

Note from the Head

I hope you all managed to get some rest and relaxation over the Easter break, it's hard to believe that we are back for the final term of the year, time is passing very quickly! The pupils have all returned to school bright eyed, eager to learn and are enjoying the new sets of football nets that we have been able to purchase thanks to your generous donations to the Easter Bingo and raffle.

Primary School places

We are delighted to be able to confirm that we have 19 new children joining our Reception class in September 2026. This is the highest intake that we have ever had and it is rewarding to be able to watch our St John's family grow. With the Nursery expansion schedule to start in June this is a very exciting time for our school.

Class 3 Swimming

The children in class 3 have returned to their Monday Swimming lessons this week. I am aware that the return time is not ideal as the coach is arriving at home when Chapel Lane is already becoming very busy. From next Monday, the children will exit the coach at the Post Office and will walk back to school on the pavement. This should hopefully ease the congestion problems we were faced with this week. Please drive with caution on Chapel Lane and adhere to the 20 mph speed limit.

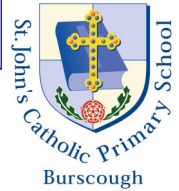
First Holy Communion

The children in Year 4 are due to make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th June in the 9am Mass. The children have already started their preparatory lesson to help them be ready for this important sacrament.

School uniform

As we enter the warmer weather it is lovely to see the summer dresses and shorts making an appearance. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform which includes school shoes and not trainers. On PE days, for health and safety reasons, earrings are not to be worn. Make up is not permitted. There are children sporting nail varnish, mascara and dyed hair in school. None of this is part of our school policy, please support us in enforcing this.

Friday 17th April



Mass times

Mon 8:30, Wed 9am, Fri 10am
Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

19/04/26 3rd Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel readings for this week remind us that Jesus walks with us every day. The readings tell us that His death and resurrection were part of God's plan. Peter speaks with courage, filled with faith and hope. We are called to trust that Jesus is with us and to share His message with others.

The Gospel story of the road to Emmaus shows how Jesus helps us understand God's Word. The disciples recognise Him when He breaks the bread. This reminds us that Jesus is present in Scripture and in the Eucharist. When we open our hearts to Him, our faith grows, and we find hope and joy in knowing that He lives

Approaching the Gospel with children

We are all made in the image of God and Jesus is in each and every person, but often we forget this. We do not always take the time to recognise how special and important each person is. But our eyes can be opened, just like the disciples in this story. If we take the time to get to know others, to share food with them, perhaps we will come to see Christ in these people, our brothers and sisters, who are part of God's family around the world. And so, if Christ is in each of us, how do you think we should treat each other?

It doesn't matter how different we are to someone else, Jesus is in us all. And we are called to love one another as we love Jesus.

When you are eating this week, take the time to talk to the people you are with and to think about how Christ is in each and every one of us.

We can show that we believe in Jesus by treating others as we would wish to be treated, by loving our neighbour as Jesus has asked us and by making the right choices in our lives.

What will you do to show that you believe in Jesus this week?

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 29th April - Class 1 Forest School

Thursday 30th April - Class 3 Forest School

Week beginning 11th May - Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 12th May - Parent Forum

Tuesday 19th May - Parent Reading workshop 2:30

Wednesday 20th May - Class 3 Forest School

Thursday 21st May - Class 4 Forest School

Friday 22nd May - School close for May half term

Monday 1st June - INSET day

Sunday 14th June - First Holy Communion

Thursday 18th June - Summer Fair

Tuesday 30th June - Parent Forum

Wednesday 1st July - Sports Day 1pm

Wednesday 8th July - Rocksteady concert 2:30

Tuesday 14th July - Year 5 and 6 play and Year 6 leavers evening 5pm

Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers trip

Thursday 16th July - End of Year assembly 2:15

Friday 17th July - School close for Summer 1:15

Forest School

Each class will attend Forest School on a rota this term

Class 1: 29/04

Class 2: 06/05

Class 3: 30/04, 20/05

Class 4: 21/05

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!



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: 06/05, 10/06, 08/07

Class 2: 29/04, 03/06, 01/07

Class 3: 22/04, 13/05, 24/06

Class 4: 20/05, 17/06



Our value for this half term is - Perseverance

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

Class 1: Rayne

Class 2: Maddison

Class 3: Sophia and Sienna

Class 4: All of Year 6



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

Class 1: Ember

Class 2: Ivy

Class 3: Charlotte

Class 4: Elsie

