



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

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

What a week it has been! There seems to be a real buzz in the air as the children across the school are busy getting ready. I know you will be in for a real treat with our Advent Service led by Year 5 and Year 6 on the 30th of November. Key Stage 1 are also throwing themselves into rehearsing for 'Starlight' while Reception are getting ready to perform 'Born in a Barn'. Advent is just around the corner and I know the weeks are just going to fly by as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Year 4 children were fantastic in representing our school with their visit to Corpus Christi this week. They clearly all really enjoyed the science lesson on rocks and the excitement of working in a laboratory was evident in the wonderful work and photos. If you get a chance have a look on Elder Class blog to see the joy on the children's faces. Thanks to Mr Tootill, our parent governor, for helping Mrs Clack make it all possible.

This week I have had the joy of looking at the teaching of R.E. across the school. I really enjoyed seeing the wonderful learning in every class. From understanding how Mary felt at the annunciation to the really complex way we understand 'love' in so many different situations was amazing to see.

Next week our school take part in the Red Wednesday national campaign with ACN. We are involved in a live stream event where we highlight how important it is that we 'break the silence'. I hope you can join us; the primary school hour is between 9.30 am and 10.30 am and if all things run to time St Clare's will be joining the live stream at about 10.10 am. Please see below for more information and I know it promises to be an exciting moment for our school.

Have a lovely weekend—true Lancashire autumn weather is here so I am sure you have got your wellies and umbrellas ready.

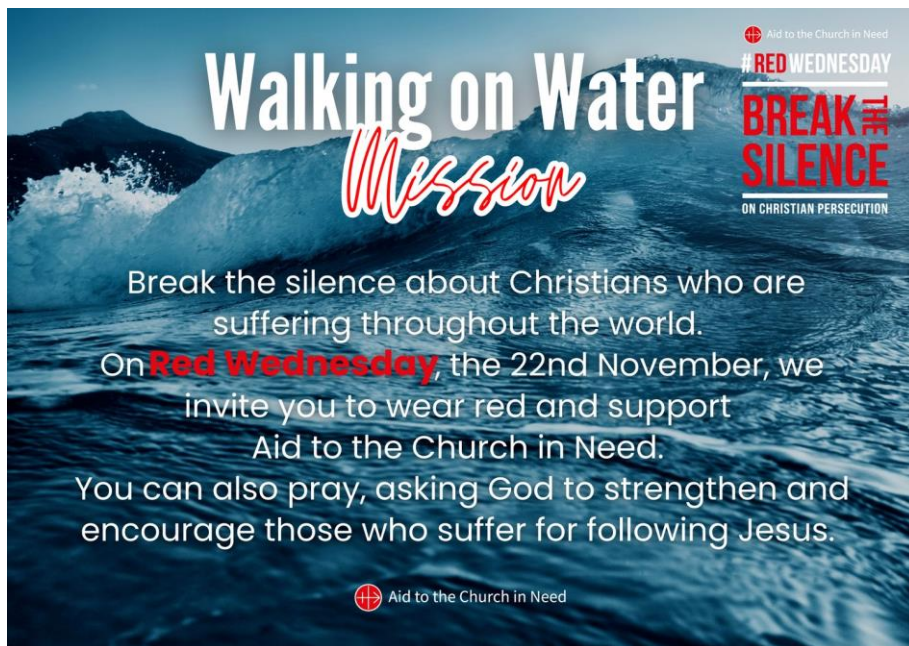
God Bless,

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." — Henry Ford

Faith

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.



Headteacher Awards! Awards of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Laiba - *"Great enthusiasm in the expressive arts"*.

Rowan: Sienna -Mai - *"Being a kind friend"*.

Willow: Jude - *"Fantastic work with his math's"*.

Hazel: Oliver - *"Excellent effort, and a 'can do' attitude in all of his work this week"*.

Beech: Martha - *"For writing two excellent character descriptions"*.

Pine: Elvin - *"Great start & settled into school really well"*.

