



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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1st May 2026 Important Dates

4th May
Bank Holiday –
School closed

7th May
Voting day

11th May
Class 7 will be
completing their
SATs test this
week

Mental Health
Week

14th May
Ascension Day
Mass in school at
1.15pm

Joe Wicks online
work out for
Mental Health
Week

18th May
New reception
September 2026
parents'
information
sessions

Sunday's Gospel

"I came that they may have life and
have it abundantly."

John 10:10

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 – Clare and Class 7 – Haider
Our top performers this week are:

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

Burnley Family Hub

Home Start in East Lancashire are
running a support group for kinship
carers. Please see the attached poster
for details.

SEND

Lancashire SENDIAS' are running a free
course Making Sense of SEND Course
starts which starts on the 7th of May
at 6pm. Please see attached poster.

May Bank Holiday

Please be reminded that **the school is closed
on Monday 4th May** as it is the May Day
Bank Holiday.

Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Qaswa and Nainika in
Class 2 who have achieved their Bronze
Reading Challenge Award.

Arbor

As you are aware, we have changed our
school communications to Arbor from
Parentpay. Please can you ensure that you
have activated Arbor App and have set your
notifications to 'on' so that you receive all
communications from school. If you have
any issues, please contact the school office.

Uniform

As the weather improves, pupils will be
spending more time on the grass. Please can
you ensure your child's school jumper or
cardigan is labeled with their name and class
so lost items can be reunited with their
owners

WoW Walk to School

Today your child should bring home their
April badge. Remember to earn a badge you
just need to walk, wheel or park and stride
once a week during each month.

Class 7 SATS and Transition

Class 7 will be completing their SATs during the week commencing 11th May. Please see separate information leaflet and letter which has been sent on Arbor.

Burnley Family Hub are running a transition group at the Zone in Burnley Centre. Please see attached poster.

No Mow May

You may notice in the next few weeks some area of the school grounds will be left unmown. This is part of our commitment to Laudato Si. By leaving some parts uncut, we aim to encourage bees, butterflies and other insects. Please see the attached poster.

Please follow the link to the No Mow May website for more information:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

Rosary Club

May is the month dedicated to Mary, the mother of God. As part of our devotions to Our Lady, we will be saying a decade of the Rosary each Friday morning in May at 8:35am at Sacred Space. Parents and carers are most welcome to join us starting from Friday 8th May.

This week's winners

	Class Winners	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week
Class 1	Nishtha	Ellen	Elizabeth
Class 2	Dominic	Aisha	Lucas
Class 3	Logan	Aliyah	Mason W
Class 4	Ellis	Jiyaan	Akshita
Class 5	Hubert	Chloe	Minal
Class 6	Freddie	Monami	Olivia
Class 7	Samanta	Jenson	George

Faith Life Winners: Abeer Class 1

St John's Superstar: **KS1** Lucas Class 2 **KS 2** Felix Class 4

Attendance: Class 4

Phonics

Next week's phonics learning:

Class 1

Sound	As in
wh	<i>when, wheel, whisk wheat</i>
ph	<i>dolphin, elephant, graph, alphabet</i>
ew	<i>new, crew, flew, grew</i>
oe	<i>toe, goes, doe, tiptoe</i>



Class 2

During this term Class 2 will be preparing for their Phonics Screening Check by revisiting and revising all Phase 3, 4 and 5 sounds. Please see separate letter.

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

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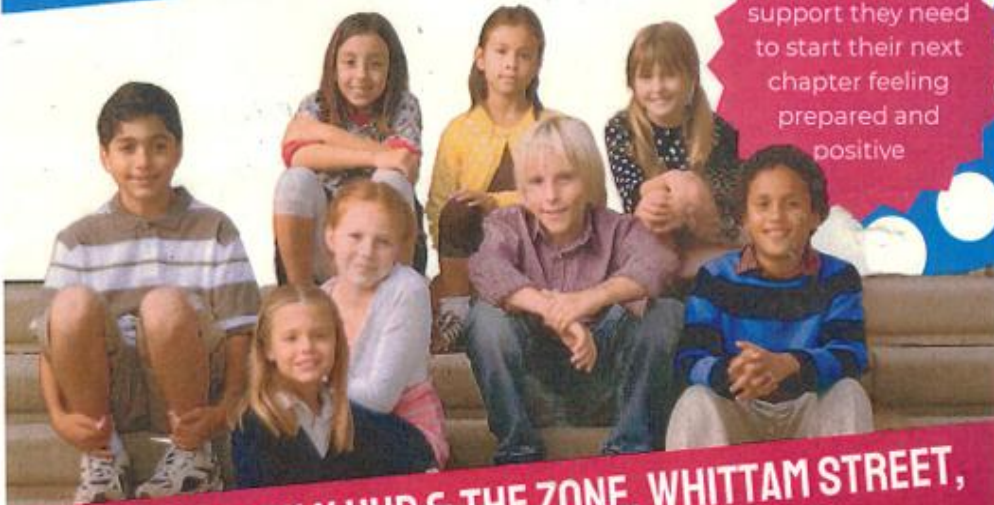
STEP UP TRANSITIONS GROUP

PRIMARY SCHOOL
YEAR 5 & 6

TUESDAY'S
3:30PM TILL 5:30PM

- BUILD CONFIDENCE
- EXPLORE PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION
- GET READY FOR THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF HIGH SCHOOL

Give your child the support they need to start their next chapter feeling prepared and positive



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Kinship Carers Group



Are you looking after children from your extended family or a close friend? Do you have a Special Guardianship or Kinship order?
Would you like to meet others in a similar situation and support one another?
Why not join us for a once a month catch up, your children can play with others whilst you enjoy a brew and a chat.

**HOME
START**
in East
Lancashire

1st Friday of every Month

1.30pm—3pm

Asda Community Room

Cooperation Street

Colne

BB8 8LU

Contact

Rachael on 07702555078

Or

Joanne on 07715635749



Does your child struggle in school?

Do you know what help is available for them?

Are you confused by the words and abbreviations that are used in meetings?

Do you know how to find information, advice and support for yourself?

Do you want to know more?

Making Sense of

SEND

You are invited to attend this
FREE six-week online course.
Thursday evenings 6pm -8pm

7th May

14th May

21st May

4th June

11th June

18th June

To register complete the registration form:

[Making Sense of SEND Information and Awareness Course - Fill in form](#)



There are limited places, we will confirm your place via email.