



Eccleston St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter 1 | 6th September 2024

SCHOOL NEWS

Our Motto:
Believe & Achieve

Our Mission Statement:
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

Prayer

Dear Lord,

We are so glad to feel your presence in our school each and every day. We thank you for the gift of being able to learn here with the assurance that you walk through it with us. We ask that you bless all pupils and staff here at St Mary's and that this academic year is full of joy.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord, Amen

☆☆☆ SHINING STARS ☆☆☆

Nursery	Archie H	
Reception	Charlotte	Abigail
Year One	Leon	Oscar
Year Two	Freddie	
Year Three	Arlo	George
Year Four	Pippa	Bodhi
Year Five	Emilia	Thomas T
Year Six	Lizzie	William N



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'I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.'

Phil 4:13

Upcoming Dates

Monday 9th September	3.20-4.00pm	Meet the Teacher All Years (Classrooms)
Wednesday 11th September	8.00-8.45pm	Judo Club KS2
Wednesday 11th September	8.00-8.45pm	Spanish Club All Years
Wednesday 11th September	4.00-6.00pm	Y6 Girls Football (Parklands)
Thursday 12th September	4.00-6.00pm	Y6 Boys Football (Holy Cross)
Wednesday 18th September	8.00-8.45am	Judo Club KS2
Wednesday 18th September	8.00-8.45pm	Spanish Club
Wednesday 18th September	4.00-6.00pm	Y6 Girls Football (Parklands)
Thursday 19th September	4.00-6.00pm	Y6 Boys Football

Letters Home

Whole School—Welcome Back Letter

Y6—Boys Football League Letter

Y6—Girls Football League Letter

Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtime
Wednesday	Spanish Club-All Years	8.00-8.45am
Wednesday	Judo Club-KS2	8.00-8.45am
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm

SAVE THE DATE—MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER—6—7 pm

Phonics Meeting for parents

We are in the process of introducing a new Phonics Scheme in the Infants and would love to tell you all about it. More details to follow!





St Mary's School Open Days



You are warmly invited to visit our school on the following days:-

Thursday 10th October **4.30pm to 6.00pm**

Friday 8th November **9.30am to 11.00am**

Tuesday 3rd December **1.30pm to 3.00pm**

The evening session (10th October) will be an opportunity to see the school environment and talk with staff and governors.

In addition, during the following two sessions (8th November and 3rd December) you will be able to visit each of our classrooms whilst lessons are in progress and speak, not only to staff, but to the pupils too.

Staff and governors will be on hand to guide you around and answer any queries you may have. Mrs Birchall, our headteacher, will also be available to speak to you should you have anything you wish to discuss.

We believe our school is a very special place where children are happy in their learning and have a full range of activities to enjoy.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY



APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2025

lancashire.gov.uk >>>>

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County Council

School transport 

Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY



APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2025

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2024.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 OCTOBER 2024

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School Library

Did you know we have a new school library, stocked with a fantastic range of fun, interesting and appealing books? We would LOVE to get our new library up and running as soon as possible to enable the children to make the most of their new books.

Can you help?

Do you have a spare couple of hours for one afternoon each week to help run the library? If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Rostron or ask at the school office. Thank you.



Lunchtime Welfare Vacancy



We have a vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant.

If you or someone you know would like to be part of our friendly team, please phone or call into the school office for more information.

SATURDAY MORNING MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

WITH  LANCASHIRE MUSIC SERVICE





Does your child enjoy singing?
Think they might enjoy playing Ukulele?

They can do both activities for just one 'Silver Subscription' of £29.00 per term. Activities begin on September 7th, 2024. Sign up by following the QR codes below:

Chorley Young Voices,
9.45am to 10.45am
(Key Stages 1, 2 or 3)



Chorley Ukulele Band,
11am to 11.45am
(Open to Year 3+)



@St. Michael's High School in Chorley

For More Information: www.lancashiremusicclub.co.uk



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We invite parents/carers and their children to attend our

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER
4PM TO 7PM

We will also be hosting coffee mornings for prospective parents and carers to come and see the school in action.

