



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!
It has been great to welcome everyone back to school this week. We hope that all children have enjoyed their first few days back at school and are beginning to settle into their new classes and new routines.

Important Dates

8th September

Class 7 at BTRCC

10th September BTRCC

Year 6 parents' meeting

10th September Mass in School

14th September

Reception and Year 1
Parents Phonics session

14th – 20th September

Coding Week

16th September Fitness Day

22nd September Parents Drop in

Sunday's Gospel

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20

Mass

We will be celebrating Mass on Thursday 10th September to mark the beginning of the school year.

Please join us at 915am in the school hall.



Mission and Values

This term we will be completing work on the Dignity of the Human Person as part of our work on Catholic Social Teaching. We will be focusing on the British Value of Democracy. We will be revisiting our school expectations:

Faith News

Please follow the attached link for this month's newsletter from Ten Ten:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Reading Challenge

Our School Reading Challenge continues this year; everyone is invited to read and review as many books as they can whilst they are at St John's. Anyone who reads and reviews 15 books will achieve a Bronze Award (badge and certificate); Silver Award – 50 books; Gold Award – 100 books; Platinum Award 200 books. We were delighted by how many pupils achieved awards last year and are looking forward to even more successes this year.

Our School Expectations



1. Be gentle.
2. Be kind and helpful.
3. Be honest.
4. Work hard.
5. Listen to people.
6. Look after property.

Primary School Places September 2027

If your child is in their last year of pre-school or nursery you can now apply for their primary school place. It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/>

The closing date for applications to primary schools is

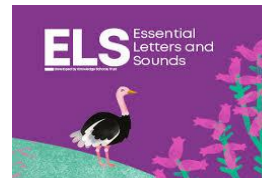
15th January 2027.

Please see attached poster

Parents Phonics Information Session

In school we use ELS phonics scheme. There is a parents' information session on Monday **14th September at 3pm in Class 2** for the parents of children in Class 1 and Class 2.

Please see separate letter.



Blessed Trinity RC College Parents' Information Evening

There is an information evening about Blessed Trinity on Thursday 10th September here at **St John's** for the parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 (Class 7).

Staff from Blessed Trinity will be there to speak about their school and explain how to apply for a place in secondary school. The meeting is in our school hall at **6pm**.



Class 7 will be spending the morning at Blessed Trinity RC College on Tuesday 8th September experiencing what life is like at secondary school. Please see separate letter.

Secondary School Applications September 2027

Applications for secondary school places in Lancashire are now open. Please follow the link below:

[Starting secondary school - Lancashire County Council](#)

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2026.

Please contact Mrs Thompson via the school office, if you require any help with applications. Please see attached poster

School Cycled

We are continuing to collect plastic bottle tops in school as part of the School Cycled scheme. Thanks to everyone who has already contributed, please keep collecting. Please see attached poster.

Online safety

With this newsletter you should receive our latest parental online safety newsletter. It contains practical advice about keeping your child safe online.

New Automatic Gates

Our new gates are now up and working. They will still be open at the usual times, before and after school. After 9:00am you need to use the intercom to gain access to the school office. To exit you press the large red button. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

BOTTLE CAP RECYCLING

Why have we introduced the bottle top scheme?

This scheme was introduced to our school to teach you about the importance and fun of helping to save the planet by recycling!



When plastics end up in our ocean or landfills, they damage the planet and hurt the animals. This is why it is good to litter pick and stop using plastics that can't be recycled.



**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

lancashire.gov.uk



School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



Lancashire
County
Council



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School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

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