



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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Friday 11th September 2026

Important Dates

21st September

PTFA meeting 2:30pm in school

22nd September Parents Drop in

25th September
National Teaching Assistants Day

Class 4 Assembly

30th September
Class 1 and Class 7 Buddies Prayer Service

October 1st
Reception Parents Maths Workshop
See separate information

National Poetry Day

October 2nd
Class 2 Assembly 9:00am

Sunday's Gospel

"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last."

Matthew 20:15-16

PTFA

We welcome new members to our PTFA. Our first meeting will be on 21st September at 2:30pm to plan the Halloween Disco. All welcome.

Attendance expectations

You should receive a letter with this newsletter detailing our school's attendance expectations.

Parents Drop in

Our first parents' Drop In session is on Tuesday 22nd September from 3-3:30pm. See separate letter.

Coding Week

This year's theme is AI. Mr Birtwistle will deliver a special assembly on Coding Week on Tuesday. There is also a themed lunch that day. See attached poster.

Secondary School Applications September 2027

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

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/?page=2>

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2026.

If your child wants a place at **Blessed Trinity RC High School**, you must fill in the Supplementary Admissions Form. This form must be bought back to St John's or taken into Blessed Trinity. If you require any help with the application process, please contact Mrs Thompson via the school office.

Arbor

Please can you make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app and checked that all contact details are up to date.

Neu Way Support

Neu Way offer support to parents, carers and families of children with neurodevelopmental needs. Please see attached poster for details.

EYFS Outdoor Area

Work starts next week on improvements to our EYFS outdoor area. We are aiming to keep disruption to a minimum but will keep you informed as the work progresses.

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.



Times Table Rockstars

Class 3 has the best participation this week.

Most played this week: Class 3 – Ethan, Class 4 – Logan, Class 5 - Joseph, Class 6 – Elijah and Class 7 – Jaden K.

Our top performers this week are:

1. Joseph
2. Jiyaan
3. Dev

This week's winners

	Class Winners	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week
Class 1	Manna	Tonia	Navyata
Class 2	Olaf	Nishta	Dua
Class 3	Adam	Siyana	Leonard
Class 4	Mason W	Hanna	Isabella
Class 5	Ciara	Daniel	Ruqayayah
Class 6	Ralph	Ruby	Haleema
Class 7	Alice	Anthony	Caolan

Faith Life Winners: Daniel Class 5

St John's Superstar: KS1 Albie

KS2 Cruz

Attendance: Class 4

SEND Roadshow

Lancashire County Council are launching a new series of SEND Roadshows across Lancashire during 2026 and 2027. If you're a parent, carer, young person or someone who works with children and families you are invited to attend. These events are a chance to:

- Meet local services and organisations
- Find out what help and support is available
- Ask questions and get advice
- Meet other people from your area

Burnley's roadshow will be held on **Wednesday 23rd September from 9:30am -1pm** at Burnley Family Hub and the Zone

Phonics

This week's phonics learning:

Class 1

Pupils will be practicing these sounds: *i, n, m and d.*

Class 2

Class 2 will be revising all the sounds pupils were taught in Class 1.

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



Introducing Neu Way Support

Support for families of children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs

From 6 July, families across Lancashire and South Cumbria will be able to access Neu Way Support, a new service for families of children and young people aged 0–25 who may have autism, ADHD or other neurodevelopmental differences. The service is available based on need, which means you do not need a diagnosis to get support.

How can Neu Way Support help?

Neu Way Support can provide:

- Advice and guidance
- Information about local services and support
- Help to understand what support may be available for your child or young person
- Practical resources and tools
- Support to identify next steps and develop a personalised plan
- Signposting to community, education, health and voluntary sector services

Every family is different, so support will be tailored to your individual needs.

Who is the service for?

Neu Way Support is available for families of children and young people aged 0–25 who:

- Have concerns about autism, ADHD or other neurodevelopmental differences
- Are waiting for an assessment
- Have recently received a diagnosis
- Would benefit from information, advice or support to help navigate services

You do not need a diagnosis or to be on a waiting list to access support

How do I access the service?

Families can refer themselves directly or ask a professional to help them access support.

www.springnorth.org.uk/projects/neu-way-support
0300 365 5030

Building support for the future

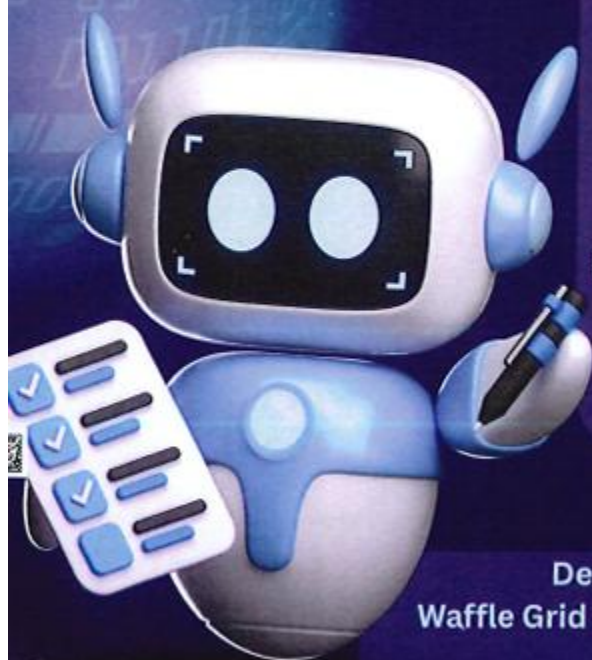
Neu Way Support is part of a wider programme to improve support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs across Lancashire and South Cumbria. The service is being introduced in phases, with plans to continue developing and strengthening support for families over time.





CODING DAY

TUES
22ND SEPT



Mainframe Meals
Glitching Chicken Goujons

with

Data Stream Dips

or

Pizza Pocket Programmes

(Cheese & Tomato)

served with

Micro-Chip Fries

Server Sweetcorn

&

Processor Peas

or

Binary Baked Jacket Potato

with

Choice of Fillings

&

Salad Selection

Dessert Downloads

Waffle Grid & Cache Chocolate Sauce

or

Java Jelly Pots

served with

Ctrl+Alt+Del-icious Fruit Wedges

