursday 25th September
MacMillan Coffee morning run by the School
Council for families and the community.
Pupil conferences and targets come home for
Y2-Y6
Y1 Yogi lesson

Friday 26th September
Y4 Family Fun Friday
4:30-6:30pm Media Church with Amanda

Monday 29th September
6pm CHSA meeting in Y3. Everyone welcome
to attend to plan the year ahead.

Tuesday 30th September
BSSP Active 60 event (am)
BSSP Animal Olympics event 4pm

Wednesday 1st October
Y4 Welly Wednesday
9:15am Harvest Service in church with Lisa
Fenton. Everyone welcome to attend, the choir
will be singing and Worship Club will be
leading the prayers.
EYFS Yogi lesson

Thursday 2nd October
Y1 Yogi lesson

Friday 3rd October
2:30pm Y1 Family Fun Friday

Monday 6th October
Y5/6 Period Coach lessons
Governor Committees

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 2025 by our current Y6.

St Christopher's - Tuesday 30th September
6-8pm

Unity - Thursday 2nd October
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Blessed Trinity - Thursday 9th October
6-8pm

Y6 Children

**Information for High School
New Reception Intake September 2026**

APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

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 2025**. 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.

Attendance Figures

R – 100%
Y1 – 96.7%
Y2 – 100%
Y3 – 96.2%
Y4 – 88.6%
Y5 – 100%
Y6 – 98.0%

Overall school attendance was 97.1%.
Well done to the EYFS, Y2 and Y5 classes 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!!

Harvest

We will 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 service and join us on Wednesday 1st October at 9:15am with Lisa Fenton from Blackburn Board of Education.

MacMillan Coffee Morning



School Council will be hosting their first event on Thursday 25th September 9am - 10am in Church House. We hope you will be able to join us for a cake and coffee to raise money for this very worthy cause.

School Council

Chair- Clara Halsall
Secretary – Eva McNally

Year 6 – Georgia Heys and Bethany Fitton

Year 5 – Scarlett Hardiman and Maggie Schinkel

Year 4 – Arno Garnett and Carson Sturgeon

Year 3 – Rory Fletcher and Lottie Nesbitt Harbour

Year 2 – Gwen McDonough and William Rigg

Year 1 – Fred Miller and Eleanor Cooper-Stansfield

Congratulations to everyone who wrote and delivered a speech.



Class Charities for 2025

Each class will be supporting a different charity this year.

EYFS – RSPCS

Y1 – Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary

Y2 – East Lancashire Down Syndrome/DS Association

Y3 – Christian Aid

Y4 – East Lancs Hospice

Y5 – Pendleside Hospice

Y6 – Christian Mountain Centre, Wales

Transport and Admissions Newsletter

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

Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde

(01524) 581148

SOUTH AREA

Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley

(01772) 532109

EAST AREA

Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale

(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.

Mobile Phones

The children should not be bringing mobile phones into school. Any brought will be kept in the classroom and should be collected by a parent.

Walking Home

Children in Y6 can walk home.

Please email ourschool@cliviger.com if you wish your child to walk.

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

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

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 made be put on a Parental Contract to ensure their child is attending school regularly

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.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we wish you good luck!

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 **afterschool 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 replaced 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.

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).

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.

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.

The winner of the Church draw for September is number 100, M Burnie with prize money of £153.00.

GOLDEN BOOK

EYFS

Being kind: Nathan Annice for checking his friend was ok.

Being respectful: Mabel Gane for lovely manners at dinner time.

Friendship: Lewis Dand for playing well with others around the classroom.

Thinking outside the box: Harvey Hocking for sharing his super ideas with his friends.

Working hard: Orla Duxbury for always being busy around the classroom.

Year 1

Being kind: Aria Riley for thinking of others and making everyone happy.

Being respectful: Martha Kurtianyk for having lovely manners and making a good start in our school.

Friendship: Lexi Wood for greeting her friends and myself with a big smile every morning.

Thinking outside the box: William Stockburn for impressing me with his attitude to Year 1.

Working hard: Harry Smith for a good start in our school.

Year 2

Being kind: Gwen McDonough for showing kindness with her new responsibilities.

Being respectful: Jude Jones for showing respect and being ready to learn.

Friendship: Abel Durkin for showing the younger children how to play football at playtime.

Thinking outside the box: Robyn McGivern for using tricky words to increase her fluency when reading.

Working hard: Rosie Higgins for completing her challenging Year 2 tasks.

Year 3

Friendship: Eli Smith for making a great start and quickly making friends in class.

Thinking outside the box: Rex Keenan for imaginative use of vocabulary in his writing.

Working hard: Rory Fletcher for working hard in maths and literacy lessons all week.

Being kind: Nell Miller for being extra helpful around the class to the teachers and her friends.

Being respectful: Elsie Allum for always being ready and listening when she needs to be.

Year 4

Being kind:

Ella George for her lovely, caring nature.

Being respectful:

Daniel Isherwood for showing lovely manners.

Friendship:

Lilly-May Woinson for looking after others.

Thinking outside the box:

Arno Garnett for thoughtful answers.

Working hard:

Ella Parkinson for superb effort across the subjects.

Year 5

Being kind:

Alfie Southern for being very helpful towards another pupil.

Being Respectful:

Maggie Schinkel for the respectful way in which she has started life at Cliviger.

Friendship:

Emma Nicolson for her kind interactions with others.

Thinking outside the box:

Kara Froude for excellent and delicious homework!

Working hard:

Emmy Keenan for her excellent attitude and work in all lessons.

Year 6

Working hard:

Ritchie Riley for an excellent start to year 6, especially in his writing.

Thinking outside the box:

Freddie Hignett for excellent knowledge of the world around him.

Friendship:

Georgia Hargreaves for being a positive influence on her peers.

Being kind:

Bethany Fitton for a kind and considerate attitude of everyone.

Being respectful:

Thomas Whittaker for showing a mature and respectful attitude.