

Note from the Head

The first week back and we are off to a great start. Uniform is looking smart, the children are bright and enthusiastic and we are certainly ready for the new half term.

Class 4 have returned to a new theme - The Victorians - in which the children develop rich historical enquiry skills as they learn more about the area in which they live and the changes that have happened over time. In Class 3 the children have moved on from the Celts and are now studying the Romans and in particular the impact they have had on our lives today. In Class 2, children are looking at Superheroes and will be learning more about inspirational people who have shown extraordinary skills as well as reflecting on our own 'Super'hero skills and strengths. Finally, down in Reception class, the children simply loving their start to school life, in Class 1 they are currently learning about the Hindu festival of lights - Diwali and have made some wonderful lanterns to celebrate. Our school is certainly a vibrant, exciting place to be!

Anti Bullying week

We are celebrating Anti-Bullying Week next week. The theme is "Power for Good,". The core message is how we can be kind and respectful, whilst also reminding students to speak out if they or someone they know is being bullied. To mark the start of this week we encourage children to take part in Monday's 'Odd Socks Day' to celebrate uniqueness and diversity. Then wilder and more different the socks the better!!

Remembrance

On Tuesday the Year 6 children will attend the memorial service at the Ringtail Monument near Booths. We will meet at 10:15 for a short service. All parents are welcome to join us. If you are able to help with transport then please let us know.

Class 3 Forest School

Class 3 are going into the forest next Thursday and may come to school wearing their own clothes that day.

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.

Friday 7th November



Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

09/11/25 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

Notes for Adults

This basilica is the cathedral of Rome and is called the mother church of all churches. The feast reminds us of its importance as the Pope's church and a symbol of unity for Catholics everywhere. Special Masses and prayers are held on this day to honour the dedication of the basilica. This feast is a time to give thanks for the faith passed down through the Church. It helps us remember that we are united as one family in Christ. The Lateran Basilica stands as a sign of that unity and of the strength of the Catholic faith across the world.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for the feast Passover and went to the Temple. There he found people trading, selling and lending money. Jesus was angry because they stopped the Temple being a quiet place where people could talk to God and turned it into a market. Jesus drove the traders all out of the Temple.

Jesus was standing up for what he believed in. He saw something that he did not think was fair or right and so he acted to change the situation. He wanted the Temple to be a special place, where people could draw closer to God and get to know God better.

Just like Jesus stood up for what was right, when he saw something he disagreed with in the Temple, we are called to do the same.

Can you think of some things that you have seen that are unfair or which are not right? For example, have you seen people being unkind to others or not treating people as they should? What did you do about it?

What do you do when you see something that you know is wrong or unfair? What can you do to change things that you know are unfair?

Class 3 trip

On Wednesday 19th November, Class 3 will deepen their understanding of the Roman period by taking a trip to The Ribchester Roman Museum. They will explore the fascinating ancient Roman history of this picturesque village on the banks of the river Ribble that was once a Roman cavalry fort and settlement. Please make sure this trip is paid in full on the SCOPAY app.

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 applications are at 11.59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications – 31st October 2025 Primary school applications – 15th January 2026

Dates for your Diary

12th November - Class 3 Mass

13th November - Class 3 Forest School

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: Acer and Edward

Class 2: Edwin and Lea

Class 3: Eva-Dee

Class 4: Callie-Mae



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

Class 1: Edward

Class 2: Penny B

Class 3: Keira

Class 4: Elliott