To register your interest please contact the school.
e: mail@southlands.lancs.sch.uk
t: 01257 414455
Clover Road, Chorley, PR7 2NJ






St Michael's Church of England High School
A Church of England Academy

Open Evening



The Headteacher, governors and staff warmly invite prospective parents, carers and pupils to

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 12th September 2024
from 5.30pm to 8.00pm
The Headteacher will address parents at 5.40pm, 6.20pm and 7.00pm

The school will be open for prospective parents, carers and pupils to visit on
Friday 13th September 9.30am – 12.00 noon
Thursday 10th October 9.30am – 12.00 noon




Astley Road, Chorley, Lancashire. PR7 1RS
T: 01257 264740
E: admin@saint-michaels.lancs.sch.uk
www.saint-michaels.com
Headteacher: Mrs J Jenks B.Soc.Sci Honrs PGCE

Please can we politely ask parents/carers, to be respectful of our neighbours and not block driveways.
Thank you.

Growing in Body, Mind and Spirit

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Change can be hard for children to manage. Going back to school after a long summer break might cause them to feel uncertain about their friendships, school routines and relationships with new teachers. However, trusted adults play an important role in providing both practical and emotional support.

1 LEARN WHAT EQUIPMENT YOU NEED

Figure out a list of all equipment needed for the start of the school year, so you can comfortably get your hands on the necessary items in time. If children have any financial issues and receive free school meals, the school may be able to provide some monetary aid or offer other support.

2 COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

If you notice that a child is feeling anxious about a change of teacher or school, arranging a one-to-one meeting with their new teacher can be a good way to alleviate some of the anxiety. Just knowing that they understand the child's worries and will be able to help them if the need arises can build the foundations of a good working relationship. Knowing that you can contact them with any queries can also be reassuring.

3 CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

There will be plenty of information about the start of term on the school's website to keep you updated. Furthermore, you should be able to find other useful information such as contact details for staff, important school equipment, clubs, and news about any special events on the school calendar for the year. It could be helpful to look through this with children for anything which might reassure them.

4 HELP TO MANAGE FRIENDSHIPS

If a child is feeling anxious about making new friends – especially if they're moving up to secondary school – it can be a good idea to remind them of what they could do or say when meeting new classmates. Investigating the extracurricular activities available could be a good way to open a conversation about their hobbies and pastimes, and joining such clubs could allow new friendships to be built on this mutual interest.

5 PLAN SELF-CARE

Talking to children about how they can manage their self-care can be an effective way of helping them understand its importance. This might involve playing a computer game they love with friends, a weekly visit to the library, getting to bed at the same time each night, or a range of other activities that support their wellbeing and provide the familiarity and safety of a routine that works for them.

6 MANAGE TRICKY FEELINGS

Explain that it's okay to have difficult feelings around returning to school. This can help reduce any shame or embarrassment a child might be feeling over these emotions. Emphasise that other children – even some of the teachers – will be feeling the same way. Consider practical ways to manage these feelings and help children feel more in control of their emotions. Some examples include fidget toys, breathing exercises or a notepad for doodling.

7 SECURE A SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents and carers should try to buy a child's uniform for the new academic year well in advance of the new term (although allowing for potential holiday growth spurts) and give them time to adapt to any changes. Make sure they can comfortably change into and out of it for PE lessons. Double check the requirements for PE on the school's website, as some schools will also have requirements for PE kits.

8 PREPARE FOR TRANSITION DAYS

Ensuring that children attend transition days is a vital step in preparing for the new year. Some schools also have transition evenings for parents and carers to attend, offering extra opportunities to reach out for any additional support.

9 READ THE MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

If a young person struggles with their mental health, it's important to understand their school's mental health policy and provision to know what support is available. This should be on the school's website. A range of aid is typically on offer – from individual timetable amendments to group sessions on emotional wellbeing. You can then discuss these options with the child to reassure them that help is there if they need it.

10 LEARN ABOUT SEN SUPPORT

If a child has SEN and receives help in school, try to confirm exactly what support is available, to ensure they'll be having their needs met. If they're moving up to secondary school, it's a good idea to meet with the SENCO to ensure that all teachers receive the most relevant, up-to-date information about the child's needs and have a contact to liaise with if these change over time.

Meet Our Expert

Amy Sayer is a freelance mental health trainer for schools, an author and a content writer. She is an Associate for Diverse Educators, a fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and ITT wellbeing coach. Amy has previously been a SMHL coach, helping many different settings audit their mental health provision and support them to create and implement a strategic plan based on the specific needs of each setting.



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