



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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27th March 2026 Important Dates

30th /31st March
Class 6 Bikeability
– see separate letter

1st April
Class 1 Eye test
PTFA Easter Fair

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

20th April
School reopens

23rd April
Sacramental
Program meeting
at St John's
Church

24th April
Easter Mass in
school at 9:15am

27th April
Bug Buster
sessions Year 5
and 6

Sunday's Gospel

"The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"
Matthew 11:9

Times Table Rockstars



Class 5 have the best participation this week with 100% of each class playing. Most played this week: Class 3 – Logan, Class 4 – Joseph, Class 5-Aiden, Class 6 – Jaden K and Class 7 – Amy. Our top performers this week are:
1. Aiden Class 5
2. Joseph Class 4
3. Jiyaan Class 4
Congratulations to Jiyaan who has achieved Rock Hero Status this week.

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.

Site Supervisor

Today we say goodbye to Mr Barker who is retiring from his role as site supervisor. We wish him all the best for the future. Our new site supervisor, Mr Darwin starts school on Monday 30th March.

Easter Holidays

Our Easter holidays begin on Thursday 2nd April at 1:30pm.
We return to school on Monday 20th April at 8.45am.

Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Haleema in Class 5 who has been awarded her Gold Reading Challenge Award this week. Well done to our Silver Reading Challenge winners from Class 3 – Leo A, Ksawi and Khushaal. Well done to Tazanna in Class 3 who has achieved her Bronze Reading Challenge Award this week. We are very proud of you all.

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. Please can all boxes be returned by Thursday 2nd April. Many thanks to families who have already returned their boxes.

PTFA Easter Fair

Our PTFA are holding their annual Easter Fair on Wednesday 1st April from 3-4pm in the school hall. As usual there will be a variety of stalls and activities available including a choc-o-lotto stall. Thank you for all the donations sent today. Please see separate letter.

Class 1 Stay and Play

Parents and carers of pupils in Class 1 are invited to an Easter themed Stay and Play session on Monday 30th March at 2pm Please see separate letter

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

With your newsletter today, you will receive a What's On Guide for the April-July term.

Cross country

Congratulations to our Girls Elite Cross country Team who came in first place at the recent Burnley schools' event. Ava, Lucy, Isabelle and Olivia in Class 7 who qualified for the borough finals. Well done to Harvey in Class 6 who has also qualified for the Boys' final next term.

HAF

Please see attached information below about HAF activities. If you have access to HAF (Holiday, Activity and Food), please book your places through the HAF website. If you do not have HAF access but would still like to attend, you can book by calling your local Family Hub.

Easter Egg Raffle

To raise money to continue our sponsorship of John Paul in Uganda our chaplains will be holding an Easter Egg raffle. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 23rd March, costing 20p each. Thanks to the staff for donating the prizes.

This week's winners

| | Class Winners | Reader of the Week | Writer of the Week |
|---------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Class 1 | Harry | Torvi | Usmaan |
| Class 2 | Annie-Mae | Vida | Ali |
| Class 3 | Amelia | Ibaad | Hanna |
| Class 4 | Ciara | Joseph | Aru |
| Class 5 | Whole Class | Oliver | Lola |
| Class 6 | Eva | Josh | Yoana |
| Class 7 | Loula | Lyla | Hakeem |

Faith Life Winners: Evan Class 4

St John's Superstar: KS1 Harry KS 2 Hakeem

Attendance: Class 6

Phonics

Next week's phonics learning:

Class 1

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

Class 2

| Class 2 | |
|---------|------------|
| Sound | As in |
| al | balm |
| augh | caught |
| ss | expression |
| si | vision |
| ti | lotion |
| ci | delicious |



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

Children and Family Wellbeing Burnley
Presents



BURNLEY

IN BLOOM

WITH BONNETS AND BASKETS

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL | 10AM-2PM

PRIORITY
BOOKING FOR
CHILDREN
ELIGIBLE FOR
FREE SCHOOL
MEALS

ACTIVITIES FOR 0-11
YEARS

ARTS AND CRAFTS
FUN AND GAMES

DOWN TOWN
CHARTER WALK SHOPPING
CENTRE (ABOVE NEW LOOK),
BB11 1AE

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Burnley Presents

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Thursday 9th April
11am-3pm

Tay Street Family Hub

Activities for
0-11 years



**Tay Street
BB11 4BU**

Priority booking for children eligible
for free school meals

Children and Family Wellbeing
Service Burnley Presents

INFLATA FUN

Priority
booking
for
children
eligible
for free
school
meals



This is a joint
event with the
Targeted Youth
Support Team
with activities for
0-19yrs, up to
25yrs with SEND



ACTIVITIES

- Arts and Crafts
- Games and Fun
- Inflatables

Wednesday 1st April

12noon-4pm

**FAMILY
HUBS
NETWORK**
BURNLEY



Burnley Zone and Family
Hub
Whittam Street, BB11 1LW



Children and Family
Wellbeing Burnley Presents

Wild Things Workshop

Activities for 0-11yrs

Priority booking

for children

eligible for free

school meals

Arts and Crafts

Fun and Games

Tuesday 7th April

10am-2pm

Burnley Wood Family Hub, 33

Brunswick Street, BB11 3NY



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