

Note from the Head

We are back for an incredibly short half which is just 5 weeks long. We are in the most important season in the Liturgical Calendar as we prepare the way in our Lenten journey for Easter. There are different events planned for the upcoming weeks, please check the dates at the back of the newsletter for Forest School, Masses and celebrations

Forest School

Class 3 has Forest school on Tuesday next week. Children may come to school wearing their own clothes.

Class 3 Swimming

As part of their PE entitlement, on Monday 2nd March Class 3 will begin their Swimming lessons. These will run to the end of the school year. Children will need to bring their swimsuits, towels and a swim hat. Earrings are not allowed to be worn. Permission slips have been sent out this week, please return them asap.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. There is no theme for this year and children may dress as any character they wish from a book. Teachers will approach this in different ways with books and texts and we have lots of fun activities planned

Fire Safety

On Monday 2nd March Years 2 and 6 will have a fire safety talk delivered by the West Lancashire Fire Service.

Rock Steady concert

On Wednesday 18th March the children who take part in music lessons with Rocksteady will be showcasing their skills in a concert for parents and the whole school at 2pm in the hall

Parent Survey

I would like to get some feedback from our new reception parents on how you have been welcomed to St John's and to help me plan transition for the new children starting school in September. Look out for an email arriving soon and please scan the code to give your responses - the survey is completely anonymous.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement celebrated annually on the first Friday of March. In 2026, this falls on Friday, March 6. This year, our church will be holding a service including prayer and song in which everyone from Burscough and the wider community is invited.

The children of Class 3 and some of Class 4 are preparing for this event by learning songs and sign language – led by parishioner Mrs Margaret Dutton. The children will be able to share this with you on Friday 6th March in church at 2pm. Please put the date in your diary as it will be a wonderful event

Friday 27th February



Mass times

Mon 8:30, Wed 9am, Fri 10am

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

08/02/26 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

The readings for this week focus on the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, His face shines like the sun, and His clothes become white. Moses and Elijah appear with Him. A voice from a cloud says, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." The disciples are afraid, but Jesus tells them not to be afraid.

This Sunday reminds us that Jesus is more than a teacher. He is the Son of God. It also reminds us to listen to Him, even when we are confused or scared. Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus. We can do this through prayer, listening, and spending quiet time with Him.

Approaching the Gospel with children

How do you think we can listen to God? Do we need to climb a mountain? We can hear God's voice when we stop and pray. When we make time for God in our lives. And when we make the right choices in how we treat others.

The disciples' lives are changed by what happened on the mountain. They now know just how special Jesus is – that he is God's Son. They have seen his face shine like the sun and they have heard God speak to them.

Our lives are changed by Jesus too. Jesus lives in all of us. He asks us to always try to do what is right, to stand up for what we believe in and to help other people. Jesus calls us to show God's love to others.

Our love for one another can also shine out like the sun as we treat all people as we would want to be treated. People all around the world are different but they were all made by God. Every person is unique and special.

What will you do this Lent to listen to God and to play your part in building a better world? How will you make sure your love for other people shines out like the sun?

Nursery

As you will be aware Sunbeams Nursery has operated in school in for 13 years. The school are now consulting to run our own nursery. The benefits of bringing the Nursery under the St John's leadership and management is that we will be able to provides a seamless, high-quality early education experience that bridges home and primary education, significantly easing the transition to Reception.

We will be able to align both curriculum and pedagogy for the very youngest of our pupils and have shared expectations and staff expertise between nursery and reception to ensure a consistent, high-quality learning approach, particularly in literacy and numeracy. A letter has been sent out today to explain the process and we invite any feedback you may have.

Forest School

Each class will attend Forest School on a rota this term

Class 1: 17/03

Class 2: 17/03

Class 3: 03/03

Class 4: 11/03

On these days, children may come to school wearing their own clothes and suitable footwear in case it is wet outside. As we are outdoors it is likely to be muddy so scruffy clothes are the best!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd March - Class 3 Swimming lessons begin

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th March Y5/6 Residential trip

Week beginning 9th Mar - British Values themed week

Thursday 12th March - Mothers Day assembly 2:30

Friday 13th March - Dress down day for Easter eggs

Wednesday 18th March - Rocksteady concert 2pm

Friday 20th March - Easter Bingo

Week beginning 23rd March - Y5 Bikeability

Monday 23rd March Parent Forum 2:30

Tuesday 24th March - Y6 Good Shepherd fundraising

Wednesday 25th March - Parents evening

Thursday 26th March KS1 Easter Bonnet parade @ 2:30

Friday 27th March - School close for Easter at 1:15

Class Mass.

Children will attend 9 am mass on alternate Wednesdays with their class on the following dates.

You are very welcome to come along and join us.

Class 1: 11/03

Class 2: 04/03

Class 4: 18/03



Our value for this half term is - Courage

The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing courage this week.

Well Done!

Class 1: Ember

Class 2: Maddison and Savannah

Class 3: Luke and Lily-May

Class 4: Mitzie



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

Class 1: Lola

Class 2: Jacob

Class 3: Renee

Class 4: Paisley

