



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

Play, learn and grow together with Christ

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

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 on Monday evening next week with our Year 5 and Year 6 children. Everyone is welcome to join us and what a special way to mark the beginning of Advent. Now Advent is here we know the weeks are just going to fly by as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Some very special children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this evening with their families and Bishop Paul Swarbrick. We know that it will be a glorious evening and we are all very proud of these children as they stand together on their Faith Journey. As always this is a real testament to the wonderful connection we have with our parish. Well done children and perfect as we start on our journey of preparation during Advent.

Although in recent days there has been a ceasefire, we have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict between Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Food, water and fuel are in increasingly short supply. Families need urgent help. You will have seen the school council work on 'pray for peace - play for peace' fundraising which is happening in a few weeks. With advice from the diocese and the children's and our desire to help all children who are the innocent victims of this conflict the money raised will go to CAFOD. You too can donate directly as this link will take you to their page.

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal>.

You can also donate through Arbor which we will collate and send the total amount from St Clare's. Thank you, in advance, for your support with this appeal led by the children and school council.

First Week in Advent: Hope

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God!

Mark 13:35-37

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Have a lovely weekend with family time together.

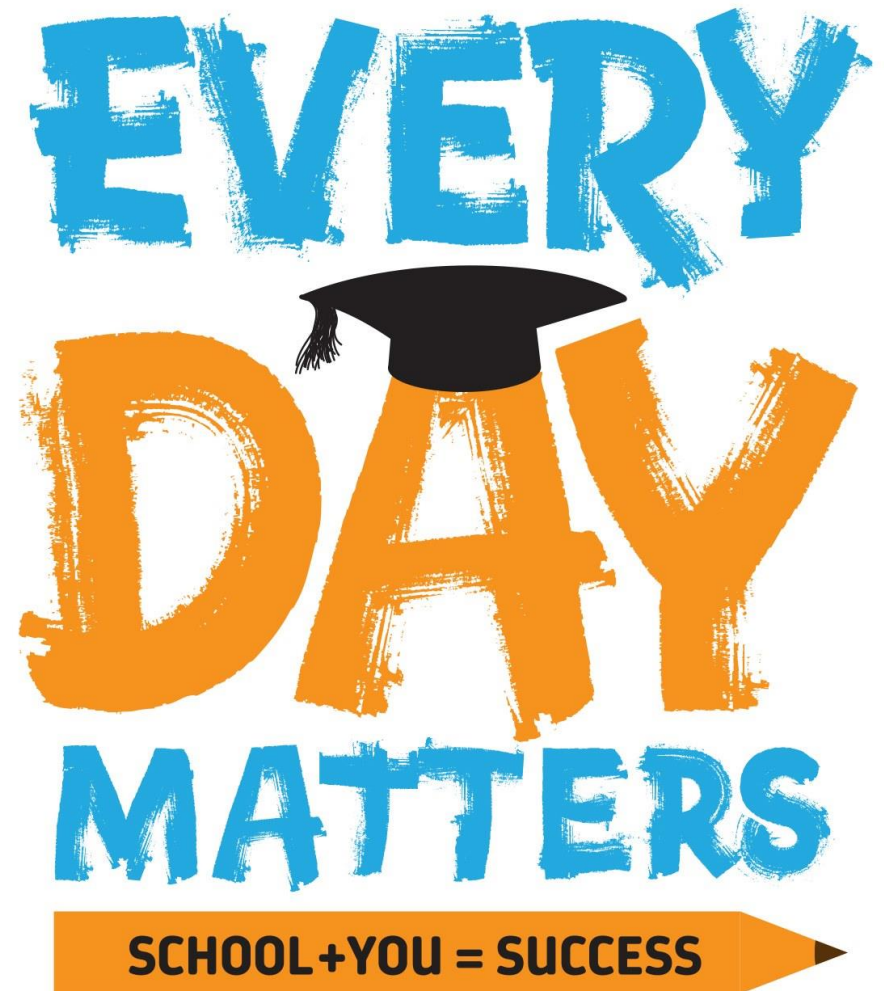
God Bless, **Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.**

"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.



Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 95.01%.

Well done to Year 6 (Oak), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.71%!

Headteacher Awards! Awards of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Andrew - *"Great work in Literacy"*.

Rowan: Brynn - *"For being a kind friend and a hard worker"*.

Willow: Zuzanna - *"Fantastic effort and sharing her ideas"*.

Hazel: Adil - *"Excellent group work and sharing ideas"*.

Beech: Nancy - *"Super work in our Electricity Science topic"*.

Pine: Arthur - *"For confidently leading collective worship and for answering questions in Math's"*.

