



# NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2023

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A small school with a big heart

### NOTICES

**How to contact school next week:** on Monday to Wednesday next week, Mrs Brice will be away at Tower Wood. If you have general queries that are not urgent, please email rather than call and Mrs Brice will response as soon as possible after she returns. If the matter is pressing, please use Seesaw to contact staff. Many thanks.

**Non-uniform:** on Thursday 6 July there will be a non-uniform day. Please bring in a prize for the children's tombola or the adult's tombola (for the summer barbeque) if you can.

**Late arrivals:** please note that children need to be in school ready to begin the school day at 8.55am. An increasing number of children are arriving after this time, sometimes several minutes after this time, resulting in a late mark in the register.

**Class Two PE days:** please note PE for Class Two will now take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Swimming:** the children are covering water safety. Please can children bring clothes (such as shorts and a t-shirt) **as well as their swimming costumes.**

**Summer barbeque:** this fun event for families, friends and the community will take place on Friday 14 July between 6pm and 8pm. Please save the date! If anyone can help with setting up and clearing away on the day, please let us know. We are also asking for donations of cakes on the day.

**Raffle tickets:** raffle tickets for the summer barbeque will be for sale at school on Friday 7 July.

**Music Concert:** We are incredibly excited to be able to invite you all to a huge musical showcase end-of-year collaboration concert at St Thomas's Church, Claughton on Friday 14 July at 1.30pm. With over 80 children performing in the joint orchestra and choir, it will be a wonderful celebration of small school achievements. The children from both school musical theatre clubs will also be performing. We are delighted with the strength of music across both of our schools and our children are reading notation from Year 1. The pieces you will hear the children play in the band are superb and the children will also be performing songs they sang at The Last Choir Singing competition, as well as some real favourites.

The children have been working very hard and we are inviting all governors, our school adviser, parishioners from St Francis and St Mary's and all of our families and friends. We welcome you all to come to this joyful celebration of music as we approach the end of the school year.

**Music lessons in school:** if anyone would like keyboard or guitar lessons, these can be booked through Lancashire County Council, by registering at their music website, using this link: <https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration>

**Earrings in school:** a polite reminder that small plain studs are the only earrings that are allowed in school. Please ensure they are not worn on PE days.

**New Starter Stay and Play sessions:** our next session will take place on Friday 7 July. Please bring your children at 9.15am and collect them at 11.15am.

**Ordering uniform:** the link for parents to order uniform directly from the suppliers is <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolPR30PN>

The cut-off date for ordering for guaranteed delivery before September is **24 July 2023**.

**PE days:** on Thursdays please send your Reception child in their PE kit. On Fridays, please send your Reception child in uniform with their PE kit in a bag. For everyone else, please could children come to school on PE days dressed in their kit with their school jumper over the top. Many thanks.

**Term time holiday:** just a reminder that we cannot authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are deemed to be exceptional. LCC will issue penalty notices where unauthorised absences reach the necessary threshold: 5 days in one term or 7 days over two consecutive terms.

## The Week Ahead

Monday 3 July                      Mass at Cloughton church 9.10am

Tuesday 4 July                      Music lessons in school

Class One PE

Class Two PE

Band practice 3.30–4.30

Wednesday 5 July                      Class Two PE

Swimming for Yr 3 and 4 (bring clothes for water safety)

Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30

Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30

Thursday 6 July

Non-uniform for tombola

Class One Tennis Club 3.30–4.30pm

Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm

Friday 7 July

Stay and Play session for new starters 9.15 to 11.15am

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Wednesday 12 July

Sports Day (time tbc: afternoon)

Friday 14 July

Music concert together with St Francis: band and choir

1.30pm in Claughton church

Friday 14 July

Summer barbeque 6pm to 8pm

Thursday 20 July

Leavers' Mass at Claughton church 9.10am

Friday 21 July

Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

Friday 21 July

School closes at 1.30pm for the summer break

### **We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...**

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

**Wishing you all a pleasant weekend. See you on Monday!**