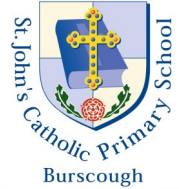


Note from the Head

The mornings are getting darker and the nights are drawing in, Autumn is on it's way! Class 2 celebrated the Harvest season with a great visit to Forest School in which they foraged for their apples and learned more about the life cycle of plants and trees. A great opportunity to apply their science skills within a real life concept

Friday 27th September



Notes for next week

RE curriculum

At St John's, for several years we have followed the 'Come and See' programme of Religious Education, recommended by the Archdiocese of Liverpool as our scheme of work. Following much work and reflection, the Archdiocese and the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, have decided that our schools are to move to using the Religious Education Directory. From September 2024, to fulfil our aims and objectives we are now using the 'To Know You More Clearly' programme from the new Religious Education Directory prescribed by the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

A curriculum letter was sent out earlier this week giving details of the learning to be covered this half term. I will also email you with a more detailed overview of the RE programme and the content covered. The website has been updated with the new curriculum information.

Whole school Mass Apologies, I keep getting the date wrong for this as Father Daly is away on holiday. The first whole school family mass will be Friday 4th October. It would be great to see you there.

Forest School

On Wednesday Class 3 will be going to Forest School. They will learn about the basic rules in forest school, enjoy woodland crafts and a snack by the campfire. Can all parents please return the medical forms ASAP so we have the right information in case of emergency.

Bikability

These valuable lessons begin next week for children in Year 5 and will take place on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Children may come to school in their own clothes and need to be dressed appropriately for the weather as they will be outside come wind, rain or shine! Gloves are particularly needed as is a coat.

Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Mon - Fri 09.00 am
Saturday 06.30 pm

29/09/24 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

At the beginning of the reading John calls Jesus "Teacher". As teachers, we hope to inspire and guide our pupils and help them to be the best they can be.

Jesus tells the disciples that anyone who is not against him, who is not Jesus' enemy, is his friend. And that anyone who treats people well because they follow him will be loved by him and be rewarded in heaven.

How do we show that we are friends or followers of Jesus? What would Jesus like us to do? Just like Jesus cares for us all, he asks us to care for one another. Not just the people we know, our friends and our family, but for all people around the world. And to show our love and care for others in everything that we do.

Caring for others and following Jesus means being kind and generous and friendly and helpful. It can mean making sure everyone has enough food to eat, and clean water to drink, or the chance to go to school. In assembly next week we will talk about how it can also mean sticking up for what is right and what we believe in. We might have to choose to do the right thing when others are doing something wrong. We might need to speak out when we see something happening that we know is not right or fair. We will think about break times and how we should help and support our friends to make the right choices to ensure peace and fun for all during playtimes

Bikeability continued

Parents - **you need to sign up** using the QR code on the letter that was given out. To date, only 8 out of 20 children have signed up. Bicycle and Road Safety is of upmost importance for these children as they start to become more independent when out on the local streets.

Robinwood residential

There are now no places available on the trip. Thank you to those parents who have returned their slips. The deposit of £50 is now due and can be accessed through the SCOPAY app.

2025 Reception starters

We will be holding an Open Morning on Friday 4th October with tours around the school for any parents who have children starting in the Reception class 2025

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.

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****

Free School meals

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

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

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 Scopy account. Thank you for your generosity.

Parent Questionnaire

If you haven't already, could you please complete the online questionnaire - all responses are anonymous and will help me to shape my plans for school improvement.

Please scan the QR code to access the questionnaire via Google, there is also a link below. If you would like a paper copy, please pop into the office.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfha5dRWPfz9vgxMJ-XdmHXL7jihE0ByTTGCUC4zCC7idDA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th September KS2 Macmillan coffee morning at 09:15 in school hall

Monday 30th September, Thursday 3rd October, Friday 4th October Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 2nd October - Class 3 Forest School

Friday 4th October - 2025 Reception Class Open morning

Friday 4th October - Whole school Mass at 9am

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



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

Well Done!!

EYFS: Edwin and Mollie

Class 2: Josh, Perrin and Tamara

Class 3: Emilia, Elliott, Calleigh-Mae

Class 4: Georgia, Penny, Sam, George, Esther