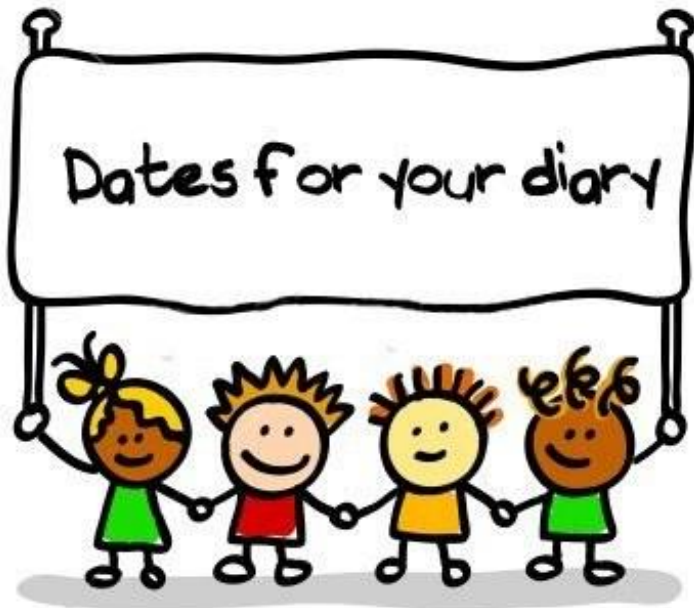
Elder: Nellie - *"Super work on fronted adverbials"*.

Cherry: Aysha - *"For showing kindness towards others"*.

Oak: Angelo - *"Fantastic responses in English - Pushing himself out of his comfort zone"*.

The Winning House this week: Plessington!

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 22nd November - ACN Red Wednesday School's Livestream (starts at 9:30am, Our school will be on at 10:10am).

Sunday 26th November - Christmas Fair at St Clare's Parish (10:30am).

Monday 4th December - Advent Service (Year 5&6).

Tuesday 12th December - Little Saplings Play in the Hall (10am).

Tuesday 12th December - Rowan Class Play in Church (2pm).

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity show 1 at 2pm - KS1 Nativity show 2 at 3:30pm.

Friday 15th December - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime.

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Lunch/Jumper/Santa Dash.

Thursday 21st December - Break up for Christmas (1:30pm).

Monday 8th January - Return to school.

PTFA

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents”
~Jane D. Hull

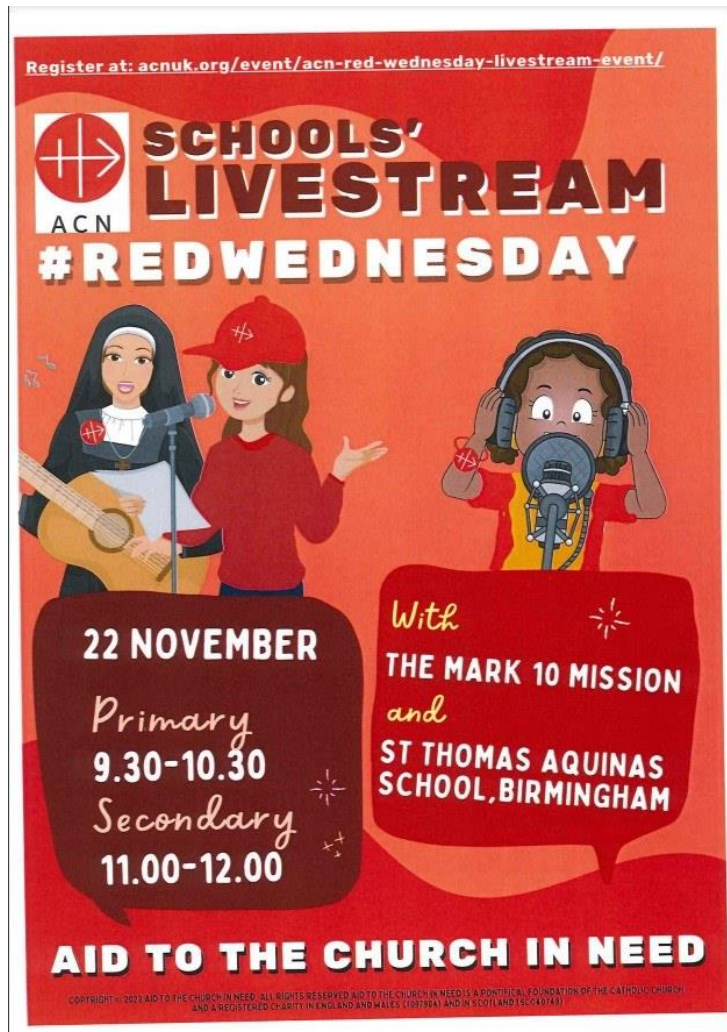
Thank You to all the Parents who attended our Second PTFA meeting. There were some excellent ideas on how we can raise funds for the school and discussions on how we can bring our current ideas to fruition.

