



# St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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7th July 2023

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***St Clare's is a Christ-centred family where everyone is valued and respected. We learn and grow, whilst strengthening our relationship with God and one another. Together in His love, we can achieve our full potential.***



## Mrs Charnley's Message

My goodness, another very busy week but one full of fun, laughter and such joy! Monday saw all the children spending time with their new teacher in September. We do have so much to look forward to. Reports will go out today and will include various pieces of information for next year. Please spend some time looking at the information included so that you can celebrate the year and also look ahead to September.

Tuesday saw some children in Year 6 receive the sacrament of Confirmation. It was a glorious evening and I just beamed with pride at the mature way they stood in faith. A real testament to the wonderful connection we have with our parish.

It is said that music is the language of the heart and you only have to walk through school on Wednesday to know this is true. Every song heard from

the hall as all the cast of Wind in the Willows raised their voices with such enthusiasm, brought a smile to your face; you couldn't fail to sing along and tap those feet. It's such a wonderful story too, one which makes you really consider what is important in life. Such poignant scenes get you thinking about yourself and the actions you take. Congratulations to the children in Oak class as you have certainly entertained the whole school community.

Next week as our last week promises to be just as busy as this so rest up everyone over the weekend.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's

***Play, learn and grow together with Christ***

## Headteacher Award Winners this week!

**This week's winners are:-**

Little Saplings: Jonas

Rowan: Umme-Hanie, Joanna, Pearl and Alayna

Willow: Ivy May

Hazel: Arthur

Beech: Niall

Pine: Halle

Elder: Manny and Maryam A

Cherry: Florence

Oak: Hattie Lee

Winning House this week: Plessington





## Dates for your Diary

- 12th July – Year 6 Mass and Assembly – 1:30 pm
- 13th July – Year 6 Leavers Meal – 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
- School reopens on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2023



Here is our weekly mission - a small way of putting into practice the gospel values. We believe we are called to live our lives differently because of what we have experienced and prayed about. What we offer as the 'mission' is a suggestion of how we can all do just that.

## My Yoke is Easy *Mission*

Jesus wants to take away all of our burdens and anything which feels heavy in our hearts.

**If you feel worried by a problem: pause, remember Jesus is with you and ask him to help. You will probably discover the weight of the problem is lighter than you first thought.**



## Uniform

At this time of the year, we are mindful that September brings uniform buying. Please remember to access any preloved uniform and at the moment there is 20% off at M&S.

Please remember that if your child is joining Year 3 - Pine Class - they will be wearing a school tie...get practising ready for September too.

### Footwear

Trainers/boots/shoes with high heels must NOT be worn.

### Hair

Excessive hairstyles are not acceptable in school, for example:

- Shaved heads (Number 3 is the minimum acceptable cut)
- Shaved lines, steps, Mohicans, etc. are not allowed.
- Dyed or colours/streaks/strongly contrasting colours.
- Any child coming into St Clare's Catholic Primary School with an excessive hairstyle will be internally excluded until the hair complies with the uniform policy.
- For hygiene and safety reasons, long hair must be simply tied back with neutral colours, avoiding large bows and hair bands.

### Jewellery and Nails

For safety reasons, the wearing of jewellery is not considered suitable for normal school activities and must not be worn or brought into school.

No jewellery except a wristwatch and plain stud earrings are allowed in school. If a child is unable to remove the earrings for PE, the child must put plasters over the earrings. Parents will be reminded of the policy. If children are to have their ears pierced, it should be done at the beginning of the summer holiday in order for the earrings to be removed for school in September.

**NO NAIL VARNISH** in school.

### PE Kit

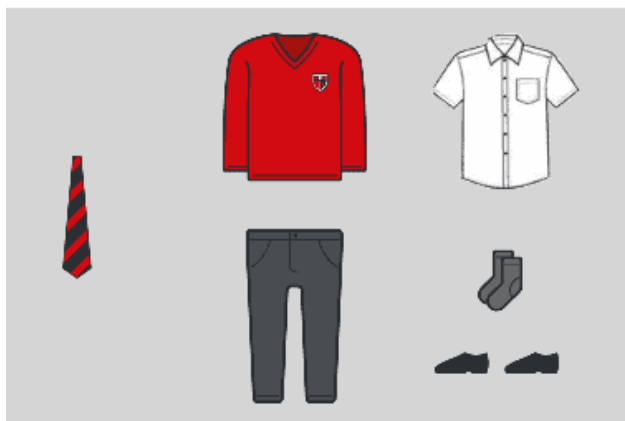
- Red school PE T-shirt with the school logo
- Red school hoodie with the school logo
- Black shorts (not lycra/cycling shorts)

- Pull-on black pumps
- Black plain jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- KS2 – Plain black trainers (optional)
- Summer – plain red or black sun hats/caps to be brought into school for wearing at playtimes.

## Boys Uniform



This is for classes Little Saplings, Rowan, Willow, Hazel and Beech. (EYFS and Key Stage 1)



This is for classes Pine, Elder, Cherry and Oak. Remember Year 3 is where we start to wear a tie. (Key Stage 2)

## Girls Uniform



This is for classes Little Saplings, Rowan, Willow, Hazel and Beech. (EYFS and Key Stage 1)



This is for Classes Pine, Elder, Cherry and Oak. Remember Year 3 is where we start to wear a tie. (Key Stage 2)



## We are Gold!

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and

clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all the staff who gave up their time outside the school day, particularly Mr Cummings and Mr Boardman. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!



