

Note from the Head

I'm sure you all recognise how proud I am to be the Head teacher here at St John's and that I value being a part of this community and the families that the School and Parish serves.

I am really keen to raise the profile of St John's and over the coming months I will be using social media and leafleting to promote our school and what we can offer, as I look to raise pupil numbers.

Increased pupil numbers equates to increased funding which in turn enables me to provide wider opportunities for all of the children in school.

It would be great if you could support me in my endeavours by sharing our Facebook posts and also recommending our school to families looking for a setting for their child. We have had some leaflets printed and if there are any budding Posties out there who would like some leaflets to deliver on their estate then please let us know!

SATs week

A huge Good Luck to all of our Year 6 children sitting their end of year SATs examinations next week. You are amazing!! All children have been given a big bar of chocolate to boost their energy levels this weekend and a super new pencil for the incredible work they will do! A special treat has been planned for Thursday after the final examination has taken place. Please ensure all Year 6 children are in school promptly next week for the exams to start at the allocated time.

Next Week

With SATS week in mind, can ALL parents try their best to get their children into school for 08:55 next week. It is extremely disruptive to have late children walking through the hall and will undoubtedly distract the Year 6 children.

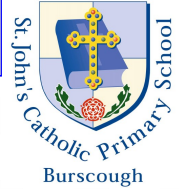
New intake

Our Welcome meeting for the new Reception Intake is on Monday 12th May at 4pm in the School Hall. We are looking forward to welcoming our new families to St John's.

Summer Fair

This year we are looking forward to holding a Summer Fair on Friday 27th June 3:30 – 4:30 on the school playground and field (weather permitting). If you are able to help to manage a stall that day or are able to help set up then please give your name to Miss Smith or Mrs Harrison-Scott

Friday 9th May



Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

11/05/25 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30

The Mass readings for this week highlight the themes of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the importance of listening to God's voice, the inclusivity of God's love for all nations, the significance of interfaith relationships, and the manner in which we worship God. The readings demonstrate that Jesus calls people from all backgrounds to follow him, emphasising the unity and diversity of God's flock.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus is a shepherd of people. He shows us the way to live our lives. He looks after us and cares for us, just as a shepherd looks after their sheep.

Jesus says that his sheep listen to his voice. How do we listen to Jesus in our lives?

Jesus also says that he knows his sheep and that they will never be lost. Jesus cares for every one of us. No matter who we are or from where we come.

We are all different from each other, but we are also very alike. We all need enough food and water to live. We all like to have fun with our friends. We are all part of the same global family and so we are all very special and important. Jesus loves and cares for us all.

Jesus asks us to treat other people as we would wish to be treated. This week, let's try to listen to what Jesus is saying to us, and share the love that he has for us all with others.

Bedding plants

As part of our Jubilee pledge to take care of our wonderful world around us this year we are committed to improving our Outdoor Space. We have a hidden gem - The Quadrangle - in the centre of the school building. We would like to restore this space to it's former glory and create a quiet area away from the bustle of the playground for reflection and peace.

Thank you for all of your donations of plant pots and containers, and a huge thank you to Mrs Oakes who has donated a greenhouse for our green fingered children.

We are now ready for the next phase which is to bring colour and into the space.

We would like to ask all children to bring in a bedding plant next week so that they can take time with their class planting and creating their own space for growth. If each child could bring one bedding plant then we could fill this area with colour and create a beautiful environment for the children to relax and sit in.

Burscough Library Half term event

Join us this half term for some exciting and messy science experiments. Make your own fizzy volcano, underwater eruption, and Jurassic storm cloud!

Best suited to families with children aged 4-8.

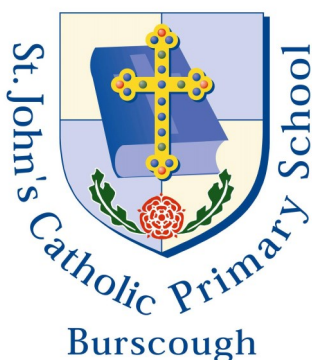
Burscough Library are holding a free STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) event for families on Friday 30th May (10:30am to 11:30am) in the May half term week. The focus will be: Fizzy volcano experiments. The event is free however booking is required as places are limited. Phone 03001236703, visit the library website, or pop into the library to book.

Online Safety and Toxic influences

Keeping Children Safe Online is an integral part of today's family life and the need to try and ensure young people are educated to fully understand the digital world around them is increasingly important. This includes increasing awareness of the rise in problems associated with using the internet and modern technologies.

There is a online workshop being held on Lancashire Local Authority Teaching and Learning Consultant On Wednesday 21st March at 6pm. These will be delivered via Zoom

A letter was sent last week with a code and login details—I would urge all parents to consider accessing this resources to support you in managing your child's online activity and interactions.



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

Class 1: Elias

Class 2: Connall

Class 3: Eva-Dee

Class 4: Isla



Our value for this month is - Resilience

The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for demonstrating resilience this week. Well Done!!

EYFS: Kendall

Class 2: Bertie and Sophia

Class 3: Eva G and Elliott

Class 4: Sam



SATs Bootcamp.

To help our Year 6 pupils revise and prepare for their upcoming exams we have subscribed to this online resource. The following children are top of the leader board for their points earned in the SATs Bootcamp challenge!

1st Matthew 2nd Christopher 3rd Lucas

Dates for your Diary

Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May KS2 SATs week

Wednesday 14th May Class 3 Mass

Wednesday 21st May Class 2 Mass

Wednesday 21st May - Class 4 archaeological dig

Thurs 22nd May - Half term achievement assembly
2:30

Friday 23rd May - School closes for Half Term

Wednesday 4th June Year 6 and Class 1 Mass

Wednesday 11th June Class 3 Mass

Wednesday 11th June - Year 6 Cathedral choir

Friday 13th June - INSET day

Wednesday 18th June Class 2 Mass

Thursday 19th June - Whole school Maths Day

Tuesday 24th June - Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June Class 4 Mass

Friday 27th June - Summer Fair

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd July Year 6 and Class 1 Mass

Wednesday 9th July Class 3 Mass

Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 leavers evening

Thursday 17th July - Year 6 leavers trip

Monday 21st July - End of Year assembly 2:30

Tuesday 22nd July - School close at 1:15 for
Summer

