



St Mary's News





Nativity

Tickets will now be available to purchase from the school office for our KS1 Nativity.

Tickets will be £3 a ticket and will include a drink and mince pie, they will also be limited to two tickets per child initially to ensure all children can have family/friends attend.

They may be additional tickets available closer to the event and we will notify parents via SchoolPing if this happens.

BURNLEY
FC IN THE COMMUNITY

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at the TURF
MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER

JOIN US FOR...
STADIUM TOUR, FUN & GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS,
A VISIT TO SANTA'S GROTTO WITH A CHRISTMAS

CHOOSE TO BOOK...
SESSION 1 9AM - 12PM
SESSION 2 1PM - 4PM

£25
AGES 5 - 12




SCAN TO BOOK OR EMAIL US AT COMMUNITY@BURNLEYFC.COM

NEW YEAR ★ ★

CAMPS

★ **FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY**

AT THE LEISURE BOX, BB9 5NH

STANDARD DAY
9:00AM - 3:30PM
EXTENDED DAY
8:00AM - 5:00PM

THE LEISURE BOX
DUDE PERFECT

BOOK NOW










Information for Parents

Parents,

If there are any changes in terms of allergies, medication, contact numbers, photo consent or anything we need to know about please ensure that you are keeping us regularly up to date. If you also would like to come in and check with us that what we have on our system is correct please call into the office, it is so important that we have all the correct and relevant information to keep your children safe.

Kind Regards

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Dear Parents/Carers

Due to a child in our school with a severe nut allergy we are now a nut free school.

Please ensure that any snack or packed lunch your child brings to school does not contain any nuts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

School Office

Dear Parents and carers,

As we journey through Advent, we are reminded of the importance of hope, generosity, and community. To help share that spirit, we're inviting everyone to **wear purple on Fridays during Advent** and bring along a **donation for our local food banks**. Purple is the traditional colour of Advent, symbolizing hope and preparation. By wearing it together, we'll show unity while helping those in need in our community.

Our **Wear Purple Fridays** will take place on:

Friday, 5th December

Friday, 12th December

Friday, 19th December

Please bring any non-perishable food items, toiletries, or other essentials on these days. All donations will go directly to our local food bank to support families this Christmas season.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity as we come together to make a difference.

Warm regards

Mrs L Bushell

Help Needed – Let’s Grow Our School Library!

We’re working on developing and improving our **school library**, and we’d love your help! Whether you can **help organise our books, volunteer your time**, or have ideas and resources to share, your support can make a big difference in creating a vibrant, welcoming space that inspires a love of reading in all our children.

If you’re interested in getting involved, please speak to a member of staff or contact the school office as we would like to get this up and running next half term !Let’s build something great—together!

Mrs L. Bushell

We also need your help with donations for our Mud Kitchen and forest school!

Donations of pots, pans and utensils for our mud kitchen would be very much appreciated, along with any old wellies and waterproofs that you no longer have a use for that our children can wear whilst joining in with our new forest school.

Many thanks

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators
GUIDING YOUNG VOICES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Building impacts the lives of many young people. In the UK, one in five pupils aged 10 to 18 report being bullied. The effects can be long-lasting, affecting mental health, school attendance and self-esteem, and can impact long-term development into adult life. Adults play a key role in building young people's confidence to speak out, support one another, and stand up to unkind behaviour. This guide offers ways to help youngsters make a positive difference.

1 CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES
Help young people value diversity by learning that differences or differences in views are not bad things. Encourage them to be brave through books, films, and other media. By supporting individuals to be themselves and share their views, you are helping them to become confident individuals who feel the back of their own necks.

2 MODEL RESPECT
Children watch and learn from how adults behave. Use respectful language, show respect in everyday life, and model what you expect. Be respectful in front of children. By modelling what you expect, you are helping them to become confident individuals who feel the back of their own necks.

3 SPOT THE SIGNS
Adults and young people should learn how to recognise signs of someone who is experiencing bullying. This might include someone who is withdrawn, someone who is being teased, someone who is being excluded, or someone who is being teased or excluded. These signs can be noticed and addressed before they become a problem.