- Mrs. Patel will be running a Tuck shop. We have decided that we will start with once at the end of every term. There will be a notification prior to this to let you know the date.
- Our old minibus is in the process of being converted into a library for the school. Once the minibus is complete, we need to think about stocking it up with lots of books! The school will be buying new books but one of the great ideas that our PTFA members came up with was to ask parents if they could help too. If you have any books at home that you no longer want or need, please could you donate these to school.
- With Christmas coming up so soon and it being such a busy period for all, we have decided that we would put the idea for the school disco on hold for now. We may try for one later on in the year.

I'm happy to share that Mrs. Desai has taken on the role of being our new PTFA secretary.

New members and new ideas are always welcome! Please keep a look out for our next meeting date.

Red Wednesday



Our school will be performing for ACN's School Livestream Red Wednesday event. We are working with other schools in the country and Greg from Mark 10 Mission will be leading the hour. Our slot time is 10:10 am. Please follow the link below on 22nd November to tune in.

<https://youtube.com/live/E2lOZvFQTKQ?feature=share>

Parish Christmas Fair

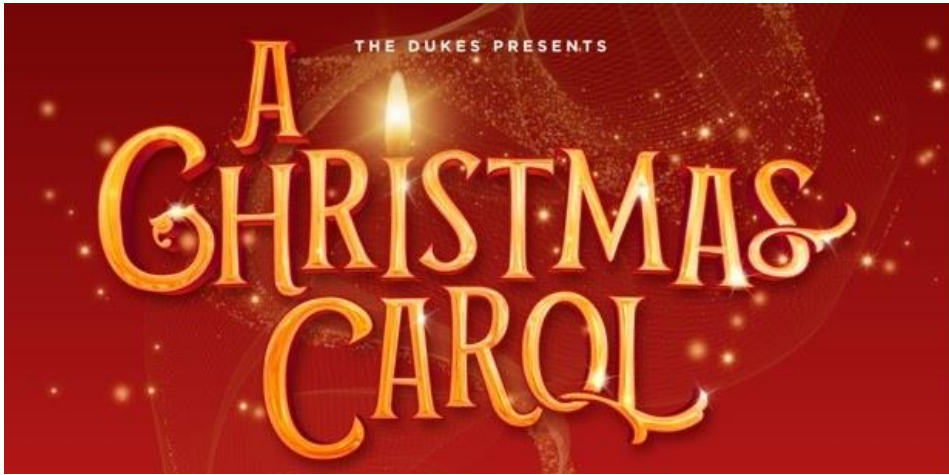


Christmas Fair Sunday 26th November - 10:30 am (Feast of Christ the King)

We are holding a Christmas Fair to start raising funds for a much-needed new organ for our Church. We would be very grateful if you could help by coming along to the fair and donating any of the following type of items:- Cakes for the cake stall, raffle prizes, bottle and food tombola prizes, good as new items, books, clothes, toys, etc. And any other donations you would like to make to the fair. Everything can be left in the Narthex. Do come along and support the organ fund and bring family and friends after Mass on the 26th, bacon butties ,coffee, tea etc. will all be available, along with the stalls and fun for the children's Christ the King morning for our parish!!!

The parish have asked if any parents are able to donate for the Christmas Fair. If you are able to provide a bottle, small bars of chocolate, a selection box, toys or books in good condition then please drop them into the school office and someone from the parish will come and collect them.

School Trip



This Year the whole school will enjoy a trip to the Dukes Theatre in Lancaster to see the upcoming production of **A Christmas Carol**, the heart-warming classic that has captivated audiences for generations.

We are going to Unwrap the magic this season with a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens classic tale, featuring toe-tapping live music, festive fun and a touch of Christmas magic. This heart-warming and uplifting tale of redemption is the perfect festive treat.

Date: 15th December 2023

Cost: £15 per child.

This Trip is payable via the Arbor App under 'Trips'. We have reopened booking for those parents who have not yet paid. This is a trip that the whole school including all members of staff attend, which means the school will be closed during this time. If you are struggling with payment or there is any other specific concern about your child attending then please contact the school office as soon as possible.

