



St John the Baptist RC Primary

Preparing the Way

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Thursday 22nd October 2026

Important Dates

2nd November

School reopens after half term

3rd November

Common Ailments session for parents see poster

9th November

Nasal flu Immunisation
See separate information

10th November

Parents Evening

11th November

Y5 Maths Challenge

13th November

Y2 Childsafe
Y6 Road sense

16-20th November

Anti Bullying Week

17th November

Family and Individual photos
Open afternoon in school 1:15pm -2:30pm

Sunday's Gospel

"He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment."

Matthew 20v37-38

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling poppies and poppy related merchandise in school. Members of our school chaplaincy team will be selling them in the build up to Remembrance Day on 11th November. A minimum donation of 50p per poppy is requested.



Half term

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

Reading challenge

Congratulations to Maya, Maryam, Olaf and Ellie who have achieved their Bronze Reading Challenge Award this week.



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.Eshaan
- 2.Dev
- 3.Jiyaan

Burnley Together Toy Collection

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

Half-term Activities

Dance and Music Festival

Basically Cheer are running a Dance and Music festival on Monday 26th October with a variety of free classes and activities – see poster

Queen Street Mill

There are number of free half term activities on at Queen Street Mill. Please follow the link below for details:

<https://www6.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/all-events?service=ALL&venues=Queen+Street+Mill+Textile+Museum>

Burnley Library

Burnley Library has free Storytelling and Spooky fun sessions on Friday 30th October. See link below

<https://www6.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/event-details?eventid=4460167>

Save the Date

Please note the date of our school Christmas events:

Class 1 Nativity 1st December at 10 am and 2pm.

Classes 2 and 3 Nativity 9th December at 10am and 130pm

KS2 Christmas Concert 16th December two performances in the morning.

Tickets will be on sale shortly after half term.

Pupils from Classes 4 and 5 will be involved in the Salford Schools Singing Program Christmas Concert at 5pm on 9th December. Details to follow.

Pupils from Class 6 are invited to be part of the Romero Catholic Academy Trust Christmas Carol Concert on 9th December at 6pm. Details to follow.

This week's winners

	Class Winners	Reader of the Week	Writer of the Week
Class 1	Amirah	Mahreen	Theresa
Class 2	Dua	Kellisia	Maya
Class 3	Vasil	Patryk	Francesca
Class 4	Gracie	Mercy	Amelia
Class 5	Ava	Aru	Harper
Class 6	Liam	Heidi	Archie
Class 7	Yoana	Olivia	Lucy

Faith Life Winners: Noah Class 7

St John's Superstar: KS1 Ava Cl2 KS 2 Monami Class 7

Attendance: Class 3

Phonics

This week's phonics learning:

Class 1

This week's sounds: j, h,w and x.

Hard to read and spell words he, she and buses.

Class 2

sound	as in
au	launch, autumn, author
ey	money, key, honey
a-e	cake, lake, make
e-e	athlete, evening, concrete



Parents' Session

Lancashire Adult learning are running a session for parents only on Tuesday 3rd November. The session will cover recognizing and managing common ailments and encouraging childhood health. See attached poster or drop in to the school office to book a slot.



