

St John the Baptist RC Primary School, Burnley

(A Voluntary Academy, part of the Romero Catholic Trust)



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Information for Parents & Carers



Thank you very much for your interest in our school. We strongly recommend that you come to look around as we are very proud of our wonderful school and engaging pupils.

Please do visit our website which has more information. If you look at the Newsletters section, you will get an idea of the types of learning, events and activities taking place at St John's.

We are very happy to speak to you on the phone. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to me, please email or ring our Office Manager (Mrs Darwin). She will arrange for us to speak on the phone and I will gladly answer any of your questions.

I look forward to speaking to you and meeting you in the future, thank you for your interest in our school. Best wishes

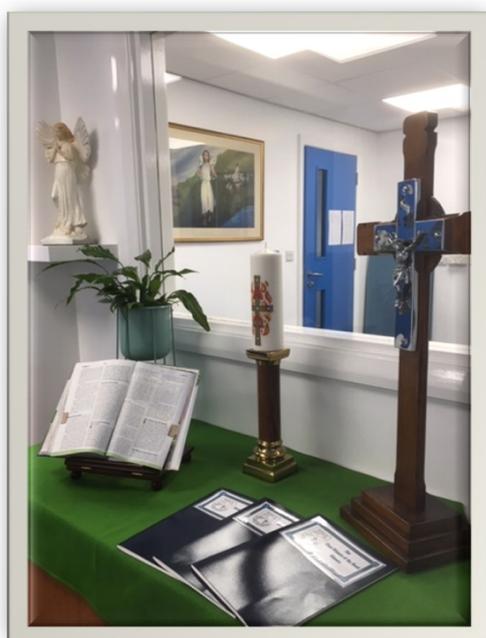
Mrs S Price
Headteacher

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Welcome to our school! We are a Roman Catholic Voluntary Academy, part of the Romero Catholic Academy Trust, in the Diocese of Salford. We welcome children of all faiths and backgrounds.

At St John's we aspire to help every child reach their full potential as a child of God. This takes place in our school where there is an abundance of love and warmth. We follow the teachings of Jesus and as we grow in spirit, every day is full of learning, fun and friendship. We are very proud of our lively, vibrant school and all members of our school family.



Prayers at St John's

We say these prayers each day:

Morning Prayer

O my God, you love me, you're with me night and day. I want to love you always, in all I do and say. I'll try to please you Father, bless me through the day. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God Our Father, we come to say, thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night and in the morning send your light. Amen.

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Welcome from our Parish Priest, Chair of Governors and CEO of our Trust

Hello, I am Fr David, the Parish Priest of the fairly new Parish of the Good Samaritan, which includes St John the Baptist church and of course this school. With the parish, which the school serves, being under the patronage of the Good Samaritan, we are under the patronage, I believe, of Christ Himself. This tells us simply that at the heart of our mission as Catholic Christians we are to love God firstly but also to show practical help and love to everyone we meet.

By considering entrusting your child's future to St John's, you are making a very good choice. I believe that the school provides children with a wholesome grounding which enables them to grow in faith and love and to become the best possible Child of God that they can be. This all takes place in the context of a loving Christian family where Christ is at the centre and also to be found in every aspect of the daily life of the school.

As well as a being a Governor at the school, I am involved in other aspects of the school life particularly in the celebration of Mass and Reconciliation. I also see myself as a friend to the school, since I am also a regular visitor into class, children get to know me over the years .

Fr David Featherstone

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in St John's. Starting school is always an anxious time, and more so after the difficulties facing us all at present. Our Headteacher, Mrs Price, and all the Staff work extremely hard, ensuring that children at St John's are given the best and safest start possible. The Governing Body take an active part in the school and hope to see you in school in the near future.

Best Wishes to you all

Michael Mulrooney, Chair of Governors

As CEO of the Romero Catholic Academy Trust, of which St John's is a founding member, I would like to welcome you. Under normal circumstances you would be able to experience for yourself the vibrant welcoming community of St John's. As part of the Trust, staff at St John's strive to ensure that all children achieve and reach their full potential.

Best wishes

Des Callaghan, CEO Romero Catholic Academy



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School Times

School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.00pm. Children can come into school from 8.35am It's vital that your child arrives on time.

After school, children should be collected at 3.00pm. Please do ensure that your child is collected on time at the end of the day.

Lunch breaks are between 11.55am and 1pm. Our school kitchen always prepares healthy lunches and the children have a choice each day. School lunches are provided free of charge to all EYFS and KS1 pupils under the Government's Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Children in KS2 can also enjoy a meal from our kitchen for £2.40 per day.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us by telephone (01282 438120) as soon as possible.

You must tell us why. Please tell us the nature of their illness rather than just saying poorly or unwell. We need to know that your child is safe if he/she does not arrive at school in the morning.

If we do not hear from you by 10am, we will ring you. If we cannot speak to you we will leave a message asking you to ring back. If we have not heard from you by the following morning and your child is still not in school, we will carry out a home visit.

Morning milk and fruit

All EYFS and KS1 children receive a piece of fruit daily and have access to drinking water throughout the day. We also provide a drink of milk each morning to EYFS children, this is free of charge.

