



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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30th January 2026 Important Dates

2nd February
Class 2 Stay and Pray 2.30pm

6th February
Class 6 assembly at 9.00am in the school hall

9-13th February
Children's Mental Health Week

10th February
Safer Internet Day

11th February
PTFA Valentine's Disco

12th February
Class 3 Stay and Pray 2.30pm

13th February
Wear your Scarf to School Day

Class 1 Assembly
9.00am

16-20th February
Half term holiday

Sunday's Gospel

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven."

Matthew 5:12a

Times Table Rockstars



Class 5 had the best participation this week with 97% of each class playing. Most played this week: Class 3 –Ibaad, Class 4 –Felix, Class 5 –Eshaan, Class 6 –Clare and Class 7 – George.

Our top performers this week are:

- 1.Pola Class 5
- 2.Joseph Class 4
- 3.George Class 7

Well done to Joseph in Class 4 who has achieved Rock Hero status this week. He can answer times table questions in under 1 second.

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 are on sale now from the school office. Crisps, drinks and treats will be on sale at the tuck shop on the night too.

Please see separate letter.

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 2 2nd February 2:30pm
- Class 3 12th February 2:30pm

Lancashire Reading Trail

Burnley Library is hosting its Reading Trail Book Club on Saturday 31st January between 2.30 and 4pm. Children aged between 6 - 12 are invited to join the book club, where they will be challenged to read a book by a specific author every four weeks, then meet up to chat, share reviews, craft, and become one step closer to completing the Lancashire Reading Trail. See the link below for more details:

<https://www6.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/event-details?eventid=2808631>

New Era

New Era are running a selection of activities at their new Annexe Outdoors space. Please see attached posters.

Sport News

Well done to our Indoor Athletics team who won their heat and have now qualified for the Burnley Final. Congratulations to our Year 6 Panathlon who won their event this week and will now represent Burnley at the regional final.

Good luck to our Boys Football team who are taking part in a tournament on Thursday 5th February.

SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer is an accessible hub for all SEND related services, guidance, and support in Lancashire. It is a single place where education, health, and social care information is brought together. It contains a collection of resources, including a website, Facebook page, service directory, and regular newsletters.

Year of Reading

The Department of Education has designated 2026 to be the Year of Reading. Throughout the year we will be celebrating reading and encouraging pupils to read more. Our first event is National Story Telling Week which runs from 2nd to the 8th February. Each class will be taking part in an online workshop.

This week's winners

	Class Winners	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week
Class 1	Elijah	Shehryaar	Chris
Class 2	Joey	Dominic	Bella
Class 3	Azaad	Tazanna	Amelia
Class 4	Aru	Ayaan	Oskar
Class 5	Damon	Minal	Lucas
Class 6	Anisha	Abhishek	Alice
Class 7	Ava	Giorgio	Amy

Faith Life Winners: Cady Class 4

St John's Superstar: **KS1** Logan Class 3 **KS 2** Lyla Class 7

Attendance: Class 6

Social Media Platform

Please follow us on our new Facebook account:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1arNN9Ejja/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Until February half term, we will continue to post on X as well. From 23rd February we will no longer be posting on our X account.

Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Asim in Class 3 and Matteo in Class 2 who have achieved their Silver Reading Challenge Award for reading and reviewing 50 books.

Phonics

Next week's phonics learning:

Class 1

Class 1 will be revisiting and reviewing the sounds they have learnt so far this term.

Class 2

It is assessment and review week next week.



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

Lancashire
SEND
Local Offer

Did you know our Local Offer provides information about **SEND** support and services for families in Lancashire?

visit [lancashire.gov.uk/send](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/send)





The Cuppa Club



JOIN US EVERY MONDAY

1.30pm - 3pm

Come and join us for a warm drink in a warm, friendly and safe environment.

Our Place of Welcome is available to everyone!

Enjoy a cuppa, biscuit, chat, and free activities such as board games, reading and learning.

Stay connected, share experiences, and make new friends—or bring a friend along too!

Located near the Town Centre with a car park.
Children's toys and books available to entertain the little ones.

Contact Us:

New Era

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OUTDOOR WELLBEING SPACE

Annexe Outdoors

JAN 20	MAKE A WIND CHIME	FEB 24	BUILD A NESTING BOX
JAN 27	MINDFUL COLOURING	MAR 3	AIR DRY CLAY PLANTER
MAR 3	MAKE A BIRD FEEDER	MAR 10	PRESSED WILD FLOWER SEED HEART
FEB 10	MAKE A SPRING PLANT POT	MAR 17	A NATURE SPRING WALK
FEB 17	CREATE A NATURE LANTERN	MAR 24	PLANT A HERB GARDEN
		MAR 31	CREATE A MINDFUL CANVAS (FOR OUR GARDEN)

1PM - 2.30PM
LIMITED SPACES
TEXT OR PHONE 07877 714693