DIVERSITY



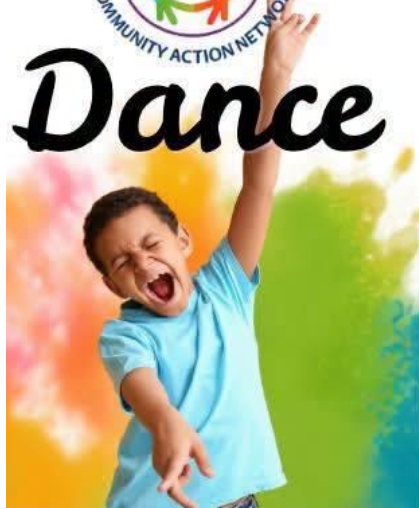
Dance & Music Festival

Monday 26th October

10am-3pm

Basically Cheer CIC
Cog Lane, Burnley

2026



FREE ACTIVITIES - EVERYONE WELCOME

10-10:30am Cheerleading Taster

10:30-11am Street Dance Taster

11am-12pm Music, DJ & Rap Session / Musical Theatre Workshop

12-1pm Lunch Provided

1-1:30pm Acro Taster / Musical Theatre Workshop

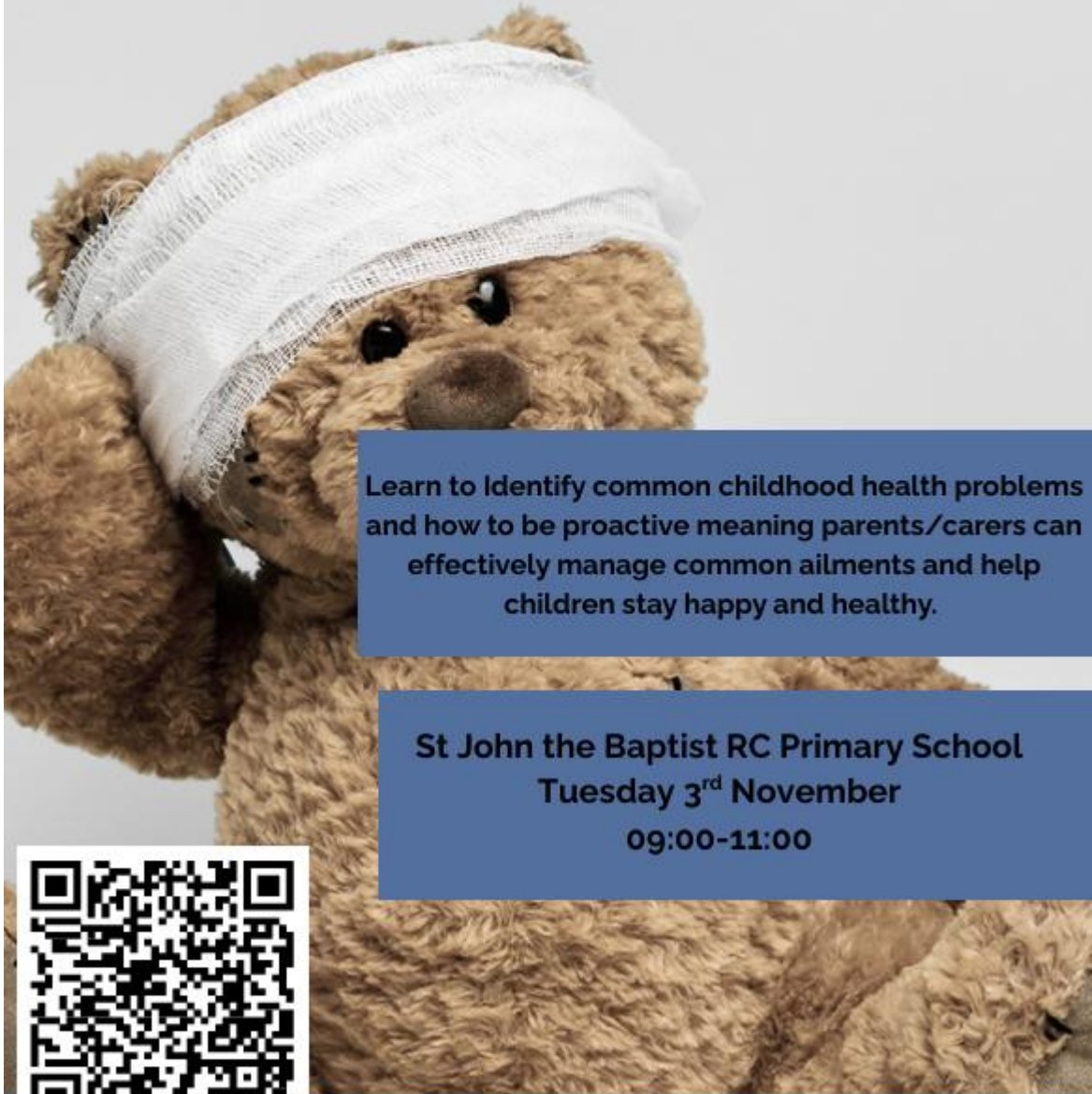
1:30-2pm Dance Taster

2-2:30pm Family Glow Fitness

Arts & Crafts throughout the day



Common Childhood ailments and illnesses



Learn to identify common childhood health problems and how to be proactive meaning parents/carers can effectively manage common ailments and help children stay happy and healthy.

St John the Baptist RC Primary School
Tuesday 3rd November
09:00-11:00



Please scan the QR code to register your attendance