



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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2024**

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome Back!

It has been great to welcome everyone back to school this week. We hope that all children have enjoyed their first few days back at school and are beginning to settle into their new classes and new routines.

Today, your child should have brought home a curriculum information sheet for this term.

Important Dates

9th - 20th Sept
Swimming Pool
11th September BTRCC
Year 6 parents' meeting
12th September Mass in School
16th – 20th September
Coding Week
18th September Fitness Day
24th September Parent Drop In
27th September National Teaching Assistants Day

Sunday's Gospel

"For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

Matthew 18: 20

Mass

We will be celebrating Mass on Thursday 12th September to mark the beginning of the school year.

Please join us at 9:15am in the school hall.



Class 7 at BTRCC

On Tuesday 10th September, Class 7 will be visiting BTRCC to get a taste of what life is like at a secondary school. Please see separate letter.



Faith News

Please follow the attached link for this month's newsletter from Ten Ten:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Reading Challenge

Our School Reading Challenge continues this year; everyone is invited to read and review as many books as they can whilst they are at St John's. Anyone who reads and reviews 15 books will achieve a Bronze Award (badge and certificate); Silver Award – 50 books; Gold Award – 100 books; Platinum Award 200 books). We were delighted by how many pupils achieved awards last year and are looking forward to more soon.

Online safety

With this newsletter you should receive our latest parental online safety newsletter. It contains practical advice about keeping your child safe online.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

School is now registered for Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools. It is easy to use and costs you nothing. Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Please see the information below.

This week's winners

Class 1
Class 2
Class 3
Class 4
Class 5
Class 6
Class 7

Class Winners

Ava
Nancy
Dinaath
Eryk
Abigail
Jenson
Monica

Readers of the Week

Nelly
Isabella
Isabelle
Eadie
Finley
George

Writers of the Week

Vida
Jacob
Ethan
Minal
Alice
Daniel
Olivia

Headteacher's winner: Harvey Class 5

Class Attendance: Class 1

Faith Life Winner: Maddison Class 7

Primary School Places September 2025

If your child is in their last year of pre-school or nursery you can now apply for their primary school place. It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

The closing date for applications to primary schools is 15th January 2025.

Parents Phonics Information Session

In school we use ELS phonics scheme. There is a parents' information session on **Thursday 12th September at 3pm** for the parents of children in Class 1 and Class 2.

Please see separate letter.



Swimming Pool

The swimming pool will be on the school yard for the next two weeks. You should have received information about the days your child is swimming today. Please see separate letter



Blessed Trinity RC College Parents' Information Evening

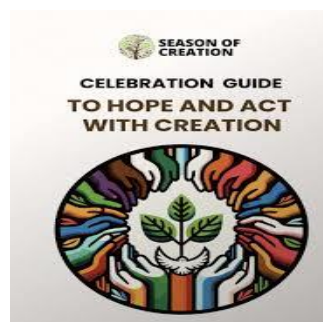
There is an information evening about Blessed Trinity on Wednesday 11th September here at **St John's** for the parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 (Class 7).

Staff from Blessed Trinity will be there to speak about their school and explain how to apply for a secondary school place. The meeting is in our school hall at **6pm**.

Please see separate letter.

The Season of Creation

September is the Season of Creation when we celebrate the wonders of God's world. This week we took part in a national CAFOD assembly on this theme.



Times Table Rockstars

Class 3 have their logins and can now start to practise their tables. Remember to try and play for a few minutes each day. Class 3 have the best participation the most this week
Most played this week: Class 3 – Joseph, Class 4 -Eshaan, Class 5 - Lucy, Class 6 – Samanta and Class 7 – Logan. Our top performers this week with the most correct answers are Clare (Cl 5), Tessa (Cl 7) and Logan (Cl 7).

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