



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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13th March 2026 Important Dates

17th March
Parents' Evening

18th March
Sports Hall
Athletics Final in
Blackpool

20th March
Red Nose Day

23rd March
Parent Craft in
School 9:00am
See poster

24th March
Oscar Romero
Feast Day

25th March
PTFA Tea with the
Easter Bunny

26th March
KS 2 Stations of
the Cross

1st April
PTFA Easter Fair

2nd April
School Closes at
1:30pm for Easter

Sunday's Gospel

"Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back, seeing."

John 9:6-7

Times Table Rockstars



Class 5 have the best participation this week with 100% of each class playing. Most played this week: Class 3 –Ibaad, Class 4 –Dev, Class 5- Aiden, Class 6 – Clare and Class 7 – Larrisa.

Our top performers this week are:

1. Aiden Class 5
2. Joseph Class 4
3. Jiyaan Class 4

Well done to Haider in Class 7 who has achieved Rock Hero status this week.

SEND Support

Basically Cheer are running SEND parent support groups throughout the year. Please see the attached poster.

The Family Autism Service are running a six week course for parents – please see attached poster.

Faith News

The Season of Lent began on Wednesday 18th February. Lent is the time in the church's year, when we say sorry and remember the journey Jesus took towards the cross on which he died for us. It lasts 40 days and ends at Easter.

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

Lenten Mass

Classes 6 and 7 will be attending Mass at St John's church on Thursday 19th March at 10am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Sports News

Good luck to our Indoor Athletics team who will be representing Burnley in the Regional final on Wednesday 18th March in Blackpool.

Our Elite Cross Country Team will be in action at Towneley Park on Tuesday 17th March.

Some members of Classes 6 and 7 will be at Active 60 Festival on Tuesday 17th March at the Prairie Sports Village.

Our Girls Football team will be in action on Thursday 19th March in the Girls Football Cup Competition against Cliviger. Good luck to all involved.

Reading Challenge

Well Done to Ibaad on achieving his Silver Reading Challenge Award this week. He has read and reviewed 50 books.

Oliver Ryan

Our local MP is holding a Big Advice Drop In at Briercliffe Community Centre. He is also holding a question and answer session about the proposed changes to SEND on 14th March. See poster below.

Easter Crafts

Lancashire Adult Learning are running a family Easter Craft workshop in school on Monday 23rd March. Pupils can attend the workshop with a parent, grandparent or carer. Please see the attached poster or contact the school office if you would like a place.



This week's winners

	Class Winners	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week
Class 1	Usmaan	Albie	Yuvin
Class 2	Ethan	Annie-Mae	Matteo
Class 3	Caelis	Elizah	Mason T
Class 4	Niamh	Giovanna	Ellis
Class 5	Pola	Sofia	Daisy
Class 6	Flora	Abigail	Anisha
Class 7	George	Jessica	Eliza

Faith Life Winners: Abhishek Class 6

St John's Superstar: **KS1** Lucas L Class 3 **KS 2** Aaryaan Class 7

Attendance: Class 6

Phonics

Next week's phonics learning:

Class 1

Class 1 will be revisiting and revising all Phase 3 sounds.

Class 2

Sound	<i>as in</i>
se	<i>noise</i>
ze	<i>sneeze</i>
eer	<i>engineer</i>
ere	<i>sphere</i>
ti	<i>station</i>
ti	<i>subtraction</i>



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

Easter Crafts



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Lancashire
Adult Learning

A FUN INTERACTIVE CRAFT
SESSION INSPIRED BY EASTER
FUN!

FAMILY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS,
GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS TO ATTEND
WITH CHILDREN TO LEARN TOGETHER!



St John the Baptist RC Primary
Monday 23rd March
09:30 - 11:15



Please scan the QR code
to register your attendance



SEN PARENT SUPPORT

Because your voice matters!

Join us Wednesdays 9:15-11am

2026 Dates for your diary:

- 21st Jan - Parent Led
- 25th Feb - Lancashire FASD
- 18th Mar - Parent Led
- 15th Apr - Children & Family Wellbeing
- 13th May - Bee Unique
- 10th Jun - PAC
- 15th Jul - Parent Led
- 9th Sep - ADHD Northwest
- 7th Oct - Parent Led
- 4th Nov - Parent Led
- 9th Dec - Parent Led

What's included:

- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Peer-to-Peer Support
- ✓ Advice & Signposting
- ✓ External organisations
- ✓ Friendly Team
- ✓ FREE to access

Cheerful Kids Activity Club

An inclusive session for all ages to enjoy a variety of activities
Saturdays 10am-12:30pm

£3



Basically Cheer CIC - Former Parkside Methodist Church, Cog Lane, Burnley BB11 5AH
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March 2026

6-week Autism Cygnet Courses run regularly



Anxiety / Behaviour
FH Shadsworth,
Blackburn
10am - 12pm



Online
Understanding Autism
6pm - 7:30pm



Online
Who to turn to for Support?
10am - 11:30am



Online
Autism & Sensory Processing
10:30am - 12:30pm



Online
Parent Support
10:30am - 12pm



Autism + Education
Basically Cheer, Burnley
10am - 12pm



Early Years Support Session
(0-11y)
FH New Era, Accrington
10am - 12pm



Parent Support
FH Livesey, Blackburn
10am - 11:30am



Online
Parent Support
6pm - 7:30pm



Teenage Years
FH New Era, Accrington
10am - 12pm



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For more information
and self-refer





SEND REFORMS Q&A

— WITH OLIVER RYAN MP

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
LET'S TALK AND GET YOUR
OPINIONS HEARD.**

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH



Basically Cheer, Former
Parkside Methodist Church



Cog Ln, Burnley BB11 5AH



10:00AM - 11:30AM

 **OLIVER
RYAN** MP
Standing up for Burnley, Padiham and Brierfield