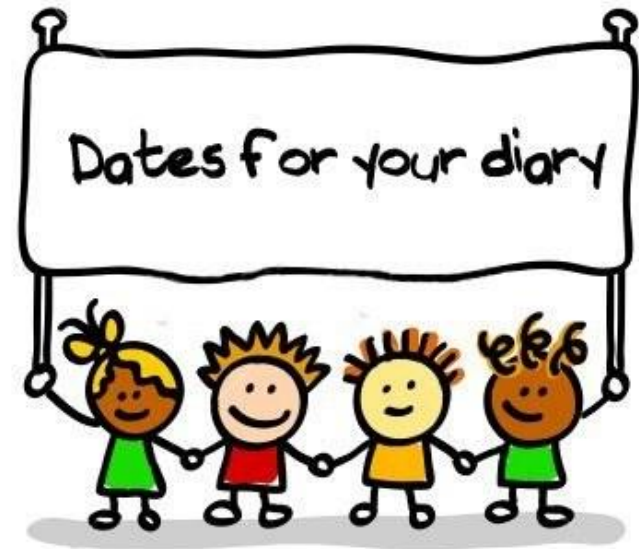
Elder: Judy - *"For having a determined attitude in Math's"*.

Cherry: Jack - *"Fantastic effort in the advent rehearsals"*.

Oak: Charlie B - *"Fantastic attitude to learning, increase in reading and showing kindness"*.

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



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

Friday 8th December - Pray for Peace - Play for Peace (Children to come in PE kits)

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.

Saturday 16th December - Messy Church at St Clare's Church Hall (1:30 - 3:00pm).

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day.

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

Monday 8th January 2024 - Return to school.

Thursday 11th January 2024 - Meet the teacher (5pm)

Pray for Peace – Play for Peace

On Friday 8th December, we will be running our 'Pray for Peace – Play for Peace'. Throughout Friday 8th December we will be taking part in a number of praying and playing activities. E.g. playing board games, playing sports related games and have the opportunity to play for those children affected by war. If your child keeps their PE kit in school the class teacher will make sure they are changed for sporting activities. Otherwise all children need to come in their PE kit. We are asking if all children could bring in their favourite board game to share with a friend. All proceeds will be going towards a charity that supports all children who are affected by war. Parents can make donations via Arbor - within 'School Trips' to sponsor their child. From Safaa and William - Cherry Student Council.

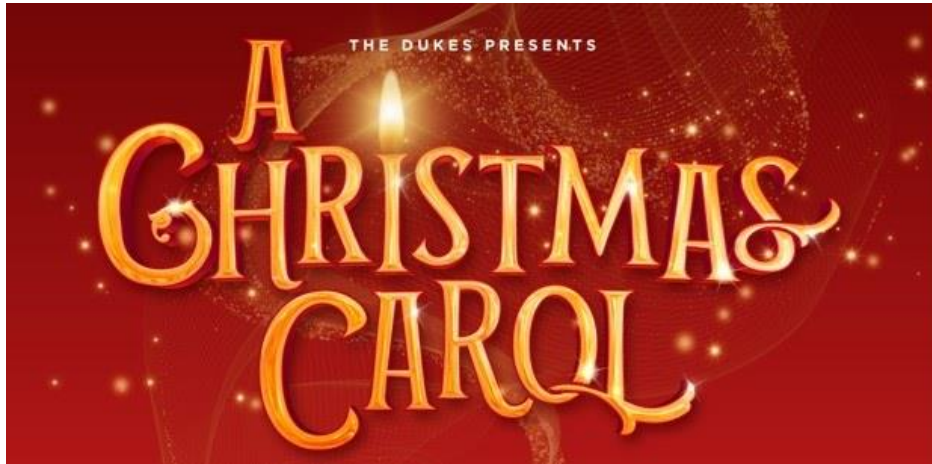
On Friday 8th December, we will be running our 'Pray for Peace – Play for Peace' event. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in a number of playing and praying sessions. If your child has their PE kit in school, staff will make sure they change for any sporting activities. If your child comes to school in their PE kit, please send them to school on Friday 8th Dec in their PE kit, ready to **play** sports. The children will also have the opportunity to **play** board games on this day - we would love it if your child could bring in their favourite board game so that they can share these with their friends.

In order to raise money for children who are affected by war, we would love you to sponsor us! We have set up a donation page - within 'School Trips' on Arbor, where you can donate towards this cause, the donation link is now live! You can also donate directly to the charity via the link above. We are hoping to raise as much money as we possibly can!

