



# St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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8th September 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.***

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



## Mrs Charnley's Message

Welcome back! What a lovely start to the new school year! The children have arrived back full of enthusiasm and are clearly ready for their new learning challenges.

This year we will be making sure that whatever 'path' is before us we will keep going knowing we have God's love and support always. It is the simple things that we can do to support each other on our learning journeys too. A reassuring smile makes sure we all feel happy as we take risks in our

learning. We are really looking forward to a new journey and a new year as we continue to work together to make Saint Clare's a special place in which to learn.

We know that it is important for children to settle into school life. We also know the importance of good communication between home and school. With this in mind, we have arranged our termly 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week held in school on Thursday 15th September at 5pm. This meeting is for parents and is important because it provides an insight into class life and routines. You will meet the staff who will be working with your children this year and there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have. I hope you can join the staff and myself in what promises to be an exciting year for everyone.

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Bhaiyat, Mrs Dedat and Mrs Clayton who are working in the school office. Miss Lowe and Miss Clarkson who are working in Reception and Year 1 to our school family. I know you will make them feel part of the family.

Finally, parking! Parking has been a consistent problem here at St. Clare's. I would ask that you work together in order to ensure the mornings remain smoother, the cones are there to allow the traffic to flow with our 'drop and go' system. I would ask, that once your child has been picked up that you then leave the school yard to release parking space on the car park.

Here's to another successful year here at St Clare's.

**Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.**

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*"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all"*  
*Aristotle*

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## Results!

What I love so much about Saint Clare's is that we are a family. It would be easy to get caught up in the idea that your worth is determined by your test scores. But the children here at Saint Clare's are so much more and all the staff know that there are many other ways to be smart. Throughout the year I have witnessed talented musicians, dancers, artists, athletes, scientists, geographers and historians. In our school family, the children are kind, patient, supportive, caring, and compassionate. This is why we are so proud of all the children achieve.

I am delighted to share with you all the statutory assessment outcomes, which also reflect our school family.

Everyone is to be congratulated on these fantastic results as they reflect the wonderful journey our children make throughout the school.

