

## Note from the Head

It was great to see so many parents at the Harvest Assembly on Wednesday and I was delighted by the joyful singing of the children! It was especially wonderful to greet our new reception class and see them perform so confidently on the stage. Well done to all children.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening on Wednesday as the children have settled brilliantly well into this first half term. This is followed by our half term achievement assembly on Thursday at 2:30 in the hall.

## Dogs on the playground

Well behaved dogs are welcome on the school grounds as long as they are on a lead. However, at school pick up and drop off times could dog owners please keep them away from the infant and junior doors as we have some pupils that are scared of passing them.

## Resources

A plea for resources! Class 4 will be studying 3D sculpture in the next half term. If you have any 'junk' jewellery that you no longer have a use for could we please have them. The children will be taking them apart and re-using the materials in their sculptures. Also, as part of our Stone Age topic we will be developing our observational sketching skills of rocks and precious stones. If you have any crystals that we could borrow to draw from that would be much appreciated. I will make sure all stones are carefully looked after.

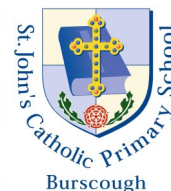
## Forest School

Class 2 and Class 4 will be heading over to the Forest on Thursday. Children may come to school in their own clothes suitable for the weather and walk over.

## Pop in Prayer club

I will be launching a new 'Pop in' Prayer club at lunchtimes on Tuesday and Thursdays 12 - 12:15. All pupils are invited and our focus for next week will be Mary, our Mother as October is the month dedicated to our blessed Mother. Children may bring rosary beads if they have any.

**Friday 11th October**



## Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am  
Saturday 06.30 pm

**13/10/24 28th Sunday in Ordinary time**

***Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-30***

In this week's Gospel, the focus is on the wisdom of God and the challenge of following Jesus. The messages encourage believers to seek God's wisdom and prioritise spiritual wealth over material wealth.

A rich man asks Jesus what he must do to have eternal life. Jesus replies that he sell his nice things and to give all his money to people who are poor. Once he had done this, Jesus said, the man could follow him.

The children will think about how they would feel if they had to sell all their favourite toys.

This is exactly what Jesus does ask of us. That if we have more than enough, that we share what we have with others. That way all people in the world would be able to have the things that they need.

We will reflect on a time when we have shared with other people and how it felt. Also, a time when someone wouldn't share and how that made us feel.

The children will know that it is important to share things so that everyone has enough and so that the world is a fairer place for everyone to live. I will ask the children:

How can you do this?

What will you do to try to make the world a fairer place this week?

What will you share with others this week?

### **Photography Competition!**

The focus for our RE lessons this half term is Creation and Covenant. In this branch of study the children have learned more about the God who creates and calls a people. They have explored the revelation of the Christian belief that all that is comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. In Year 5 and 6 they have explored the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

As part of our programme of study we are launching a photography competition for all pupils.

We invite you to explore your local area and take images of where you can see the beauty of God's creation. Photos must be clear and of good quality. You may bring them off or email them into school.

The winning entries will receive a special prize and the image will be displayed in Miss Smith's office forevermore!!

The closing date is Friday 1st November.

### **Free School meals**

Your child may be eligible for free school meals. Please follow the link below for more information

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

### **Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places**

For families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2025 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:- [www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/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 for September 2025 are at 11.59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications – 31st October 2024      Primary school applications –15th January 2024

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 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\*\***

### Gospel Values in Assembly

As we enter a new month, we have changed the focus for rewards in assembly. Last month, the value we looked for was Compassion.

This month we are looking for Forgiveness. Children who demonstrate this value will be rewarded with certificates in our weekly achievement assembly.

### School Levy

As you are aware St. John's is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school. This means that while the Government provides money for staff wages, books and equipment, the building costs and repairs are paid for by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. All Catholic schools in the diocese are requested to pay an equal share of money towards the building fund. Therefore we respectfully request parents to pay a voluntary contribution of £10.00 per year per child, or per family if you have more than one child. You can make your contribution via your Scopay account. Thank you for your generosity.

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16th October Parents evening 14:30 - 18:00 in the school hall

Thursday 17th October - Half term achievement assembly - all are invited at 14:30 in the school hall

Friday 18th October - Close for Half Term

Please note that on 6th December After School Clun will NOT be open.



**The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Forgiveness to others this week.**

**Well Done!!**

**EYFS:** Lewis

**Class 2:** Sam and Lea

**Class 3:** Eleanor

**Class 4:** Zofia, Alfie, Sabian

