

Note from the Head

We have just a week left of this first Autumn term which despite being 8 weeks long, is absolutely flying by! We have our half term achievement assembly in the school hall at 2:30 on Thursday 23rd October. You are all welcome to come and along and look at some of the amazing achievements taking place in class.

Our new website is live! Please take a look at www.burscough.lancs.sch.uk We are very proud of it!

Staffing

We are thrilled for Mrs Porter as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her all the best for a peaceful and joyous time with her family. We'll miss her greatly in the classroom and wish her all the best for this joyful new chapter. We look forward to hearing all about her adventures with her new baby and can't wait to meet them! As planned, Miss Cheetham will be taking over the teaching in Class 1 from Monday and we are very happy that she remains with our St John's family.

Mrs Taylor remains unwell and is not able to return work yet. I have now appointed a teacher – Miss Cunningham, to cover the teaching responsibilities for Class 2 for the foreseeable future. Miss Cunningham is well known to the school, she was worked in Class 4 previously and has a wealth of experience working in KS1 and the Early Years department. I have observed her teach and am confident that she will continue to maintain the high standards already established in class.

Cycle to School week

We are taking part in Cycle to School Week 2025, taking place from Monday 13 to Friday 24th October. Together, we're building healthy habits, promoting active travel and inspiring the next generation of confident young cyclists. Please consider using bike or scooter as a means of travelling to school! Its so great to see so many children cycling and scooting to school.

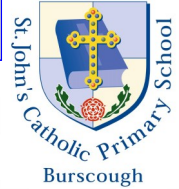
Driving on Chapel Lane

A parent was struck by a car this week as he walked on the pavement to school with his child. Can drivers please take extra care both with speed and attention when travelling on Chapel Lane - the pavements are very busy at drop off and pick ups with parents, children and buggies and the safety of all must be paramount.

Class 4 trip

Class 4 visit Chester Zoo as part of their in class topic of Darwin's Delights. To ensure a full day, the coach will leave school at 8am. Please ensure your child is at school on time and wearing school uniform on top - own clothes/trainers on bottom half.

Friday 17th October



Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

19/10/25 29th Sunday in Ordinary time

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Notes for Adults

The scripture for this week is about prayer, faith, and trust in God. We are called to keep praying, even when life is difficult or when answers take time. God listens and cares for His people. Faith means trusting that He will act at the right time, even when we do not understand how.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus tells us a story about a bad judge and a woman who wants justice – she wants what is right and fair.

Judges are supposed to be fair and honest, but this isn't always the case. The prophets in the Bible were always getting angry with bad judges who thought more about themselves than about the people who needed their help. And if the judges didn't sort out the problems fairly then people would suffer again and again.

Can you think of things that seem unfair to you? How do you feel when someone has treated you unfairly?

There are many things that are unfair in our world. And there are many people like the woman in the story who struggle to make their voices heard.

This year is a Jubilee Year, a special year when we try to make the world a fairer place for all people to live in. We are called to join together as pilgrims of hope, working together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

How do you think you can help to make the world a fairer place?

This week think about how you can treat other people fairly and justly.

Parents evening

This will take place for Classes 2, 3 and 4 on Wednesday next week. Appointments are available to book online using the QR code. If you have difficulty making an appointment please pop into or contact the office and Mrs Harrison-Scott can assist you.



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

Forest School

Class 4 had a great time on Thursday over at the forest. We worked creatively to make our own dream catchers using willow branches whilst other children put their best Darwin hats on and developed their observational drawing skills of minibeasts in their habitats.



This weeks Forest School award goes to

Sam and Zofia in Class 4

Zofia worked incredibly hard in Forest School and showed great independence when working on her woodland crafts. She took her time to use the willow branches and threads to create her own art work - it was very fiddly and required a lot of patience and determination.

Sam worked independently in his Forest School session today and continued the work in his Art lessons by setting off to collect natural materials to use as inspiration for his observational drawing skills. He looked at line and pattern as well as shading and showed great improvements in his work. Well done Sam!

Our value for this half term is - Hope

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

Class 2: Lewis and Lea

Class 3: Quinn

Class 4: Elliott



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

Class 1: Kohen

Class 2: Conall

Class 3: Sienna

Class 4: Alfie



Dates for your Diary

21st October Class 4 trip to Chester Zoo

22nd October - KS1 and KS2 Parents evening

22nd October - Class 2 Mass

23rd October - Half term achievement assembly (all parents are welcome to attend)

24th October - School closes for half term

3rd November - School reopens

3rd November - Lego club 'Kids with Bricks' begins for 7 weeks

5th November - Class 4 Mass

6th November - Nasal flu vaccinations

12th November - Class 3 Mass

12th November - Class 3 Forest School

17th November - Road Safety week

19th November - Class 2 Mass

19th November - Class 3 trip to Ribchester Roman Museum

20th November - Class 2 Forest School

26th November - Reception class and Y6 Mass

27th November - Class 1 Forest School

3rd December - Class 3 Mass

4th December - Class 4 Forest School

4th December - KS1 Christmas movie night

10th December - Class 2 Mass

9th December - EYFS, KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2:15

10th December - EYFS, KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2:15

11th December - KS2 Christmas movie night

16th December - KS2 Christmas Advent service 2pm

17th December - EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 Breakfast with Santa

19th December - School closes for Christmas break

