



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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Friday 16th October 2026

Important Dates

19th October

Burnley Together toy collection bin arrives in school

19th – 23rd October

Black History week

21st October

Class 6 Stay and Pray
2.15pm
Parents Halloween Craft

22nd October

Class 5 at Celebration of the Year of Reading at BTRCC

PTFA Halloween Disco

School closes for half term at **3:00pm**

2nd November

School reopens after half term

3rd November

Common Ailments session for parents

9th November

Nasal flu Immunisation
See separate information

Sunday's Gospel

"Then He said to them,
"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.""

Matthew 22:21

PTFA Halloween Disco

The PTFA will be hosting their traditional fancy-dress Halloween Disco on Thursday 22nd October. Classes 1, 2 & 3 4.45-5.45pm and classes 4, 5, 6 & 7 6pm-7pm.

Tickets are on sale now at the school office.



Burnley Together Toy Collection

We will be collecting toys and gifts for Burnley Together Christmas appeal from Monday 19th October.

Poppy Appeal 2026

Members of our school chaplaincy team will be selling poppies and poppy related merchandise in school from Monday 19th October. A minimum donation of 50p per poppy is requested.

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 the 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.

Half term

We break up for half term after school on **Thursday 22nd October** and school reopens on **Monday 2nd November**.



World Anatomy Day

On Saturday 17th October, the University of Lancaster is running a free celebration day for families on World Anatomy Day at Victoria Mill on Burnley Campus. There will be virtual dissections and other fun activities. Please follow the link below for more information:
<https://www.lancashire.ac.uk/news/world-anatomy-day-26>



Times Table Rockstars

Class 3 has the best participation this week. Most played this week: Class 3 – Leonard Class 4 – Tilly, Class 5 – Joseph, Class 6 – Yusuf and Class 7 – Evania.

Our top performers this week are:

1. Joseph Cl 5
2. Dev Cl 5
3. Yusuf Cl 6

This week's winners

	Class Winners	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week
Class 1	Rebecca	Ashvin	Hamza
Class 2	Denguel	Noah	Miguel
Class 3	Aisha	Ali	Denni
Class 4	Caelis	Jacob	Logan
Class 5	Denzel	Xander	Giovanna
Class 6	Eadie	Lacie-Mae	David
Class 7	Kelly	Kobe	Yoana

Faith Life Winners: Ivy Class 1

St John's Superstar: KS1 Kellisia Class 2 **KS 2** Kelly Class 7

Attendance: Class 5

Phonics

This week's phonics learning:

Class 1

This week's sounds: j, v, w and x

Class 2

Revisiting and reviewing content from this half term.

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



SEND support

Basically Cheer have a variety of support available for children with SEND. Please see the posters below or visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1048843089952526>



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Lancashire
Adult Learning

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

St John the Baptist RC Primary

Wednesday 21st October

09:15-11:15

Please use the QR code to
register your attendance



Connect - Thrive - Support Project

NEW!

SEN SESSIONS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LANCASHIRE FASD



A FREE monthly play and support session for families with children aged 0-5 years



**Meet and
connect with
other families**



**Access
information,
advice & guidance**



**Access Support
around SEN & FASD
(Fetal Alcohol
Spectrum Disorder)**



**Children can play in
our playroom while
parents can chat
and get support**



Monthly Sessions | 9.15am - 11am

16th November
14th December
18th January
22nd February
22nd March



FREE refreshments
tea, coffee, biscuits



Basically Bamnbins
Playroom First Floor
(please be aware this is
upstairs)

scan the QR code to
book your child's
place

If you would like further information about our sessions or services please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Rach - SEN Support - send.basicallycheercic@gmail.com



**Scan the QR code below to
join the SEN support group**



**Scan the QR code below to follow
the Lancashire FASD page**

Our warm & welcoming sessions are open to everyone including parents, carers & families seeking advice, guidance and support in a non-judgemental environment. We pride ourselves on being a parent-led community where your voice matters.



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SEN & FASD SUPPORT NETWORK

Join us Wednesdays 9:15-11am

Because your voice matters!

MONTHLY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Dates for your diary:

- 15th Apr - Children & Family Wellbeing
- 13th May - National Deaf Children Society
- 10th Jun - PATH Peer Support
- 15th Jul - Barnardos
- 9th Sep - ADHD Northwest
- 7th Oct - ADYS Specislist Ltd
- 4th Nov - New Era
- 9th Dec - Parent Led

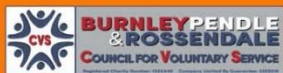
What's included:

- ✓ 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



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