



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023

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NOTICES

Non-uniform for tombola: many thanks for the lovely donations.

End of term: please note that school closes at **1.30pm** on Friday 21 July.

Clarification on the 48-hour rule: there have been a number of queries recently about when children can come into school after vomiting or diarrhoea. Children must be absent from school for a full 48 hours after the final instance of vomiting or diarrhoea. These bugs do spread very quickly in schools. **Please do not send your children in before the 48 hours is up and please do not ask us to make an exception.** We are obliged to operate to the standard rules set for schools and we must apply the rule fairly and consistently. Thank you for your understanding.

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

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**. Please note that children will be provided with a PE hoodie and joggers in September.

Sports day: please ensure children have hats, water bottles and that long-lasting suncream is applied before school. There is no swimming on Wednesday.

Summer barbeque: this fun event for families, friends and the community will take place on Friday 14 July between 6pm and 8pm. 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.

Enrichment Clubs in September: from September, Mr Warren will be conducting band practice as part of the school day and so there will be no band practice after school. On Wednesdays, there will be Forest School for all classes. Enrichment clubs will be reviewed again in the spring.

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.

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 10 July	Year 6 trip to The Flower Bowl
Tuesday 11 July	Music lessons in school Class One PE Class Two PE Band practice 3.30–4.30
Wednesday 12 July	Sports Day (pm) Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30 Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30

Thursday 13 July

Class One Tennis Club 3.30–4.30pm

Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm

Friday 14 September

Joint music concert Cloughton church 1.30pm

Summer social BBQ 6pm to 8pm

Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 20 July

Leavers' Mass at Cloughton 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!