



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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Friday 14th March 2025

17th - 21st March
Year 5 Bikeability
See separate letter

20th March
Preparation Meeting for Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30pm **St Mary's Primary School**

20th March
International Day of Happiness
21st March
Comic Relief

25th March
Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for pupils on the Sacramental Programme

27th March
Class 5 Stay and Pray 2:30pm

1st April
PTFA Easter Fair – details to follow

Sunday's Gospel

"The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:14

Caritas – St Joseph's Penny Collection

As part of our Lenten observances, we are sending home Caritas Salford St Joseph's Penny Boxes. Caritas Salford is a charity that supports families in our diocese. Thanks to families who have already returned their boxes. Please see separate letter.

International Day of Happiness

To mark International Day of Happiness on Thursday 20th March there is a special lunch in school. Please pay in the usual way.

Year 5/6 Elite Cross Country

Our Elite cross-country runners will be taking part in the Burnley Primary race at Towneley Park on Tuesday 18th March. Good luck to those involved.

St Oscar Romero

Saturday 22nd March is the feast day of St Oscar Romero, the patron saint of our Trust.

Please follow the attached link to find out more about his life:

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/education-resources/oscar-romero-life-timeline>

TTR

Class 5 have the best participation this week with 100% of the class playing. Well done!

Most played this week:

Class 3 Joseph

Class 4 Eadie

Class 5 Maahir

Class 6 Oliver

Class 7 Ben

Our top performers this week are George (Class 6), Joseph (Class 3) and Maahir (Class 5) who have the most correct answers this week.



Congratulations to Abishek from Class 5 and Theo from Class 6 who have achieved Rock Star status this week. They can answer multiplication questions in less than 1 minute.

SATs Companion

Well done to George in Class 7 who is top of the SATs Companion Leaderboard this week, closely followed by Tessa and Chiara.

Railway Safety

Classes 2 and 7 will take part in an online Railway Safety Workshop this week run by Network Rail. The aim of the sessions is to encourage children to enjoy our railways, promote safe behaviour around railways and encourage pupils to be aware of potential dangers.

Reading Challenge

We have three Silver Reading Challenge Award winners this week. Well done to Hubert in Class 4 and Harper and Hallie from Class 3.

This week's winners

	Class Winners	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week
Class 1	Adam	Qaswa	Lucas
Class 2	Aliyah	Jacob	Harper
Class 3	Aaron	Ayaan	Noah
Class 4	Yusuf	Iylah	Nihal
Class 5	Charlie	Jaden K	Rehan
Class 6	Ava	Aaryaan	Lucy
Class 7	Arkadiusz	Ben	Sahm

Faith Life Winners: Charlie Class 5

Head Teacher's Award: Eshaan Class 4

Weekly Attendance: Class 7

Year 5 Bikeability

Class 6 will be taking part in the Bikeability scheme next week. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training programme. It helps pupils learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads.

Please see separate information.

Comic Relief

This year Comic Relief is on Friday 21st March. To celebrate in school, we will be holding a school talent show on the day. Winners will be announced on Monday 24th March.



Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Please can all orders and payments be in by Monday 31st March. We are grateful to our wonderful PTFA for subsidising the hoodies again this year.

Phonics

This week's phonics learning:

Class 1 will be revisiting and revising all Phase 3 sounds. Please see separate letter.

Class 2:

Sound	As in
se	noise
ze	sneeze
eer	engineer
ere	sphere
ti	station
ti	subtraction



Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding our phonics scheme.

HAF

Please see the attached poster regarding the HAF offer for the Easter holidays. Please contact Mrs Thompson if you have any questions about accessing it.

BE HAPPY DAY

Thursday 20th March



Harmonious Hotdog
(Pork Frankfurter in a bun)



&
Cheerful Tomato Ketchup
with

**Smiley Face Potatoes &
Glorious Garden Vegetables**
or

Vibrant Vegetable Pasta Bake
*(Pasta Bake with Cheese, Tomato,
Pepper & Sweetcorn)*

with
Gleeful Garlic Bread
&
Sunshine Salad

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Sparkling Marble Shortbread
or
Joyous Jelly

&
Incredible Ice Cream

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Look out for your HAF Vouchers they are being sent to parents on the 10th March

HAF Eligibility and Booking Information:

- For children and young people in reception to year 11.
- Eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.
- Other vulnerabilities (ask your school).

Easter Activities:

Book 4 days (minimum 4 hours) with a meal included.

Important:

Limited places, book only if you intend to use.
Cancel if plans change to free up places for others.

Contact:

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