

Note from the Head

It's been another busy week with Bikeability for Year 5 and a visit to Forest School for Classes 1 and 3 who took part in woodland crafts before enjoying a toasted marshmallow and smores!

I had the privilege of hosting our Open Morning for the 2025 Reception starters today. It makes me feel very proud when I take people round as the children are so bright, happy, enthusiastic and every single pupil was engaged in their learning and demonstrated just how great our school is!

Notes for next week

Harvest Festival

This year we will be supporting the Burscough Methodist Food Bank who support vulnerable local people with the years Harvest Collection. We will be collecting donations of dried food goods (packets, boxes, tins and jars) and other non-perishable items from Monday 30th September - Friday 11th October. We understand that times are tighter than ever for our families who may be struggling themselves. Donations are voluntary and we appreciate any item, large or small.

Our Harvest Festival celebration will be at 2:30 on Wednesday 9th October. You are all welcome

Robinwood Deposit

Many people have already paid this but we still have several payments that are outstanding. Please pay this on the SCOPAY App as soon as possible.

School Dinners

A new menu will be sent out shortly with new choices for the second half term. This new menu will run up to Summer.

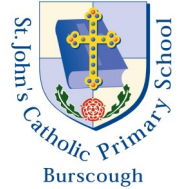
Parents Evening

Letters will be sent out today for you to book your appointment.

Macmillan Coffee morning

Thanks to your support we managed to raise £436.34 for this deserving charity. Thank you!

Friday 4th October



Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Mon - Fri 09.00 am
Saturday 06.30 pm

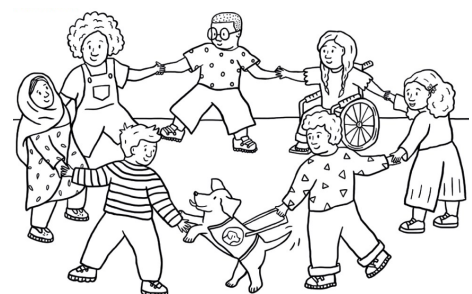
04/10/24 27th Sunday in Ordinary time

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

In this week's gospel, Jesus welcomes the children and shows the disciples how important they are. It asks youth to consider the trusting faith of a child.

Jesus is not suggesting we return to babyhood but to embrace the unwavering trust children have in their parents. Young children follow their parents without question and find comfort in their presence. This is the kind of faith we need with God. As we grow, we seek independence, but in our relationship with God, we must remain like trusting children.

This week in our assembly, we will be reflecting on our own actions and how we can answer the question: What will you do this week to show your love for God's children around the world? We will be considering our thoughts, actions and words and how we can show care and compassion for everyone in our school community and beyond. We are called to care for children everywhere whenever we can, because we are all brothers and sisters.



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/

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 9th October - Harvest assembly, all invited at 14:30 in the school hall

Thursday 10th October - Class 2 to attend Mass at 9am

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

Thursday 17th October - Class 1 to attend Mass at 9am

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: Maddison and Lewis

Class 2: Sophia and Esme

Class 3: Charlotte and Eva

Class 4: Zofia, Jake and Charlie

