

St Michael and All Angels CE VA School Newsletter

Friday 6th December



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Nativity Matinee Performance 13:15

Thursday 12th December – KS1 Nativity Evening Performance 18:30

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch (pre order via school spider)/Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform day wear Christmas Jumper/festive colours. If it is your child's PE day they can wear Christmas jumper over their PE kit)

Wednesday 18th December – KS1 & KS2 Party Day (non-school uniform)

Thursday 19th December – Carol Service in Church 11am parents/cares invited

Friday 20th December – School closes 13:30

Monday 6th January – School re opens 08:40

Wednesday 15th January – KS1 Trip Panto 'Sleeping Beauty'

Thursday 30th January – Candlemas Service in Church 11am parents/cares invited

Friday 14th February – School closes 15:20

Monday 24th February – School re opens 08:40

Wednesday 5th – Tuesday 11th March – Book fair in school

Thursday 6th March – Lent service in Church 11am parents/cares invited

Tuesday 11th March – Parents Evening 15:30-18:00 – Bookings will open w/c 24th Feb

Thursday 20th March – Parents Evening 15:30-18:00 – Bookings will open w/c 24th Feb

Thursday 3rd April – Church Service in Church 11am parents/cares invited

Friday 4th April – School closes 13:30

Tuesday 22nd April – School re opens 08:40

Wednesday 23rd April – KS2 Palace Theatre Trip Manchester 'Mary Poppins'



What a bustling few weeks we've had at St Michael and All Angels! Our school community has been abuzz with activity, and I'm thrilled to share some of the highlights with you.

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the smashing success of our Church Fair. Your generous donations of jarbolas were simply overwhelming, and they added a wonderful touch of excitement to the event. It's moments like these that remind us of the incredible spirit of togetherness that defines our school family.

Our pupils have been making us proud on the sports front too. Year 3 have been honing their athletic skills, showing remarkable progress in their speed and agility. Not to be outdone, Year 4 have been engrossed in team games, fostering a brilliant sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship. Meanwhile, Year 5 have been exploring a variety of skills through multisports activities, broadening their physical education horizons.

Speaking of horizons, our Year 6 pupils recently embarked on an exciting cultural expedition to the Palace Theatre in Manchester. It was a joy to see their faces light up with wonder as they experienced the magic of live performance. These outings are so vital in nurturing our pupils' appreciation for the arts and broadening their cultural experiences.

Back at school, we've had our own artistic endeavours. Our recent Art and Poetry Day was a feast for the senses, with pupils expressing themselves through colours, shapes, and words. The creativity on display was truly inspiring, and it's wonderful to see our young minds exploring different forms of self-expression.

And oh, what a transformation our school has undergone! Thanks to our recent decoration night, the halls and classrooms are now adorned with twinkling lights and festive ornaments. It's simply magical to walk through the school and see the joy on everyone's faces as they take in the enchanting atmosphere.

As we approach the festive season, I'm filled with gratitude for our wonderful school community. Your continued support and engagement make St Michael and All Angels a truly special place for our pupils to learn and grow.

Here's to many more exciting adventures in the weeks to come!

Representatives from year 4 took part in a multi-skills event at Pendle leisure centre today. Well done to everyone who took part it looks like you had a great time.



We have got some more equipment for the OPAL lunchtime programme!



Year 3 Volcanoes



Outstanding effort from our Year 3 Athletes last night! With six individual awards and winning the whole team event, beating five other schools. And- to top it off-winning the boys, girls and mixed relay races! Well done everyone! Absolute superstars!





OJ's

Christmas Holiday Dates:

Saturday 21st December
Saturday 28th December
Thursday 2nd January

Monday 23rd December
Monday 30th December
Saturday 4th January

We are a charity for children and adults with *autism, learning difficulties and additional needs*. We have a whole family approach and welcome siblings and carers to our sessions.

We run our sessions every other Saturday, plus additional week days in the school holidays.