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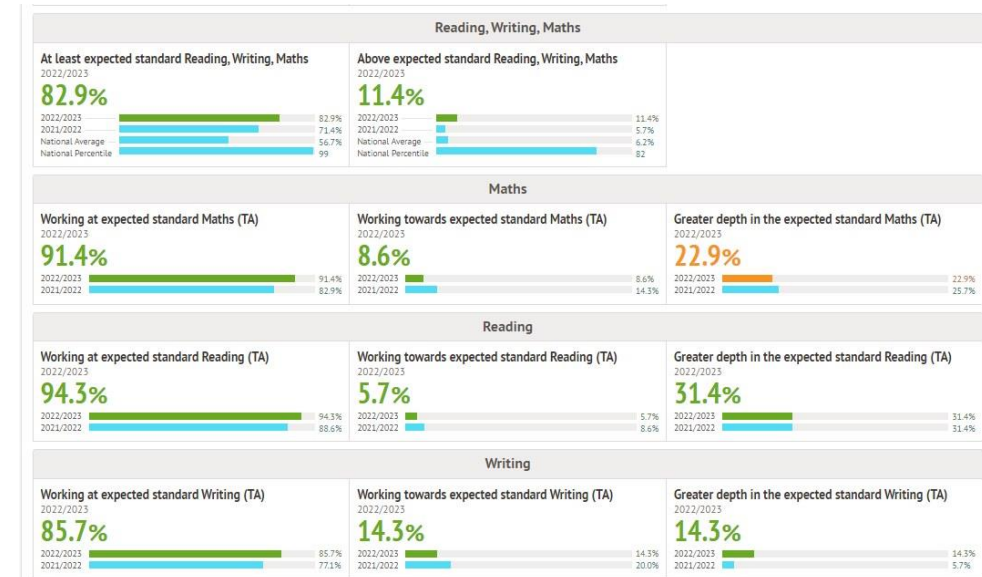
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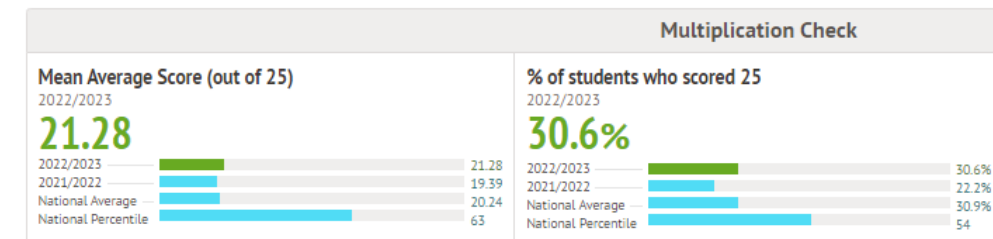
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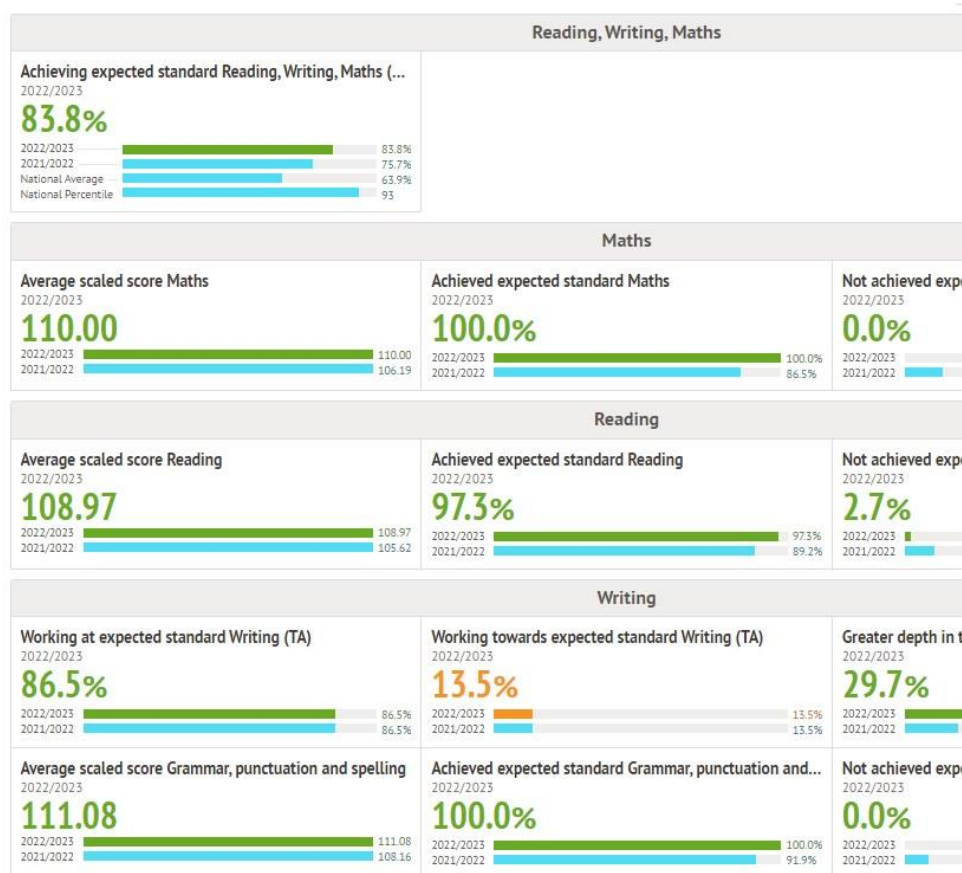
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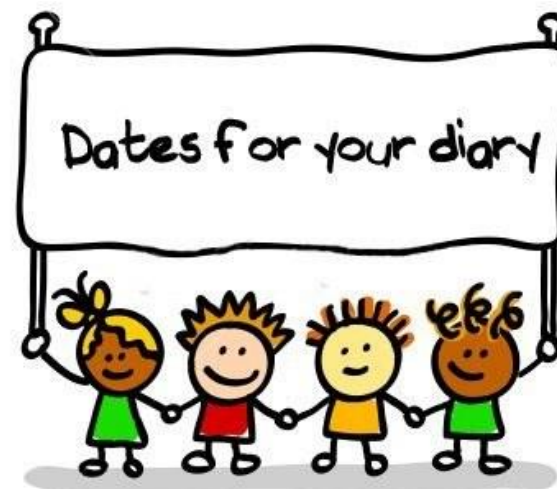
## Year 4 Multiplication Check (MTC)



## Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SAT)



## Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 13th September - Head Boy and Girl Elections.

