

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter

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Governors' Visit

Some of our school Governors will be visiting school on Tuesday 26th April. We are delighted to welcome them back into school. They will be spending time in each class that day.

Sunday's Gospel

John 20: 19 – 31

Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you", and showed them His hands and His side.

Year 4 Trip

Class 5 are visiting Towneley this week. They have been investigating rivers in Geography. Whilst at Towneley they will conduct a river survey and find out about river wildlife.

Faith Life

It was lovely to celebrate an Easter Mass with Father David in school last week.

This term the Chaplaincy team will continue their work on the wildflower meadow they planted and continue the upkeep of the Sacred Space and Prayer Garden.

Reading Challenge

Well done to James in Class 3 who has received his Gold Award this week for reading and reviewing 100 books.

Congratulations to Libbie B in Class 6 who has received her Bronze Award after reading and reviewing 15 books.

Times Tables Rockstars

Most played this week Class 3 - Haider, Class 4 - Adam, Class 5 - Hannah, Class 6 - Jamelia and Class 7 - Imogen. Our top performers are Haider (Class 3), Skye (Class 5) and Maira (Class 5).

Congratulations to Class 3 who are the school's top performing class this week.

Online safety

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents. In the attached guide, you will find information and tips on several potential risks such as cams, strangers and location sharing.

Beat the Street

Burnley Leisure would like feedback on the recent Beat the Street campaign they ran. If you complete the survey below, you will be entered into a raffle to win £150 Asda voucher (adult's prize) or £50 Lego voucher (child's prize)

[Beat the Street Burnley - Six-month Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

Parish Sacramental Programme

The Sacramental Programme for pupils in Year 3 begins next week. If your child is eligible to join, you should have received a letter from Father David inviting you to a meeting on Thursday 28th April at St

Mary's RC Primary School. Please contact Mrs Wilkinson if you have not received a letter or have any queries.

Sports News

Classes 5 and 6 are having weekly cricket sessions with a cricket coach this half term. Our elite netballers are practising their skills weekly in preparation for the competitions later this term.

On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils will be participating in a basketball festival at Blessed Trinity – Good luck.

This week's winners:

	Class Winners	Readers of the Week	Writers of the Week
Class 1	Nihal	Haleema	Olivia
Class 2	Anisha	Lacie	Freddie
Class 3	Larissa	Keegan	Samanta
Class 4	Arek	Harrison	Logan
Class 5	Gracie	Elijah	Danielle
Class 6	Sofia	Nico	Georgi
Class 7	Noel	Hannah	Bella

Faith Certificate winners: Lilly Class 1 and Skye Class 5

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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