We encourage children to bring a water bottle into school to have on their desk so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club is open every morning 8am—8.45am and is run by school staff, Miss Bradley and Miss Holt.

Children attending Breakfast Club should arrive between 8am and 8.10am and must be signed in by an adult. It costs £2.50 per day and includes a healthy breakfast. Limited places are available and are offered on a random-draw basis. If you need Breakfast Club provision, please ask for a separate letter and application form.

After School Club is open every day 3pm-5.30pm and is also run by our staff, Mrs Hargreaves (After School Club Manager) and Miss Martin. It costs £9.50 per day. A separate letter is available if you are interested in this provision.

We have recently introduced ParentPay as we are now a cashless school. All parents and carers are given details once their child starts school.

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Our Curriculum

At St John's we aspire to help every child reach their full potential as a child of God.

Our school policies reflect our school's commitment to an inclusive, creative and exciting curriculum, based around high quality teaching and learning with our Catholic faith at its centre.

We want all learners to receive a high-quality, ambitious education. We aim:

1. to ensure that a good, well-taught curriculum enables pupils to know more and do more;
2. for our children to grow in knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the world and that they aspire to achieve more and be the best they can be;
3. for our children to be strong, fit and active;
4. for our children to enjoy a strong practical curriculum.

We feel that it is very important that home and school work closely together to enable your child to confidently face the challenges in life that lie ahead. Class 1 is extremely well prepared to provide children with the very best early start to education. Mrs Hogg and her staff work hard to ensure that the first year of school life is happy and successful.



Religious Education

The Catholic nature of our school is at the centre of school life and we hope that children gradually and joyfully become aware of belonging to God's family. Children will be involved in collective worship, assemblies, school masses and special feast days. Parents and carers are invited to join events which link the home, school and parish community of St John's. Whilst at St John's, children are invited to complete the Sacramental Programme and continue on their spiritual journey to become full members of the Catholic Church.

PE and Sport

We encourage all children to take part in physical activity and sport at St John's. KS2 pupils attend Fitness Club every day as well as twice-weekly PE lessons.

Our school teams perform very well. Recently our football team won the Burnley finals and represented our town in the regional finals at Fleetwood. Our Indoor Athletics team also represented Burnley at the Blackpool regional finals.

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Home/School Communication

It's very important that parents and carers feel communication between home and school is strong. We use a text messaging service and our website to keep in touch on a weekly basis. We also have a lively twitter account and encourage parents and carers to follow us.

www.stjohnsrcprimary.co.uk

twitter: @BurnleySJB



During the year we have two Parents' and Carers' Evenings, one in the Autumn Term and one in the Summer Term. **We also have drop-in sessions after school each 1/2 term. These are usually on Mondays 3-4pm, no appointments necessary just call in.**

Leave during term time

Your child needs to be in school everyday and we do all we can to eliminate unnecessary absence. Leave during term time is only allowed under exceptional circumstances. Our Attendance Policy gives more information. It is available from the Office and is based on legislation from the Department for Education. **Leave during term time will not be authorised for family holidays.**

We hope that parents and carers will acknowledge and understand the limitations placed on schools in granting any leave in term time. We ask that you support our efforts to reduce unnecessary absence, thus minimising the impact on the education of your child. Please note that penalty notices (fines) will be issued for unauthorised holidays.



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Behaviour and Discipline

We have a set of rules in expectations which we keep as simple as possible so they can be understood by even the youngest child. We ask for your support with these expectations as they have the safety and welfare of your child at heart. Good work and good behaviour are rewarded and recorded. If your child does have any behaviour problems in school, you will be asked to come in and discuss the matter with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. It is important for your child's safety and happiness that we all work together to ensure good behaviour. We value your support in this matter

Our School Expectations

1. Be gentle
2. Be kind and helpful
3. Be honest
4. Work hard
5. Listen to people
6. Look after property



School Uniform

Sweatshirts, cardigans and bookbags with our school logo on are available from Whittakers at Pendle Village Mill, Brierfield (next to B&Q at junction 12, M65).

Boys: Grey trousers or shorts; white or blue polo shirt and maroon top with school logo (sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan).

Girls: Grey skirt, pinafore, trousers or shorts; white or blue polo shirt and maroon top with school logo (sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan). Blue summer dresses in summer months.

Footwear: Only plain black shoes with no logos are allowed. Boots and boot-style shoes are not allowed.

PE: Plain white tee shirt; black shorts; black slip-on pumps; trainers for outdoor use. All children should have a PE kit bag, which they can keep on their coat hook.

Hair: Extreme hairstyles, including unnatural colours or decorative braids and beads are not allowed. Extreme haircuts for example tramlines, shaven heads (number 2 cut or less) and decorative designs are not allowed.

Jewellery: No jewellery or make-up is allowed. Children may wear a watch. If your child has their ears pierced, their earrings must be removed before school.

Toys and Belongings: Toys and personal belongings are not allowed in school.

Mobile Phones: Mobile phones are not allowed in school

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Useful contact details:

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Headteacher: Mrs S Price

Head of School: Mrs H Bibby

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Chair of Governors: Mr M Mulrooney

Parish Priest: Rev Fr David Featherstone

