



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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23rd January 2026 Important Dates

28th January

Class 6 Art and Design workshop

Y2 Maths Challenge

Relics of St Carlo Acutis arrive at St Mary's

Class 4 Stay and Pray at 2.30pm

2nd February

Class 2 Stay and Pray 2.30pm

6th February

Class 6 Assembly

9-13th February

Children's Mental Health Week

11th February

PTFA Valentine's Disco

12th February

Class 3 Stay and Pray 2.30pm

Sunday's Gospel

"And He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

Matthew 4:19-20

Times Table Rockstars



Class 5 and 6 have the best participation this week with 100% of each class playing.

Most played this week: Class 3 – Danial, Class 4 – Joseph, Class 5 – Damon, Class 6 – Clare and Class 7 – Georgia.

Our top performers this week are:

1. Joseph class 4
2. Eshaan class 5
3. Jiyaan Class 4

PTFA Valentine's Disco

The next PTFA event is our Valentine's Disco on Wednesday 11th February in the school hall. Tickets cost £2.50 and include sweets and a drink and will be on sale from the school office from Monday 26th January. Crisps, drinks and treats will be on sale at the tuck shop on the night too.

Please see separate letter.

Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce we have filled the two vacancies for parent governors on our Governing Board. Mrs C Townend is continuing in her role and Mr D Woolley is joining the Governing Board. We are very grateful for their support.

Class Assemblies

This term's class assembly dates:

- Class 6 6th February
- Class 1 13th February
- Class 7 6th March
- Class 5 27th March

The assemblies will be at 9:00am in the school hall.

Stay and Prays

This terms Stay and Pray services:

- Class 4 28th January 2:30pm
- Class 2 2nd February 2:30pm
- Class 3 12th February 2:30pm

ELCAS Mental Health Drop-in

The attached poster contains information about mental health advice sessions organised by ELCAS for February 2026.

Reading Challenge

Well done to Francesca Anderson in Class 2 who has achieved her Bronze Reading Challenge Award for reading and reviewing 15 books.



SATS Club

Our revision classes for Class 7 begin on Monday 26th January. It is important children attend each session, each week to help them prepare for their tests in May. This year SATs week is Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May.

Please follow the attached link for more information about the KS2 SATs:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-and-results-information-for-parents/2025-key-stage-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Relics of St Carlo Acutis

Our parish is hosting the visit of the relics of St Carlo Acutis on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th January with Mass at 10:00am and 7:00pm on the 28th January.

St Carlo Acutis was made a saint last year please follow the link below for more information about his life:

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/who-was-carlo-acutis/>

Packed Lunches

If you are sending grapes in your child's packed lunch please can you ensure they are chopped to avoid any choking.

This week's winners

	Class Winners	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week
Class 1	Shehryaar	Naomi	Tommy
Class 2	Anthony	Lucas	Annie-Mae
Class 3	Ibaad	Marco	Ksawi
Class 4	Ava	Felix	Jensen
Class 5	Daisy	Teddy	Jasim
Class 6	Holly	Leo	Kelly
Class 7	Eliza	Georgia	Hareerah

Faith Life Winner: Lucas Birch Class 5

St John's Superstar: KS1 Shehryaar KS 2 Ayaan

Attendance: Class 6

Social Media Platform

From Friday 9th January, we will be launching our new school Facebook page. Please follow us:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1arNN9Efja/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Until February half term, we will continue to post on X as well.

Phonics

Next week's phonics learning:

Class 1

sound	as in:
ure	<i>sure</i>
er	<i>winter</i>
ow	<i>slow</i>



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

Class 2

sound	as in:
or	worm
ear	pearl
ou	soup
oul	shoulder
ie	priest
ve	serve
y	bicycle



Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'

Delivered by CYPMH East

tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the
second name followed by your date of birth.

You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 4th February 2026

1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 11th February 2026

3pm – 5pm

Wednesday 18th February 2026

5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 25th February 2026

1pm – 3pm