To book and for more information, visit:

www.ojscare.org



**IT'S SLIME FOR FUN
SEN SESSIONS**

Break Time Sessions
Child / Young Person with SEN only

WHO
Children & Young People with SEN
Age 4-18

WHAT

- Feel good fun
- Crafts, cooking, outdoor play, games
- Acquiring life skills
- Boosting self esteem
- Sense of belonging
- Building relationships

US
Experienced Team
- Fellow SEN parents

Where
Whitewell Bottom Community Centre
Burnley Road East
Whitewell Bottom
Rossendale
BB4 9LB

When
School Holiday sessions
Saturdays in Term Time

How to Book
Call Klair on 07841744020 or email slimeforfuninfo@gmail.com

TIME
Break Time and Break Time Plus Provider

VENUE
Lancashire County Council



What is the MyTime to Thrive service?

Barnardo's MyTime to Thrive is an Emotional Health and Wellbeing service working alongside mental health partners using the Thrive model of care for all children in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

OFFERING short term therapy for children and young people struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

SUPPORTING ages 5-18 and up to the age of 25 for those with additional needs.

DELIVERING counselling and therapeutic interventions, in person, online, individually and in groups.

Find out more

T 01772 505138
W barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/lancashire-and-south-cumbria-thrive-service
E thrive@barnardos.org.uk

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BARNARDOS



Family AUTISM Service

Is your child seeking or has an autism diagnosis?

Do you live in East Lancashire or Blackburn with Darwen?

Is your child/children under 25 years old?

Are you a parent/carer looking for information, advice and support?

Come along to our:

- Parent Support Group
- Autism Awareness Sessions and workshops
- Cygnet Course
- Social Activities (for families, young people, siblings)
- Emotional Health and Well Being sessions

For more information:
☎ 01254 244706 | ✉ autism@canw.org.uk | www.canw.org.uk

MAKE A REFERRAL



St. Michael & All Angels Church Foulridge

Christmas Fair

30th November 2024

10.30 am - 1.30 pm

To be opened by the children from St. Michael & All Angels School

Tombolas Cakes Raffle Christmas Gifts Mystery Parcels
Crafts Knitted Stall Jigsaws Books Wreaths Jarbola

Refreshments and light lunches available



A Three Left Feet production

CHRISTMAS TALES

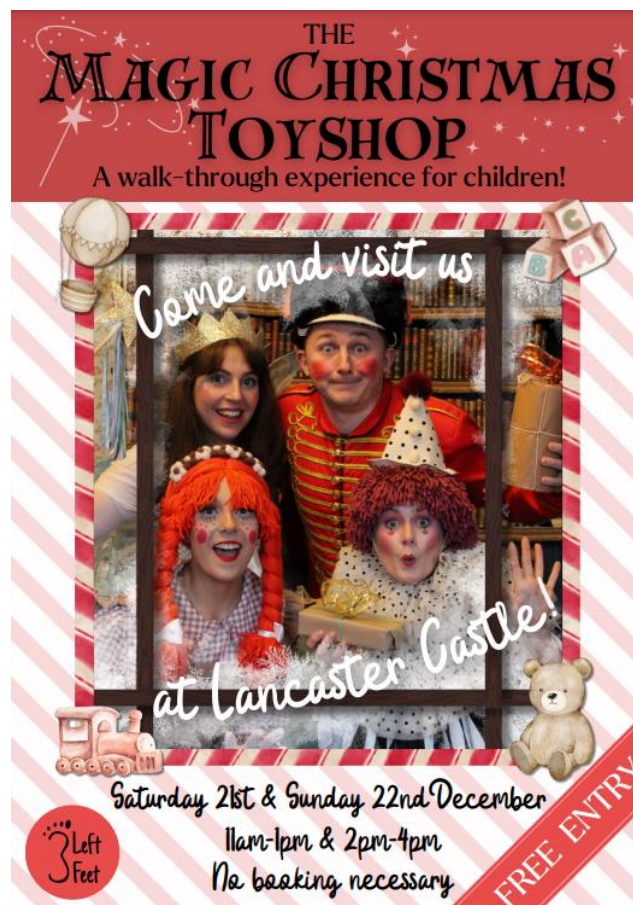
with **MRS CLAUS**

1pm & 3pm, 7th & 8th December
11am & 1pm, 14th & 15th December

Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park

Scan for tickets!

