

Note from the Head

We are fast approaching a very busy time as we make preparations for Advent and Christmas. The infants will soon start rehearsals for their Christmas Nativity whilst the Juniors will be preparing for their Advent service. If your child has a speaking part, please can you help your child by practising their lines at home. Thank you.

Holiday Vouchers and Food (HAF)

This is for children whose are in receipt of Free School Meals and is available to support you over the Winter period. There are activities that run over the Christmas break that your child can participate in for free with a delicious meal included. Please see the attached poster and scan the QR code for more details



Class 2 Forest School

Class 2 are going into the forest next Thursday and may come to school wearing their own clothes that day.

Infant Nativity

The infant nativity 'Hello Ewe', will be performed at 2:15 on Tuesday 9th December and Wednesday 10th December. Due to space in the hall, Children will be allocated 2 tickets per family per performance.

Dress down day

We are fundraising for a new outdoor shed for Reception class and Football nets for the school field. To support this, next Friday will be a dress down day in exchange for a bottle.

Reverse Advent Calendar

During the season of Advent we shall direct our thoughts in school to those families in need. We would like to run a 'Reverse' Advent Calendar appeal to support the local food bank. To enable the food to be distributed to this in time for Christmas, we will be running this from next week.

Week 1 (17/11): Tins Week 2 (24/11): Packets

Week 3 (01/12): Perishables and treats

Week 4 (08/12): Toiletries.

We know that Christmas is an expensive time of year, but if you are able to, could you please send in an item each week for us to help build Christmas Hampers for families in need.

If you are in need, or if you know of a local family in need, please get in touch – in confidence – to Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office.

Friday 14th November



Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

14/11/25 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Notes for Adults

The readings for this week encourage us to live with faith and diligence. It calls us to take our daily responsibilities seriously and not fall into idleness. Our faith should be shown through steady effort and trust in God's care.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus was with his disciples in the temple. He told them that the temple would one day be destroyed and that there would be wars, earthquakes, and people hungry for food.

Earlier this year there was a large earthquake in Afghanistan. Buildings collapsed, entire villages were destroyed and people died and were injured. Roads were cut off by rocks and landslides. Even before the earthquake, many families in Afghanistan were very poor and were struggling to get enough food.

Charities have been working hard to provide life-saving aid, food, shelter for people who have lost their homes and emergency blankets and kitchen sets.

Jesus told the disciples not to be afraid. He promised that he would be with them always and that they wouldn't be harmed if they put their trust in him.

Jesus is with us always, even in the hardest times. Jesus is in all people. Perhaps we can see Jesus in the person who helps us when we are struggling, in the person who inspires us to keep going, in the person who shows us that things can be different.

Next time you hear about an earthquake, flood or drought on the news what will you do to help the people affected? How will you help them to know that they haven't been forgotten? What does that mean for how you will treat them?

Road Safety Week

Next week is Road Safety week. As part of our commitment to this we are encouraging all parents to respect the speed limit on Chapel Lane. '20 is plenty' We will be using the school council to help us promote this message further during school drop off and pick up times.

Published Admission Number (PAN)

We are seeking to consult and reduce the PAN from 25 to 20. This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of St John's Catholic Primary.

Reducing the PAN will assist the school to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow us to continue to secure high quality education for the pupils currently on roll, whilst continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupils in line with local demand. A letter was sent home this week giving more detail about the consultation. Please ask at the office if you have not received one.

Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places

For families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2026 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:- www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/. You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. Alternatively call 01772 532191

The closing dates for Primary school applications is at 11.59 pm on 15th January 2026



Dates for your Diary

17th November – Road Safety week

19th November - Class 2 Mass

19th November - Class 3 trip to Ribchester Roman Museum

20th November - Class 2 Forest School

26th November - Reception class and Y6 Mass

27th November - Class 1 Forest School

3rd December - Class 3 Mass

4th December - Class 4 Forest School

4th December - KS1 Christmas movie night

10th December - Class 2 Mass

9th December - EYFS, KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2:15

10th December - EYFS, KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2:15

11th December - KS2 Christmas movie night

16th December - KS2 Christmas Advent service 2pm

17th December - EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 Breakfast with Santa

19th December - School closes for Christmas break

Our value for this half term is - Love

The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Love to others this week. Well Done!!

Class 1: Kevin and Edward

Class 2: Kendall and Lottie

Class 3: Harper

Class 4: Toby and Abe



The following children have been chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors for wonderful behaviour!

Class 1: Ember

Class 2: Lewis

Class 3: Michael

Class 4: Isla