4 VALIDATE FEELINGS
When a child shares something that worries them, it's important to listen, validate their feelings, and offer support. This might include listening to their story, validating their feelings, and offering support. This might include listening to their story, validating their feelings, and offering support.

5 TEACH ALLYSHIP
Teach children how to stand up for others in safe, respectful ways. Allyship might look like offering support, or speaking up when they see someone being teased or excluded. This might include listening to their story, validating their feelings, and offering support.

6 PROMOTE REPORTING
Encourage young people to report bullying and unkind behaviour. They should know that reporting is not a bad thing. They should know that reporting is not a bad thing. They should know that reporting is not a bad thing.

7 ENCOURAGE KINDNESS
Encourage acts of kindness and respect in the classroom. Encourage kindness through role-play, stories, and other activities. Encourage kindness through role-play, stories, and other activities.

8 USE YOUR VOICE
Encourage young people to speak up for themselves and others. They should know that speaking up is not a bad thing. They should know that speaking up is not a bad thing. They should know that speaking up is not a bad thing.

9 BUILD COMMUNITY AND BELONGING
Children thrive when they feel supported. Help them build a sense of community and belonging. This might include listening to their story, validating their feelings, and offering support.

10 SUSTAIN THE CONVERSATION
Building resilience should not be limited to one event or day. Create regular opportunities to talk about bullying, respect, and inclusion. This might include listening to their story, validating their feelings, and offering support.

Meet Our Expert
Robert Atkey is an experienced pastoral and safeguarding practitioner, working in primary, secondary, and tertiary education. A recipient of the DfE Award for Anti-Bullying, he has helped many schools and organisations address bullying in a range of ways.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

East Lancashire Young People's Mental Health

**Concerned about your Mental Health?
Are you under 18 or concerned about
someone under 18?**

Advice sessions are available on-line via
'Attend Anywhere'
Delivered by CYPMH East
tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT



Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the
second name followed by your date of birth.
You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.

Wednesday 5 th November 25	1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 12 th November 25	3pm – 5pm
Wednesday 19 th November 25	5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 26 th November 25	1pm – 3pm

St Mary's R.C Primary School
Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 10th December 2025
3.30pm



Come and enjoy a festive
afternoon with treats, tombola's,
crafts and raffle prizes!

Online Safety

Please find below some information on how to help keep children safe on social media and some guidance on how to set parental restrictions on devices and accounts.

Social Media



Facebook (13+)

Included in Facebook's settings are the ability to set who can see your posts, who can contact you and the ability to review all posts before appearing on your timeline.

Unfriends: go to their profile, click on the three dots, click on Following and tap Unfollow.

Blocking: go to their profile, click on the three dots and select Block.

Facebook Privacy Check up: this tool helps you review your settings: <https://www.facebook.com/help/1297502253597210>

You can also set up Family Centre (supervision) on Messenger: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/help/messenger-app/182387384506653>



Instagram (13+)

When you set up your account, it is automatically set as public (except if you are under 18 and it is set to private as default, although you can change it to public).

Remove a follower: Go to their profile and tap 'Following' and select Unfollow.

Blocking/Reporting: To do this, tap their username, tap on the 3 dots in the top right and select Block or Report.

Turn off commenting on a post: Tap the 3 dots above your post and select Turn Off Commenting.

Find out more here: <https://help.instagram.com/196834873177301>

You can also set up Family Centre (supervision) to give you access to tools such as see who your child follows and screen time: <https://help.instagram.com/4548867563134597>
help.instagram.com/4548867563134597
[helpref:faq_content](https://help.instagram.com/4548867563134597)



WhatsApp (13+)

By default, WhatsApp sets your privacy settings to allow any WhatsApp user to see your read receipts, last seen, about and profile photo. To change any of these settings, go to Settings and then select Privacy.

Blocking/Reporting: You can block and report a user by clicking on their name and selecting Block or Report.

You can report any issues direct to WhatsApp within the app by going to Settings, Help, Help Center and Contact Us.