www.threeleftfeet.co.uk @threeleftfeetuk info@threeleftfeet.co.uk



THE MAGIC CHRISTMAS TOYSHOP

A walk-through experience for children!

Come and visit us at Lancaster Castle!

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd December
11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm
No booking necessary

FREE ENTRY

Year 1 have been learning about our primary colours. The primary colours are red, yellow and blue. They cannot be made by mixing colours together.



Age 5-11

£1 Per Child

FRIDAY CLUB

At The Exchange Project
(St. John's Methodist Church, Colne)

Time 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Dates 13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December

Games, Group Activities
Story Time and Much More!

Please use the side Entrance

the exchange project



St. John's
Methodist Church



JUST DANCE

FREE DANCE CLASSES

for ages 10-16



BALLET JAZZ LYRICAL STREET



RUBY PEARSON
Shockout - Manchester

Starts TUESDAY 24/09/24

4-5PM Byron Rd, Colne
BB8 0BQ

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AG

because FAMILY MATTERS

Time out for parent courses

new
era
enterprises



4 X 2hr Sessions

Believing in you
Believing in Better

Scan to book - in the drop down box, please make sure you select the course and date required

HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

Promoting healthy tips with our
children & family members and
strategies to handle anger better.

September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 9.30am - 11.30am

ASD

Understanding autism and the way it affects
your child. Support and strategies to help the
family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 6.30pm - 8.30pm

ADHD

Understanding ADHD and how it affects
your child. Support and strategies to
help the family relationships.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th 9.30am - 11.30am
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th October 12.45pm - 2.45pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26th 12.45pm - 2.45pm

THE TEENAGE YEARS

The Teenage Years can sometimes be a
challenge. This course explores the issues
affecting teenagers & their parents.

June 4, 11, 18, 25th & July 2nd 6.30pm - 8.30pm
September 17, 24, & 1st, 8th, 15th Oct 1st, 8th 9.30am - 11.30am
November 5, 12, 19, 26th & Dec 3rd 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Attendance Matters



Attendance research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more like to do well in the future. Regular attendance helps children to develop their confidence and to make and keep lasting friendships. Punctuality is also very important. School opens at 8:40am and children must be ready to learn by 8:50am each morning.

Did you know, that being just 15 minutes late each morning means that your child would miss 10 days from school each year?

If your child is absent, please ring school at your earliest opportunity and leave a message on the answerphone. If the attendance of a pupil is low or they are persistently late, parents will be contacted and asked to meet with school staff to see how this can be improved. Support will be offered to both parents and pupils as required. Thank you.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.

COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...



Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

Nhs.uk/mental-health



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7

Papyrus-uk.org



Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours

Samaritans.org



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 102 1234

Mind.org.uk



Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

Giveusashout.org



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858

Thecalmzone.net

ChristmasCountdown.uk



Safeguarding Concerns

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's designated safeguarding team.

DSL Lead Sara Richardson
Deputy DSL Michelle Coffey
DSL Rebbecca Lamb (SENCO)

NSPCC Support

Click on the link for information to support your child regarding mental health.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>

SEND News



British Dyslexia Association

Ten percent of the population are believed to be dyslexic, but it is still often poorly understood. With the right support, the strengths and talents of dyslexic people can really shine.

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/dyslexia>

Autumn Term 2024
Second Half

The Christian virtue
focus this half term is
trust.



The Growth Mindset
focus is challenge.



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