Thursday 14th September - Meet the Teacher in school for all classes.

Friday 15th September - Student Council Election.

Tuesday 19th September - School Photographs.

Wednesday 20th September to Friday 22nd September - Year 5 trip to Castlerigg.

Thursday 28th September - Key stage 1 Film Night.

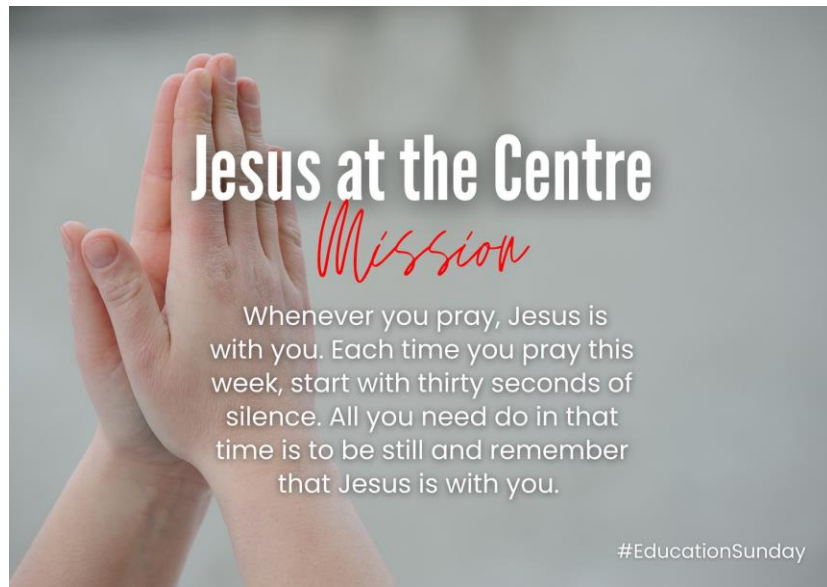
Friday 29th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning for Rowan (reception) Children. 10am - 11:30am.

Friday 29th September - Key stage 2 Film Night.

Thursday 12th October - School Open Day. 9am-11am & 2pm-6pm.



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.



## 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 practicing 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.



This is for classes Pine, Elder, Cherry and Oak.

## Boys Uniform



This is for classes Little Saplings, Rowan, Willow, Hazel and Beech.



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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. Our sporting achievements this year include:

USE THIS SPACE TO LIST YOUR SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENTS With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. 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. Download the Arbor app and Log in to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

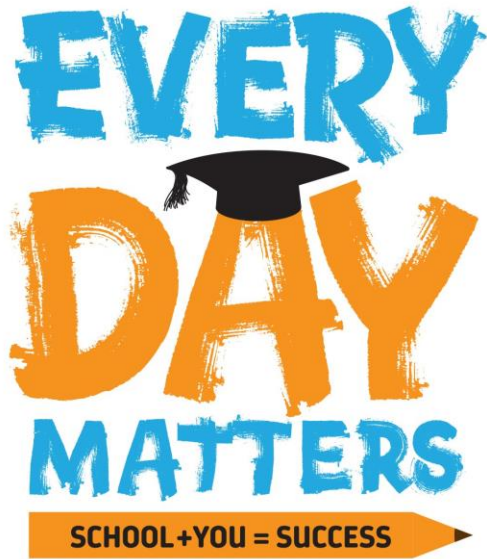
We are no longer using Parent Pay or our ParentApp. This will mean that you will only have one place to let us know about absence/illness/pay for dinners/trips/before school club and so much more.

In order for this to run smoothly we need you to make us aware of any changes that you may have to your contact information, in particular your email address.

Please be aware that any credit and any debts from Parent Pay will be carried over to Arbor. Any future payments paid via the parent pay app will be refunded apart from the Castlerigg trip and the Borwick trip Hall trip, these will remain on Parent pay.

During the summer holidays you will have received 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. Please check your junk email as it has been known to go into this folder.

Attendance!



This year, We will be really focusing on the schools attendance.

At the end of each term those children who have got 100% attendance will receive a certificate!

Any children who have got 100% attendance at the end of the school year will receive a prize!

The whole schools attendance this week was **97.89%**.

**Well done to Year 4 (Elder), Your class had 100% attendance this week!**