St Clare's After School Club



St Clare's After School Club is a private childcare provider which provides childcare solely for children at St Clare's Primary School.

We pick up the children on our register from the school and take them to the adjacent church hall.

We provide a snack and a drink of milk or water then the children are free to choose from a variety of activities including arts and crafts, board games, small world toys, role play, outdoor play, physical play, quiet reading, IT resources (computer, XBOX, Wii etc.).

We also have the use of a large grassed area behind the church hall and the school playground for physical activities such as football, cricket, ball games, scooters etc.

We are open after school Monday to Friday. You may book the day or days you require subject to availability. Unfortunately, we cannot take one off or occasional bookings.

We are pleased to say we have spaces available. These will be on a first come first served basis.

Please contact Gill McAuley on 07879241099 between 2.30 and 5.30 for further information.

Please feel free to leave a message outside of these hours and we will get back to you.

School Admission



School admissions are now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

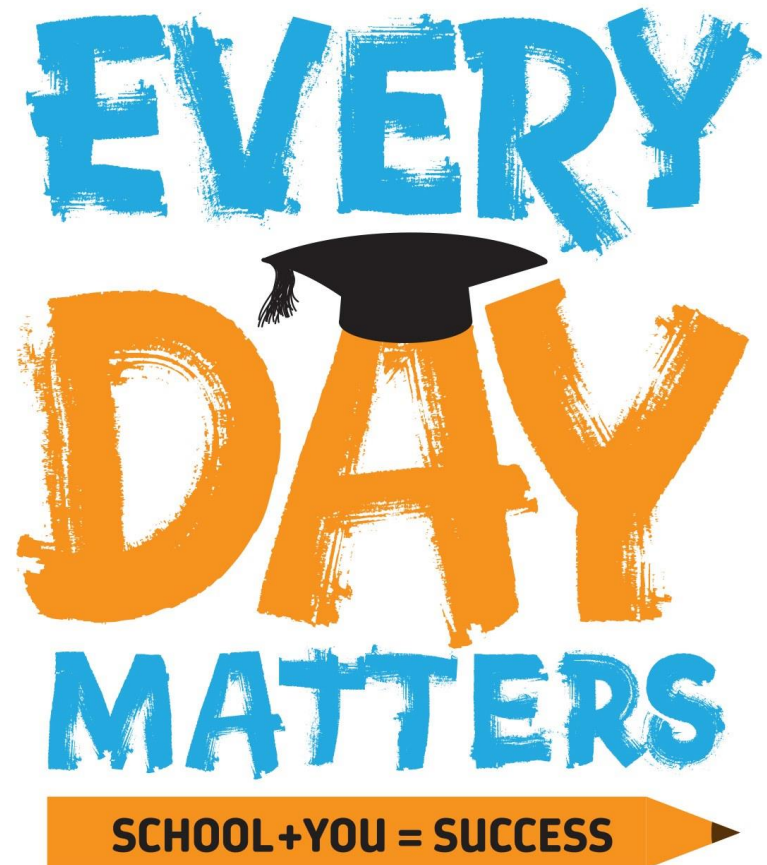
It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

As we are a faith school you will also need to complete a supplementary form that you will find on the last page of our admissions policy that you will find on our school website.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.

Attendance!



The whole school's attendance this week was **94.52%**.

Well done to Year 2 (Beech), Your class had the highest attendance this week with **98.15%**!

Board Games



Rowan class are trying to create a board game lending library. Please can you look through your cupboards and toy box to see if you have any boards games you no longer play. If you are happy to donate, please send them to the school office. Many Thanks, Miss Scott.

Wood / Branches / Leylandii



If anyone has any off cuts of wood, Branches or Leylandii that they can donate to the school then this would be very much appreciated. Little Saplings are collecting it for their woodwork and their Garden Area.

Thank You, Mrs Ronson.

PARKING!



I understand that we all have to get to drop off our children on our way to work and how busy that can be with the traffic at that time. I also know that by parking on a double yellow line on the road outside the school is illegal and dangerous for the children—particularly if it is right in front of the gates to the school or parish carpark. Please be aware that we have been asked by the police to pass on any car number plate of anyone doing so. Think carefully about all the children coming to school and the safety of everyone. As reception children become more familiar with the routines and our drop-and-go system I am sure things will ease. I really appreciate your help and support in this matter.