



St John Boste
Catholic Primary School

NEWS AND UPDATES

19th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Spring is definitely in the air – the children have been able to get onto the field to play at break and lunchtime and I've been able to come up the gate at the start and end of the day without my big coat on!

It was lovely to catch up with so many of you during parents evenings this week, and now with the Easter holidays just around the corner (where has this half term gone?!). I wanted to share a few important updates including our celebrations and activities taking place during Holy Week.



Mr Morris



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EVENTS

The celebration of Easter is a central part of the Catholic faith, and as always we have a range of services and activities planned for children and families throughout Holy Week.

On Tuesday 31st March we will hold Stations of the Cross in the school hall, led by the children. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us at 2:30pm to share in this prayerful experience.

On Wednesday 1st April we have our annual Easter egg design competition – please note this year is slightly different as children will be designing and making their eggs at home and then bringing them into school on 1st April. We will hand out prizes at a special assembly that afternoon, and after that all of the children's designs will be on display in the hall for parents and carers to come in to see. And for the first time this year we have a parent and staff competition too!!

The same day, 1st April, will see the Friends of St John Boste PTA host a special Easter Egg trail in the school grounds.

Finally on Thursday 2nd April parents and carers are very welcome to join us in church for our annual Easter service at 2:00pm, where the children will share the story of Holy Week through readings, music and drama.



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Easter Egg Design Competition 2026

With egg-citing prizes to be won!

Wednesday 1st April 2026

Children should bring in their completed egg design on the morning of Wednesday 1st April 2026. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries from each year group, as well as the top three entries from parents and the top three entries from school staff!

Eggs can be either real hard boiled eggs or artificial eggs, for example foam or polystyrene. Entries can include the egg itself as well as any backgrounds or backdrops etc that add to the effect!

Parents and carers are very welcome to come into the school hall at 3:30pm to see all of our entries on display.



JOIN US FOR THE FRIENDS OF SJB - PTA

EASTER Trail

1ST OF APRIL 2026

£1 ENTRY PER CHILD PAYABLE VIA ARBOR

SAFC FOUNDATION OF LIGHT

SAFC Foundation of Light have been coming into school this half term to deliver disability awareness and sign language sessions to Years 1 and 3.

The children have really been enjoying the sessions so far - check out the photos on our Facebook page to see them in action!



FOUNDATION OF LIGHT

THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET



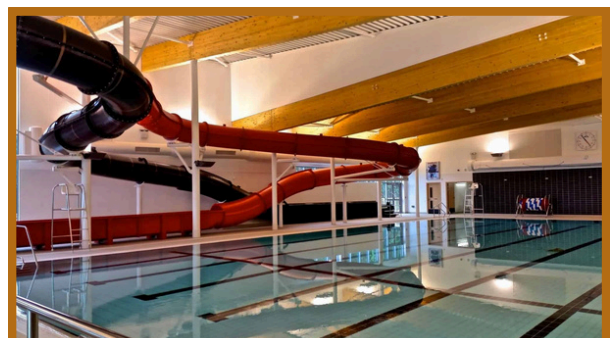
On Friday 27th March the whole school will be taking part in a sponsored Big Lent Walk around our local area to raise money for CAFOD.

We're so excited to be getting involved in the Big Lent Walk again. The money we raise will enable CAFOD to continue to fight global poverty and bring real life change to communities overseas.

Each child has now brought home with a sponsorship form. Please could this be returned by Thursday 2nd April we can ensure that all proceeds will be sent to CAFOD to support them in their vital work.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

It will be our Year 4 children's turn for swimming lessons after the Easter holidays. A letter will be coming out to Year 4 parents next week with more information about this. Year 5 lessons will continue until Thursday next week.



WALKING HOME FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Now that the evenings are getting lighter, our children from Years 5 and 6 who usually walk home from school can now start to do so after our after school clubs.

Please remember anybody who wishes for their Year 5 or 6 child to walk home unaccompanied must give their consent on Arbor and notify the school office.



BOARD GAMES

As we aim to improve the range of things our children have to play at break and lunchtime, we would gladly welcome any donations of board games you no longer play with.

If you have any board games or card games, in good condition with all of the pieces, that you would be willing to donate, please drop them off at the main school office and they will be very much appreciated!



ST JOHN BOSTE DIARY DATES

MARCH 2026

- Friday 20th March – Comic Relief 2026, non-uniform and crazy hair day, donations can be made on the 'school shop' section of Arbor
- Friday 20th March – Year 5 Class Mass, 10:00am, Church, all welcome
- Wednesday 25th March – Year 4 Handball trip
- Friday 27th March – Year 4 Class Mass, 10:00am, Church, all welcome
- Tuesday 31st March – Stations of the cross, 2:30pm, school hall, all welcome

APRIL 2026

- Wednesday 1st April – St John Boste Easter egg design competition 2026
- Wednesday 1st April – Friends of St John Boste PTA Easter trail
- Thursday 2nd April – Whole School Easter Service, 2:00pm, Church, all welcome
- Friday 3rd April – Good Friday, school closed
- Monday 6th to 2026 to Sunday 19th April – Easter Holidays
- School reopens Monday 20th April 2026

