

### Note from the Head

I had a lovely meeting this week with a gentleman whose late wife worked at St John's for over 27 years. Whilst talking and looking at old photographs, and sharing success stories of past pupils, I became acutely aware of the wealth of history this school has in the local community.

St John's is one of the oldest schools in Burscough and we have a vast archive of photographs and log books and other evidence that show how the school has changed over time. Many of you may have parents or grandparents that came to St John's. My meeting has given me lots of ideas on how to celebrate and share this with you and I am looking forward to putting plans in place for an exhibition in the Summer term. If you have any materials or artefacts that you don't mind sharing as part of our exhibition then please let me know.

### Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year that happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year, as chosen by Pope Francis, is Pilgrims of Hope. Throughout the year, we will be taking part in activities to reflect on this special year. I will share these activities with you each month. On Friday in assembly I shall launch this with the children who will then follow this up by making their own Jubilee Pledges.

### Year 6 Leavers

If you are a Year 6 parent and wish to order a leavers hoody could you please do so on the SCOPAY app as the order needs to be sent off by 1st February. If you miss this deadline we will not be able to order one. As a reminder, adult sizes are £24 and children's sizes are £19

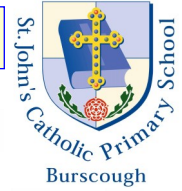
### Road Safety

This is another reminder for parents to please adhere to the 20 mph speed limit on Chapel Lane. Many children walk home from school, the pavements are narrow, and I am concerned that reckless speeding on this road will cause an accident one day.

### Staff Contacts

If you wish to book After school club or Nursery provision please do not contact staff on their private mobile phones. I appreciate that some of our staff are also parents and therefore may be friends of yours however, please keep school communication to the official channels.

Friday 24th January



### Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am  
Saturday 06.30 pm

**26/01/25 3rd Sunday in ordinary time**

***Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21***

The Gospel this week emphasises the call to ministry and the significance of scripture. The readings highlight the teaching and interpretation of the law, the unity of believers as parts of the body of Christ, and Jesus' public ministry as He proclaims the fulfillment of scripture. Key themes include the sacrament of Holy Orders, the universal priesthood of believers, the importance of scripture study and knowledge, fostering a sense of community, and reaching out to those who feel excluded.

### Approaching the Gospel with children

The Scripture passage talks about what Jesus has been sent to do which says that he has come to bring good news to people who are poor.

Good news means different things to different people. It can be confidence, peace, enough food, a safe place to live, light in the darkness, doing well at school, getting to spend the day with friends.

We are all God's children. God loves us all. No matter where in the world we are, whether we are rich or poor, and we should all have the chance to live in a world of peace, dignity and fairness. This is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus makes it clear that his mission is to bring the justice and freedom of the Jubilee. We can share in this mission to create a world of justice, peace and love. How do you think we can make the world a fairer, more peaceful place for everyone?

This year is a special Jubilee Year. We celebrate a Jubilee Year every 25 years and for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has asked us all to be "Pilgrims of Hope". This hope comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are.

### Year 5 and 6 Class visit

We will be taking Class 4 to listen to The National Youth Orchestra (NYO) who are coming to Blackpool to perform a Schools Concert on Monday 24 February in the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. The performance will be 10.30 – 11.30 and has been specifically designed for young people. The programme will include repertoire from all genres, which NYO will share a Spotify playlist near to the time. During the concert students will gain an insight into the world of orchestral playing. They will hear from the musicians themselves playing iconic solo melodies on instruments they may never have heard live before! This is a great opportunity for our children—letters will be sent out nearer to the time for this event.

### Gardening equipment

If you have any garden planters, plant pots or bedding areas that you have no use for could you please donate them to school so that the children can get off to a good start with their gardening club. If you are keen to be in their endeavours to become green fingered then please let Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office know. Thank you in advance.

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



- Class 1:** Lewis
- Class 2:** Donovan
- Class 3:** Keira
- Class 4:** Sabian

### Our new Gospel Value is Fairness

**The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Fairness to others this week. Well Done!!**

**EYFS:** Edwin

**Class 2:** Liam and Penny

**Class 3:** Emilia and Roman



### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 30th Jan - Class 2 at Mass  
Thurs 6th Feb - Class 1 and Y6 Buddies at Mass  
Thurs 13th Feb - Class 4 at Mass  
Thurs 13th Feb - Achievement assembly 2:30  
Thurs 13th February—Close for half term  
Friday 14th Feb - INSET Day  
Mon 24th Feb - Return to school for New half term  
Thurs 27th Feb - Class 3 at Mass  
Wed 5th Mar - Ash Wednesday  
Thur 6th Mar - World Book Day \*Theme to be decided\*\*  
Fri 7th Mar - Class 4 residential to Robinwood

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Thurs 13th Mar - Class 2 at Mass  
Thurs 20th Mar - Class 4 at Mass  
Thurs 20th Mar - Class 4 at Forest School  
Thurs 20th Mar - KS1 trip to Martin Mere  
Thurs 26th Mar - Mothers Day gift stall  
Wed 26th Mar - Class 4 at Forest School  
Wed 27th Mar - Class 3 at Mass  
Wed 27th Mar - Mother's Day assembly 2:30 - all invited  
Tues 1st April - Easter Bonnet parade 2:30  
Wed 2nd April - Easter Bingo  
Fri 4th April - Whole school achievement assembly 9 am  
Fri 4th April - School close for Easter at 1:15