

Note from the Head

A huge thank you to all of the junior parents who baked, bought and came along to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning. A huge thank you as well to the parents who helped on a stall to serve cake and tidy up afterwards. Next Friday (25th September) is the infant coffee morning.

Class 2 had a lovely time in Forest School on Thursday. They learned about the history of apple growing in the UK and were able to pick their own delicious fruits. Thank you to the parents helpers who were an invaluable support.

First Holy Communion

My apologies, but there are additional dates to those shared in last week's newsletter, a revised letter has been sent home this week to parents of Year 4 children. Please make sure you have a copy and have the dates on your calendar. The sessions will take place in Church after Sunday Mass and will require parents to be involved in the preparation of the children.

Additional PE

As part of our commitment to quality sports education, we have several 'bolt on' sessions taking place over the year with football, yoga and mini wheelers scheduled. The first of these is Football and will take place on a Thursday morning for children in classes 2, 3 and 4. These sessions will be led by the West Lancashire Sports partnership and PE kits will be needed.

Nurture room

Many children are now accessing this wonderful space within school to help ease worries and anxiousness throughout the day. I would like to develop resources for this space for children to be able to engage in sensory play and mindfulness activities. If you have any crafting materials, fidget toys or colouring books/pens that are in good condition and not needed, please send them into the office to help make this space even better. Thank you

Forest School for Class 3

Class 3 will have Forest School next Tuesday (22/06). Children may come to school wearing their own clothing suitable for the outdoors.

Friday 18th September



Mass times

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

Sunday 09.00 am

Saturday 06.30 pm

20/09/26 25th Sunday in ordinary time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

The readings for this week point to God's open and generous ways. The readings show that God welcomes people at every stage of life. Isaiah urges people to turn back while there is still time. The psalm praises a God who is patient and kind. Paul reminds believers to live with purpose and faith, no matter what lies ahead.

Jesus tells a story that challenges common ideas of fairness. Workers who arrive late receive the same pay as those who came early. This shows that God gives freely, not by human rules. This Sunday invites trust in God's choices and calls people to respond with gratitude, humility, and steady faith

Approaching the Gospel with children

How did the workers who had been hired first feel when they saw that everyone was being paid the same wage? They thought it was unfair. They were angry and complained.

Can you think of a time when you felt something was unfair? How did it make you feel? What did you do about it?

Jesus is showing us that God's idea of fairness (sometimes we use the word justice), is different from ours. God's fairness is about making sure that every single person gets what they need, no matter what their situation.

God gives us what we need and not just what others think we deserve. God is generous and created a world with enough for absolutely everyone.

But do you think everyone in our world does have enough money? Or even enough food and water? Do you think this is fair?

How can we help make sure that all people get their fair share of the good things that God has given us?

We can be generous with what we have, like the landowner in the story, sharing what we have with others.

What will you do this week to try to help make sure that all people around the world get their fair share of the things that God has given for us all?

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our second coffee morning is on Friday 25th September for families of children in Nursery and Classes 1 and 2 from 9:15 in the school hall. For the event to run successfully we will need donations of cake to be taken into class on Friday morning. Children may join their parents and enjoy a drink and cake. We are in need of volunteers to help serve cake and refreshments - if you are able to help out please let Mrs Harrison-Scott know.

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To ensure the safety of all our children—and in line with Benedict's Law (the allergy safety regulations for schools)—we are updating how we collect and serve treats. For children with severe allergies, a community cake sale can feel overwhelming, so we need everyone's help to make this event inclusive and safe.

If you are donating baked goods:

- Provide a full list of ingredients: Please attach a clear, handwritten or printed label to your container listing every ingredient used.
 - Highlight major allergens: Explicitly underline or bold common allergens if they are in your bake (such as milk, eggs, wheat/gluten, soya, sesame, peanuts, and tree nuts).
 - No nuts, please: To keep our school environment as secure as possible, please ensure all donations are completely nut-free.
- Shop-bought items: If you are donating shop-bought cakes, please leave them in their original packaging with the ingredients label intact.

How we are keeping children safe on the day:

- Staff members trained in allergy awareness will oversee the serving of these items to prevent any cross-contamination.

Thank you so much for your baking talents, your generosity, and your support in keeping our school safe for every single child!

Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places for next year

For families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2027 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/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

For those applying to Catholic schools you must also complete a supplementary form and return to school with proof of Nationality (e.g. birth certificate or passport) and proof of Baptism of any denomination.

The supplementary faith form must be handed in along with baptism certificate to the office at St Bede's before 31st October otherwise your child may not get a place.

Every year, children from feeder primary schools miss out on their place as this form has not been handed in or has been handed in late.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th September – KS1 Macmillan Coffee morning for families

Wednesday 14th October – 2pm Our Lady Procession to Church - classes 2, 3 and 4

Tuesday 20th October – Parents evening

Thursday 22nd October – Half term assembly all parents welcome

Friday 23rd October - Close for Half term

Monday 2nd November – INSET Day

Weds 9th December – Nursery, EYFS, KS1 Breakfast with Santa

Weds 9th and Thurs 10th December - Nursery and KS1 Nativity

18th December – School close for Christmas

Forest School

Each class will attend Forest School on a rota this half term

Class 1: 06/10

Class 2: 21/10

Class 3: 22/09, 14/10

Class 4: 02/10

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!

