

Note from the Head

A heartfelt thank you to all parents, family members and parishioners who joined us on Wednesday for our Rosary Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady, Mary.

It was a beautiful occasion as the sun shone and the wind abated whilst the family of St John's walked together from school to church in prayer and reflection. The children were a credit to themselves and our school, demonstrating reverence, respect and a strong sense of faith throughout the procession.

Your support and presence helped make this a very special celebration for our school community. We are grateful for the strong partnership between home, school and parish, and for the opportunity to share meaningful experiences of faith with our children. A special thank you to the Dads who helped to carry the statue as part of our procession

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our Catholic school family. *"Our Lady, pray for us."*

Parents evening

Parents evening is on Tuesday 20th October from 2pm in the school hall. Appointments can be made using the QR code on the letter sent out. If you have not received a letter please ring the office to make an appointment.

Forest School for Class 2

Class 2 will have their Forest School session on Wednesday 21st October. Children may come to school wearing their own clothes suitable for getting muddy outside.

First Holy Communion

The next session for the children as part of the First Holy Communion preparation is on Sunday 25th October after 9am mass.

Halloween Hamper

A very kind family have made and donated a Halloween Hamper to school to help with fundraising. Tickets are £1 a strip and available from the school office. We will draw the raffle for the hamper in Thursdays assembly.

Tuck Shop

We are excited to announce that our School Council Tuck Shop will be taking place on the last Friday of every month!

The tuck shop is being organised by our School Council to raise funds for new playground equipment that will help make playtimes even more enjoyable for all pupils. The children have already begun discussing ideas and are looking forward to playing an active role in this fundraising initiative.

Healthy items such as cereal bars, yogurt pouches and fruit bags will be on sale with prices between 50p and £1. The first Tuck shop will be on Friday 23rd October.

We are grateful for your support and hope that, together, we can raise enough money to provide exciting new resources for our playground.

Friday 16th October



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Mass times

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

Sunday 09.00 am

Saturday 06.30 pm

18/10/26 28th Sunday in ordinary time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

The readings for this week show that God is at work in every place. He used Cyrus, a ruler who did not know Him, to help His people. This tells us that no leader or nation stands outside God's plan. The psalm calls all lands to praise the Lord, who made the world and rules with justice.

In the Gospel, Jesus is tested with a question about taxes. He answers with calm wisdom. We are to fulfil our duties in society, yet never forget that our lives belong to God. Faith should shape our choices, our loyalty, and the way we treat others each day.

Approaching the Gospel with children

In this story, when he tells them to pay the Emperor what belongs to him and God what belongs to God, Jesus is reminding us that we have two main responsibilities. One is to love God and to try to live our lives the way God wants us to. The other responsibility is to care for each other and to make sure that everyone has their fair share of the good things that God has given us.

God has given us a world filled with good things. While some of us have all that we could wish for, others of us do not have a house to live in, enough food to eat or safe water to drink.

Do you think this is fair?

We can help each other and try to make sure that all people around the world have their fair share of the things that God has given us. A better world needs all of us and we can all play our part.

How can we share what we have so that everyone has their fair share of what God has given us?

What will you do this week to show that you love God and are trying to live your life the way God wants? What will you do this week to show that you care for others, both here and around the world?

Half term achievement assembly

Our end of half term achievement assembly is on Thursday 22nd October at 2:30 in the school hall. Parents and family members are very welcome to attend.

Team Ticket winners

The winners for this half term are Mark (red team). Children in this house may come to school in their own clothes on Monday.

Edge Hill Students

We are delighted to welcome two students from Edge Hill University as they complete their first professional practice with us as part of their PGCE pathway into teaching. Miss Emma McKee is in Nursery class and Miss Malaika Mahboob is in Class 4.

Working Together for Great Attendance

We want every child in our school to thrive, and good attendance plays an important part in this. When children attend school regularly, they are better able to keep up with their learning, feel part of their class and make the most of all the opportunities school has to offer. We really appreciate the support of our families in promoting regular and punctual attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties that are affecting your child's attendance, please speak to us. We are here to help. Thank you for your continued support

Attendance for this week:

Class 1 90.5% Class 2 88% Class 3 95.8% Class 4 89.6%

Remembrance

The school council will be selling poppies and other fundraising items next week. The costs range for 10p for a sticker to £1.50 for a slap band.

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

Dates for your Diary-

20th October– Parents evening

22nd October – Half term assembly

Friday 23rd October - Close for Half term

Monday 2nd November – INSET Day

9th December – Breakfast with Santa for infants

9th & 10th December - Nursery & KS1 Nativity

18th December – School close for Christmas

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: Ember

Class 3: Donovan and Jacob

Class 4: Charlotte and Callie-May

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as a family

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