Find out more here: https://faq.whatsapp.com/1313491802751163?hlocale=en_US



TikTok (13+)

You can choose to have a public or private account. If you set your account to private, then only those you accept as friends can see your videos. To do this, go to your profile, tap the 3 line icon, tap Settings and Privacy, go to Privacy and turn on Private account (by default accounts for people under 16 are set to private).

Report inappropriate content: you can report an account, video, comment and message. Follow the instructions here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Family Pairing

You can use Family Pairing to link your own TikTok account to your child's account. This will give you access to additional controls such as:

- **Screen Time Management:** Control how long your child can spend on TikTok.
- **Direct Messages:** Limit who can send messages to them or turn off direct messaging completely. *Direct messaging is automatically disabled for registered accounts between the ages of 13 and 15.*
- **Restricted Mode:** Restrict the appearance of inappropriate content.
- **Search** - Option to disable.

Find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>



X (13+)

When you set up your X account, you can choose whether you would like to keep your tweets public or protected (private). To check, go to Settings and Privacy, select Privacy and Safety and then Audience and tagging and ensure Protect your posts is selected.

Unfollow somebody: Go to their profile, click on 'following' to then select 'unfollow'.

Blocking/Report: Go to their profile, click the three dots and select block or report.

Location: To keep your location private (so followers can't see the location you are tweeting from), under Settings and Privacy, select Privacy and Safety, select Location Information and ensure Precise location is disabled.

Find out more here: <https://help.x.com/en/safety-and-security/privacy-settings>



Snapchat (13+)

When you set up your account, it is automatically set so only friends you've added can contact you or view your story.

Unfriend: Go to the chat screen, tap and hold on a friend's name, tap 'Manage Friendship' and then tap 'Remove Friend'.

Block a friend: Go to the chat screen, tap and hold on a friend's name, tap 'Manage Friendship' and then tap 'Block'.

Location settings: This feature allows your friends to see where you are (including when you are at home) when you have the app open. **It is so important that you check your child's settings for this feature.** Your location won't be shared on the map until you open it for the first time, at which point you can choose (please note that snaps you submit to Snap Map can still show up on the Map, no matter what location setting you choose):

- **Ghost Mode (Only Me):** your location won't be visible to anyone else.
- **My Friends:** your location will be shared with all of your friends.
- **Select Friends, Except ...:** your location will be shared with your friends, except the friends on this list.
- **Only These Friends ...:** choose specific friends to share your location with.

Who Can Contact Me: in your privacy settings you can choose who can contact you directly with Snaps, Chats, calls, etc. Remember, if you're in a group, then anyone can communicate with you in that Group Chat regardless of your settings. Find out more here: <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580:How-do-i-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

Family Centre: this can be set up to provide parental control settings such as limit your child's ability to view certain content in the Stories and Spotlight tabs. Find out more here: <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7121384944788:What-is-Family-Centre>

Mobile devices

You can set up free parental controls and restrictions on most mobile devices, which can limit what your child can access.

iOS



Using Content & Privacy Restrictions in Screen Time, you can block or limit specific apps and features on your child's device. Find out more here: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121>.

Apple have also created this support page for families: <https://www.apple.com/uk/families/>

Android



When you turn on parental controls, you can restrict what content can be downloaded or purchased from Google Play based on maturity level.

Find out more here: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/10257387?hl=en-GB>

You can also set up Family Link, which lets you set digital ground rules as well as see where they are, receive notifications when they arrive or leave a certain location and set screen time limits. You will need to download Family Link onto your own device first and then link your child's account to it.

Find out more here: <https://families.google/familylink/>

Dates for your diary

Upcoming events:

December:

- Tuesday 9th December 9.30am and 2pm – KS2 Christmas carol concerts.
- Tuesday 9th December – Year 3 and 4 Salford diocese carol service.
- Wednesday 10th December 3.30pm – Christmas Fayre in the school dinner hall.
- Friday 12th December - Wear Purple Friday
- Tuesday 16th December 10 am and 2pm – KS1 nativity performances.
- Tuesday 16th December – Year 6 taking part in the Romero Christmas Community Concert, 6pm Life Church.
- Friday 19th December - Wear Purple Friday