

Note from the Head

A huge thank you to all of the infant parents who baked, bought and came along to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. A huge thank you as well to the parents who helped on a stall to serve cake and tidy up afterwards. We are looking forward to sharing the total amount raised with you next week.

Class 3 had a lovely time in Forest School on Thursday. In RE they have read about the Creation Story and in the forest we took time out to reflect on the beautiful world around us. We used all of our senses as we took a moment to be still and channelled our thoughts into some prayer thanking God. We used natural materials to decorate these and took them back to class for our class prayer book.

First Holy Communion

The first session for the children who wish to make their First Holy Communion is this Sunday after Mass. The theme is 'Belonging to the Church'.

Mental Health

I have been asked by Mind Lancashire to share a flyer for Sunrise Walks - a men's walk for mental health aiming at bringing men together & breaking down barriers to positive mental health. The flyer is attached to this weeks newsletter.

Wet break time

On the occasions where there is heavy rain we may keep the children indoors at break and lunchtime. I would like to develop a bank of games and jigsaw puzzles that the children can access to entertain themselves with their friends. If you have any games at home that are no longer needed please send them into the office for the children to use. Thank you

Support for parents

Children and young people with Neurodevelopment differences face long waiting lists, referral back logs and limited support. This can be difficult for families to manage.

Neu Way has stepped in to support this gap and provide that specialist practical support and signposting where it's needed. The support is available based on need, not diagnosis, ensuring that everyone who needs it can reach out. There is a flyer attached to this weeks email for more information

SEND Roadshow The West Lancs SEND Roadshow is back - see the flyer attached to the email for more details

Friday 25th September



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Mass times

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

27/09/26 26th Sunday in ordinary time Gospel

Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

The readings for this week focus on choice and follow through. The readings remind people that God pays attention to what we do, not just what we say. Ezekiel shows that people can change direction at any time. When someone turns away from wrong and chooses good, God welcomes that change. The psalm asks God for guidance and mercy along the way.

Jesus tells a story where one son changes his mind and does the work. The other agrees but never acts. This shows that real faith is shown by action. Paul points to Jesus as the model of humility and service. This Sunday calls people to live their faith with honesty, effort, and care for others.

Approaching the Gospel with children

The first son went and did what his father asked, even though at first he did not want to. Can you think of a time when someone asked you to do something? Did you do it? Or did you just say you would do it?

How did you feel afterwards? And how do you think the person who asked for your help felt? What will you do the next time someone asks you for help? How will you help other people in the coming week?

What is Jesus trying to teach us in this story?

The man in the story is God. And we are all God's children. So Jesus is trying to tell us that we should listen to what God asks of us and then go and do what is asked. It is not enough just to say that we will follow God in our lives. We actually have to go and do what is asked. We are called to live our lives as God wants us to and put our faith into action. How do you think we can do that today?

God asks us to take care of the world and the people in it and it is up to us how we answer. There are lots of different ways that we can answer God's call, help other people and care for our world.

What will you do this week to help others at home? At school? In your local community? And around the world?

Mission Statement

Towards the end of last year, we took some time to consider, evaluate and update the School Mission statement. A mission statement is a reflection of the ethos of our school and the values we hold close as a Catholic community committed to Gospel values and excellence. We wanted to create a clear, meaningful framework that anchors our Catholic ethos while providing our children with inspiration for their daily lives.

In the Summer term, following a special assembly, the children engaged in workshops in class, and letters were sent out to parents to gather feedback about what we do well as a school. From this, I gathered lots of responses which I took to the School Council. We met and read through everything and the children were wonderful at collating everyone's thoughts and ideas and together, we have created a brand new mission statement that reflects who we are and what values are important to us.

We are delighted to share our updated Mission Statement, Vision, and Core Virtues with you today:

Growing together as a family

Rooted in God's love



Our Mission Statement:

Growing together as a family. Rooted in God's love.

Our Vision Statement:

To be a vibrant, faith-filled community where every child is inspired to reach their full potential, shining brightly as confident and compassionate citizens of the world.

To help the children live out this mission daily, we have introduced four core school virtues rooted in the teachings of our patron saint: **Love, Growth, Faith, and Community.**

We introduced these to the children during a special launch assembly earlier this week, and they will form the basis of our new Friday celebration certificates.

You will see these statements appearing on our school website, newsletters, and around the school building over the coming weeks. We invite you to discuss these values with your child at home, helping us reinforce the strong partnership between home, school, and parish.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a wonderful family community.

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 as 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

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: 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!

Weekly Certificates

The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for demonstrating one of our core values this week. Well done!

Class 2: Arlo

Class 3: Josh and Louie

Class 4: Emilia and Annabelle