Many thanks, The Student Council (Safaa and William - Cherry class)



School Trip



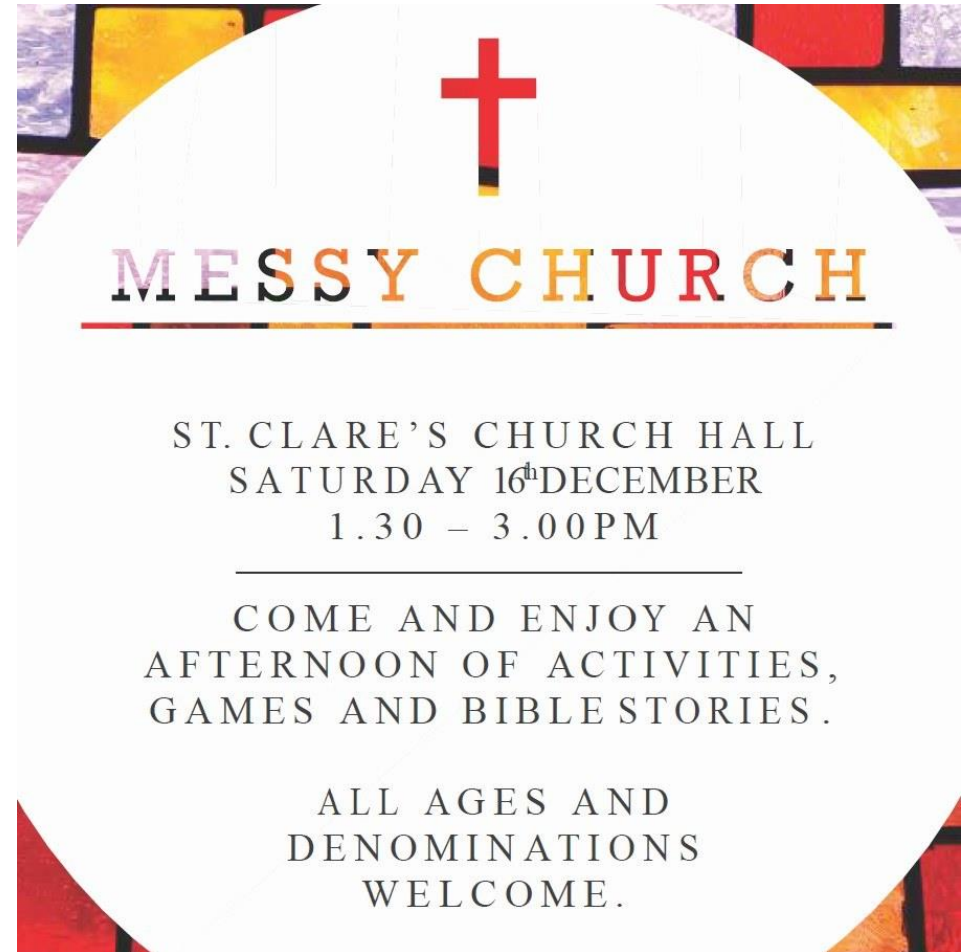
This Year the whole school will enjoy a trip to the Dukes Theatre in Lancaster to see the upcoming production of **A Christmas Carol**, the heart-warming classic that has captivated audiences for generations.

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

The moral of *The Christmas Carol* is that society can be transformed for the better through generosity, empathy, and compassion.

Date: 15th December 2023

Messy Church



Piano/ Keyboard & Voice Lessons



There are still places available for parents who want to book their child in for Piano / Keyboard and Voice lessons with Mrs. Calman. The Parental Direct Payment scheme allows parents to pay the Music Service directly for instrumental and vocal tuition. The lessons are delivered in school, Individually. Please see the email that was sent to parents last week with instructions on how to book. There are currently only a limited number of places left to book!

Online Safety



At the end of each month we will be sending out an Online Safety Newsletter. We have also added a section to the website under 'Parents' which we would encourage you to take a look at.

PTFA

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

Mrs. Patel will be running a Tuck shop at the end of every term. She has been busy shopping for all the goodies in preparation for this. A big Thank You to Mrs. Jaminder for kindly selling us many items at cost price, which will help us to raise more funds for the school. Our First Tuck shop will take place at the end of school On **Wednesday 20th December 2023**. Below is a Price list, please bring the correct change as no change can be given.

Price List	
Swizzler Mix Bag	£1.00
Gummy & Fizzy Mix Bag	£0.60 or 2 for £1.00
Gummy Zone Fast Food	£0.30
Candy Canes	£0.40
Candy Sticks with Tatoo sticker	£0.50
Candy Floss	£1.00
Lollies	£0.20
Golden Wanders Crisps	£0.50
Thingies Crisps	£0.25
Rainbow Drops	£1.00
Cookie	£1.00
Cadbury Santa Selection Box	£2.00
Fruit Shoot Blasts	£0.50
Cup Drinks	£0.50
Chocolate	£0.40

School Admissions



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.

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.

The Parish Fair raised a total of £1642! This will go towards a new organ for the church. Thank You to everyone who kindly donated.



The Big Ambition Survey



The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



Board Games



Thank You for all your donations to Rowan's board game lending library, We received a great amount of board games.

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.

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.