

Note from the Head

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children return to school looking so bright, smart and cheerful! A huge welcome to the many new families who have joined us both in Nursery and Reception Class. The atmosphere in school has been vibrant and busy as everyone has got off to a good start and settled quickly back into routine.

Friday 5th September



Class 2

Unfortunately, Mrs Taylor is currently unwell and is absent from school. Miss Cheetham is providing cover for Class 2 and has made a great start this week towards settling the children back into their school routines. We all wish Mrs Taylor a speedy recovery.

PE

Lessons will start next week. KS1 and KS2 will have a lesson on Tuesday. KS2 will also have a second lesson on Friday. PE kits must be worn and kept in school.

Class Mass times

Father O'Shae is away this week, when he returns we will collate dates for each class to attend mass and share these dates with you on next week's newsletter.

KS2 Apple and Blackberry picking

Classes 3 and 4 will be heading over to Forest School on Thursday for a session led by Dr Watt and staff from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. The children will learn about the origins of apples before they collect their own fruits to use in class. Children need to come to school in their own clothes for this day with suitable footwear for the walk over.

Promoting the school

I am keen to promote St John's within the local area in a bid to raise pupil numbers. I have had lots of promotional leaflets printed - if you and your child are able to take some and leaflet your estate it would be much appreciated - please ask at the office. Thank you!

Flu immunisations

These will take place on 6th November - you can complete a consent or refusal form online at:

<https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/05796f40>

Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

07/09/25 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary time**

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Notes for Adults

The readings for this week are about making real choices in following Jesus. Being His disciple takes commitment. It means putting Him first, even when it is hard. Jesus asks us to think carefully about what it means to follow Him. Faith is not just words or feelings. It asks for action, trust, and sacrifice.

These readings show that we need God's help to live this way. Our own understanding is not enough. We need His wisdom to guide us. Following Jesus also changes how we treat others. We are called to love and welcome everyone as part of God's family. This Sunday challenges us to look at our priorities and ask if we are ready to live for Christ above everything else.

Approaching the Gospel with children

The Gospel reading for this week tells us about how important it is not to rush straight into something without thinking about it first. We need to prepare so that we can see our project through to the finish. It needs to be done properly.

Jesus is telling us that following him and being a disciple is something that we have to see through to the finish. We need to follow Jesus always and this isn't always easy. Often we can be distracted by other people or by thinking about what we want rather than about what Jesus wants for us.

Throughout our lives as followers of Jesus we might have to choose to do what Jesus wants even if it means not always being popular. It is hard but God is with us all the way to help and guide us.

How will you follow Jesus this week at home or in school?

Bikeability

The West Lancashire Sports team will be in school on 24th, 25th and 26th September to deliver Cycling Proficiency to the Year 5 children. Children may come to school in their own clothes for these sessions and must bring their bicycle and helmet to school. Bikes can be stored overnight in the school hall to avoid you having to transport them to and from school.

School dinners

Menus have been sent out, if your child regularly has a school dinner can you please make their selections and return the menus (with your child's name) to school as soon as possible. These will then be populated into SCOPAY and for those children in KS2 who pay for their dinners, this amount will then show as 'Balance Owing'.

You are not expected to pay for these dinners all in one, please continue to pay as you usually would.

Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places

For families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2026 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 are at 11.59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications – 31st October 2025 Primary school applications – 15th January 2026

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 if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

Please follow the link below

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

Dates for your Diary

- 11th September - KS2 Apple and Blackberry picking
- 16th September NSPCC workshops for Year 2 and Class 4
- 17th September - Fundraising Bag pack at Tesco
- 18th September - School photographer is here
- 25th - 26th September - Y5 Bikeability sessions
- 25th September - Nursery, EYFS and KS1 Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 2nd October - KS2 Macmillan Coffee morning
- 15th October - EYFS Parents evening
- 22nd October - KS1 and KS2 Parents evening
- 23rd October - Half term achievement assembly (all parents are welcome to attend)
- 24th October - School closes for half term
- 3rd November - School reopens
- 6th November - Nasal flu vaccinations
- 17th November – Road Safety week
- 4th December - KS1 Christmas movie night fundraiser
- 9th and 10th December - EYFS, KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2:15
- 11th December - KS2 Christmas movie night fundraiser
- 16th December - KS2 Christmas Advent service at 2pm
- 17th December - EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 Breakfast with Santa
- 19th December - School closes for Christmas break

