

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter September 2026



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the academic year and what a busy September we have had! Our new starters in EYFS, have settled in beautifully and are now starting to join us for whole school singing and preparation to attend the Harvest Mass next week. This Friday, they will join us for their first Celebration Assembly.

Year Five had a fantastic time in Menai for their residential, the children were outstanding and embraced the various outward bound activities they were offered. Equally, Year Four have just returned from Tattenhall, where they also had a fantastic trip and did themselves and the school proud.

A reminder that you can see pictures from those trips along with regular updates about what is happening in all classes across the school on our Facebook page 'St Clare's Lache' and on X @StClaresCP.

Tomorrow we are sending out a parental consultation for our teaching of Relationship and Health Education (RHE). Please take the time to read, explore and respond. Some of you may remember when we did this a few years ago. The consultation will be open for two weeks. We use a Diocesan approved scheme called Life to the Full, we have used this scheme for many years but with the new legislation, which became statutory in September 2026, some additional content has been added, which is why we are consulting with parents again. We were unable to consult before now as the resources have only just become available to us. We have not been able to teach RHE yet this academic year until all consultations have taken place.

A polite reminder please do not allow your children to use scooters or bikes on the school grounds, it is too busy and poses a danger.

Also, please ensure your child is attending school in the correct uniform each day. Black shoes or black trainers are accepted but other footwear is not allowed.

Many thanks,

LCWard

Mrs Ward, Headteacher

PE DAYS

PE days for this half term, where children should come to school in their PE kit, will be as follows:

EYFS
Year One
Year Two
Year Three
Year Four
Year Five

Wednesday and Thursday
Tuesday and Wednesday
Monday and Thursday
Wednesday and Thursday
Thursday and Friday
Monday and Wednesday

School Council



HARVEST DONATIONS

As we celebrate Harvest Festival, we say thank you for all that we have and remember how important it is to share with others.

We would be very grateful for donations of tinned or packet foods for our local foodbank.

Please bring all donations into school before 7th October.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



RAINBOW WARRIORS



Parents Evening

Unfortunately, we are experiencing technical issues with Spider for Parents' Evening bookings.

We hope to have this resolved by Tuesday, 6th October. If the issue continues, appointments will be arranged manually.

Thank you for bearing with us. Further details will follow via the Spider app.

Attendance

Unauthorised absences, including unauthorised holidays, persistent absences with no medical evidence and persistent late marks after the register has closed (after 9.15am) may occur a fine if 10 sessions (Five full school days) are missed in a term.

	Whole School Attendance for September 2026
EYFS	92.6%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	93.7%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	98.6%
Year 6	94.8%
Whole School	95.9%

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)

Charges will now be £160 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days per parent/carer per child.

The National Framework for Penalty Notices introduces a new national limit of two penalty notices that can now be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling three year period. If a second Fixed Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, within three years of the first Fixed Penalty

Notice, the second Fixed Penalty Notice is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.

Menai Residential—Yr 5



School Calendar

Wed 7th Oct	Harvest Mass
Wd 14th Oct	Flu Vaccine
Tue 20th Oct	Parents Evening (bookings tbc)
Wed 21st Oct	Parent Evening (bookings tbc)
Wed 21st Oct	Multiskills Trip Yr 1—EPSV
Thurs 22nd Oct	Multiskills Trip Yr 2—EPSV
Fri 23rd Oct	Last day of term
Mon 2nd Nov	New term starts
Wed 4th Nov	All Souls Remembrance Mass
Wed 25th Nov	Anti Bullying Workshops
Fri 27th Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED—INSET
Mon 30 Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED—INSET
Wed 2nd Dec	Advent Mass
Tue 8th Dec	Pantomime Whole School trip 10am
Wed 9th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
Tue 15th Dec	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
	Christmas Lunch
	Rock Steady Concert
Fri 18th Dec	Last day term—School Closes 1.30pm
Thur 24th Dec	Christmas Eve Mass

The Calendar may be subject to change

Tattenhall Residential- Yr 4