We are using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App from September 2023

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

This will mean that from September 2023 we will no longer be using parent pay or our parentapp. This will mean that you will only have one place to let us know about absence/illness/pay for dinners/trips/before school club and so much more.

In preparation for this, there are some things that we need from you to make sure it all runs smoothly.

1. We need you to make us aware of any changes you may have to your contact information - especially your email address.
2. Log-in to Parentpay and clear any outstanding balances before the 14th of July 2023. Please be aware that any credit and any debts will be carried over to Arbor.
3. Wait to download the app during the summer holiday - you will receive a welcome email that will give you all the information on how to log in. Without the welcome email, you will not be recognised and this may lead to complications later.

We will keep you updated throughout the whole process over the next three weeks before the school closes for the summer.

Please remember nothing will change before the end of this term.

## St Clare's Summer Holiday Club

**absolute** **FREE** **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**  
@ ST. CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!!!**

**Who's this for?**  
For all children eligible for the free school meals benefit or requiring SEND provision

**What to expect**  
Free meal each day  
Safe, fun & energetic sports  
Fully qualified DBS coaches

**VENUE COURSE DETAILS**  
Venue: St. Clare's Primary  
Postcode: PR2 9HH  
Dates  
Week 1: 24th > 27th Jul  
Week 2: 31st Jul > 3rd Aug  
Week 3: 7th Aug > 10th Aug  
Week 4: 14th Aug > 17th Aug  
Times: 8:30am-12:30pm (FSM)  
1:00pm-4:00pm (SEN)

**HOW TO BOOK**  
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK

[bit.ly/StClaresSummerHAF](https://bit.ly/StClaresSummerHAF)  
PAID OPTION AVAILABLE VIA THE BOOKING LINK BELOW FOR £10 PER DAY (8:30AM-12:30PM)  
ABSOLUTEFUTBOL.SCHOOLIPAL.CO.UK

**For any enquiries call Lee on 07854668507**

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**'Nurturing the next generation'**

Dear parents/Guardians,

**Absolute will be coming into school to see your children and deliver a full free day of coaching on the 22nd of June, but if you want to secure your child's place before they come home with a leaflet that day... Please follow this link now to secure your EARLYBIRD place.**

TO BOOK PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK: [bit.ly/StClaresSummerHAF](https://bit.ly/StClaresSummerHAF)

**Please note, FREE places are available to children in receipt of Free School Meal benefits, who have any SEN (or are on the pathway to an EHCP)**

**All the best and if you have any questions or queries, please contact me at:**[libby@sportscool.org](mailto:libby@sportscool.org) or call 01254 682077"





## Year 6 Leavers

Goodness time really has gone by quickly as it only seems five minutes since our current Year 6 started in reception and here we are looking at the arrangements to mark their seven years here at St Clare's.

First here are the key dates for you all:-

- **Year 6 Mass and Assembly – Wednesday 12th July – 1:30 pm** Mass and Assembly will both be held in the Church on the 12th of July. This will be a special time for Year 6 and their families to reflect on their time at Saint Clare's.
- **Year 6 Leavers Meal – Thursday 13th July** The children are very much looking forward to heading to Marino's for their leavers' meal. Our time slot is between 4:15 pm and 5:30 pm so it is just our class in the restaurant. Children will have an early lunch on this day and can be picked up at school from 2:00 pm, to enable them to get ready and then meet us at Marino's ready for tea. We ask that you drop the children off at 4:15 pm and then pick them up again at 5:30 pm.
- **Final Day – Friday 14th July** On the last day of term Year 6 will finish early at 1 pm so that they can have a guard of honour on the playground and leave to the traditional 'Reach for the stars'. You are welcome to join us outside for this at about 12:55 pm. If you would like to take younger siblings then you may do so, as the rest of the school will finish at 1:30 pm.

Shirt signing is a long tradition here at St Clare's and again the children are welcome to bring a shirt for this but only on the last day.



## CRACKING IDEA GROMIT

Everything starts as the gem of an idea, and sometimes, those ideas turn into something that changes our lives.

Mobile phones, vaccines and your favourite film all started as an idea.

Using your imagination, can you invent a new gadget?

This could be anything a self-inflating football to the new and improved 'Wrong Trousers' (If you have not watched Wallace and Gromit; The Wrong Trousers – please watch, it is a timeless classic!!!)

You can design and build your invention using cardboard boxes and kitchen rolls and take pictures and videos and send them to [computing@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:computing@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk)

Or you can also design and make your gadget online using PurpleMash – please check your 'To Do' section next week.

The choice is yours – GET YOUR THINKING CAPS ON!!! ENTRIES NEED TO BE FOR WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY.



## Reading Heroes!

This summer, Lancashire Libraries are challenging children to become a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner to stop the evil supervillain "The Spoiler"!

Reading Heroes is the brand-new summer reading programme offered in all libraries across Lancashire, which encourages children aged 4 to 12 (although not exclusively) to keep reading through the summer holidays, offering prizes for those who manage to read five books over the summer.

We will additionally be offering free STEM activities in our libraries (check for booking requirements) and also free entry to our Lancashire Museums. REMEMBER it's free to join the library.

For further details visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/lancs-reading-heroes/>