

St. John's
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Primary
School

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Friday
5th
September
2025

School
News
No.0448

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, Martha and Harry in Y1, Eli in Y3 and Maggie in Y5 alongside their families. On our staff, we welcome Miss Mottram in Y3, Miss Gavaghan in Y1 and Y4, Miss McEntrye in Y6, Mrs Terry and Miss Haworth in Shooting Stars and in our office, Mrs Atkinson is now using her maiden name of Miss Payne. Lots of new faces, which is great!

Stay safe and well.

Autumn Term

Monday 8th September

Our new EYFS class all start.
Club request slips in by today.

Wednesday 10th September

EYFS Yogi lesson

Thursday 11th September

Lela Harris (artist) in school
Y1 Yogi lesson

Friday 12th September

Roald Dahl Day

Dress up as your favourite character
Welcome videos and class autumn
newsletter will be on the class page of
the school website by today.
2:30pm Y3 Family Fun Friday

Prayer of the week

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

Pencil



<https://youtu.be/IUJKJwOyttM>

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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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 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

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

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

Sports Crew training with Paddy Martin from
BSSP
Y4 Family Fun Friday

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 suitable footwear, wellingtons if raining, for their outside learning and a waterproof coat.

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 Mrs Owens or Miss Payne. This is to ensure we know when children have left the school site.

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

House Captains

Deerplay (red)	Dexter Corteen-Hindle
Dyneley (blue)	Bethany Fitton
Thieveley (yellow)	Edith Grimshaw
Causeway (green)	Summer Hirst

Sports Crew

Ambassadors	Harry George and Emily Parkinson
	Leni Capstick, Georgia Hargreaves, Hollie McNally, Jessica McNally, Bohdan Pudluzhnyi, Ritchie Riley, Harrison Shaw, Violet Wall, Thomas Whittaker and Louis Wright.

School Council Chair – Clara Halsall and Secretary – Eva McNally

Head Gardener – Violet Smith-Harker

Register and office co-ordinators – Georgia Heys and Isla Williscroft

Music monitors for worship – Harper Sturgeon and Ava-Willow Thomas

Literacy

Year 6	Freddie Hignett and Georgia Holroyd
Year 5	Eden Stockburn and Alfie Southern
Year 4	Orin Giles-McNamee and Penelope Lalor
Year 3	Poppy Hirst and Luca Lord
Year 2	Rosie Higgins and Robyn McGivern

Maths

Year 6	Jack Howie and Ronnie Hyatt
Year 5	Cora Pate and Luke Jones
Year 4	Arno Garnett and Lilly Macaree
Year 3	Oliver Bond and Nell Miller
Year 2	George Cliff and Gwen McDonough

Science

Year 6	Jacob Leach and Henry Wilson-Stephenson
Year 5	Oliver Rickard and Lucy Swindells
Year 4	Henry Mottram and Ella Parkinson
Year 3	Rory Fletcher and Violet Nesbitt Harbour
Year 2	Bethany Waterhouse and Pippa Barker

Digital Leaders

Year 6	Bohdan Pidluzhnyi and Tegan Spencer
Year 5	Georgia Bideau and Robbie Pott
Year 4	Teddy Howarth and Daniel Isherwood
Year 3	Phoebe Bradbury and Henry Turner
Year 2	Tommy Woinson and Jessie Rodriguez

Worship

Year 6	Abigail Fisk, Emily-Rose Lord, Emily Parkinson and Harry George
Year 5	Hidayah Anwar and Scarlett Seamans
Year 4	Jessica Law and Tyler Spencer
Year 3	Rex Keenan and Daphne Flynn

Equality, Diversity and Respect Team

Year 6	Eva McNally, Bohdan Pidluzhnyi, Freddie Hignett and Clara Halsall
Year 5	Hidayah Anwar, Lyla McNulty, Emmy Keenan, Edward Durham-Hall and Charlie Gavin
Year 4	Reuben Cliff, Zac Chadwick and Ella George
Year 3	Penelope Atkinson-Wareing and Finlay Froude

Mental Health Ambassadors

Year 6	Georgia Hargreaves and Henry Wilson-Stephenson
Year 5	Cara Scrivener and Luke Jones
Year 4	Isabelle Chapman and Sebastian Fritchley
Year 3	Angel Smith and Nate Cawtherley

Maths Bees

Kara Froude, Sonny Rodriguez, Reggie Parker, Amelia Mulrooney, Emma Nicolson and Hugo Duthoit.

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!!

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

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).

After school clubs - September 2025

3:20-4:30PM

Begin Monday 15th September and end on Friday 28th November.
(unless stated otherwise)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Choir Mrs Healey Y3-6	STEM Miss Stockwell Y5/6 (Autumn 2)	Rugby Simon Finnan Y5/6	Netball Camille Y4/5/6	Football Girls & Boys Mr Klee Off site Y4-6
	Cross Country Miss Stockwell Y4/5/6 (Autumn 1)		Board Game Club Mr Spencer Y4/5/6	
	Dodgeball Miss Moran Y3/4	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)			

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.

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.

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.

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.

P.E. Timetable September 2025

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

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 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.