



Newsletter

Spring Term 2025

Lent: Prayer, Reconciliation and Fundraising



Lent is always a major event in our calendar at Blessed Trinity and there has been a focus on reconciliation, prayers and fundraising - to help those less fortunate than ourselves - in the weeks leading up to Easter.

Pupils prepared for reconciliation in their RE lessons, focusing on the prodigal son and the four stages - sorrow, confession, penance and forgiveness.

Priests from across the Diocese helped us celebrate this sacrament.

Our Mission Leaders played a major role, from leading in assemblies, to giving out flyers about the Easter Service and also collecting donated items.

Our pupils took part in reconciliation in the chapel and Year 7 Jude said: "It felt good, it's

all part of people reflecting on times we have made bad choices and trying to be better."

There was also the spotlight on Catholic charity Caritas with pupils holding a number of fundraising events.

Year 8s Amarachi and Charles sold raffle tickets for the chance to win a Josh Cullen Burnley shirt.

Year 7 Edie and her form held a competition to guess the number of sweets in a jar while there was also a 'Name the Teddy' competition. Other pupils had a football card while a hamper, was on offer for guessing the rabbit's name correctly.

All money will be counted up at the end of this week and the final total revealed next term.



Talented musicians take to the stage



Parents and staff were treated to a variety of performances from our talented pupils at our Musical Recital Evening.

Pupils who are just starting out in Year 7 and those who are studying GCSE Music performed beautifully for the audience. Curriculum Leader of Performing Arts Mrs Pagliuca said: "Learning to play a musical instrument is such an amazing experience, an incredible skill and it's something we value highly at Blessed Trinity."



Awards galore for pupils



Every term we celebrate the success of our amazing pupils with our Blessed Trinity Achievement Awards.

We couldn't get everyone who has achieved awards and prizes on our photographs as there were so many but we want to say a huge congratulations to pupils who have won the Headteacher's Award, a 100% Attendance Award, a Sparx Award – whether it was in Maths, English or Science – Merit Awards and Subject Awards.

One Year 7 who received a Sparx Maths certificate said: "It's about independent learning and you get points when you reach a level. I enjoy it and it does help you in class."

Year 8 Baran reached Level 50 in Sparx Maths and also does Sparx Science, Sparx Reader and won an Amazon voucher in the draw for pupils with 100% attendance.

"Sparx has helped me with my subjects in school and it's also fun. I do it at home," she said.

Year 7 Azariah has 100,000 Sparx Reader points. She said: "That means I have read over 70 books. I enjoy reading at home. I have a reading age of over 16."



Olivia's Sheriff role



Year 10 pupil Olivia has been appointed to the prestigious post of High Sheriff of Lancashire's cadet.

It means she will assist the High Sheriff during their year in office.

Olivia said: "I want to go into the police and I have been a police cadet since last September. You had to email in about why you think you would be good for the High Sheriff Cadet role and I was selected as one of only two police cadets.

"I am really proud and it will be a big year. There are some ceremonial events coming up soon.

"This will be a big step for me to get into the police."

Dedicated Hollie-Mai's top prize



Year 11 Hollie-Mai was presented with the Headteacher's 'Above and Beyond' Award at our recent Awards Day.

Hollie has attended every single revision session in Year 11.

"I wanted to improve my grades," said Hollie-Mai.

"It's really helped me. In Year 10 in English I was predicted a Grade 3 and I got a 7 in my mock exam.

"In history, I was a Grade 1 and I got a 5 while in English Literature, I was predicted a Grade 2 in Year 10 and got a Grade 4 in my mock. I have been dedicated as I know how important it is."

Hollie-Mai will go onto Burnley College to maybe study Health and Social Care as she wants to be a nurse or work in mental health.

Ava aims for an England cap



Year 11 Ava will have trials in May to see if she can secure a place in the England Under 18 rugby team.

Ava says she has been playing rugby 'all my life.'

She said: "I started around 11 years ago and play for Burnley and North West Roses.

"I got selected for Lancashire Under 16 girls Player Development Group (PDG) last year and again this year and we train in Manchester once a week. "There are nine PDG's across England and our county coaches selected players to go for England trials.

"I have been selected, even though I am still quite young as it's Under 18s, and will go to Manchester Uni for England trials in May.

"I just love rugby - tackling and so on. I also love skiing and snowboarding."

Ava is already part of Burnley College's Elite Athlete Programme - she began it last year, a year early.

"It specialises in training so it's really good for me. It gives me a personal training programme.

"I want to go to Burnley College next year and study Geography, Environmental Science and Biology A-Levels. I want to do something in sport."



Three of our cheerleading team, 'The Trinity Tigers' have been fundraising for more cheerleading strips.

Year 8 Kate, Year 9 Imogen and Year 7 Millie have been holding bake sales so they can invest it in strips for the latest additions to 'The Trinity Tigers'.

Kate said: "We have raised around £150 and we need to raise around £300 so we are halfway there!

"There are 24 of us in 'The Trinity Tigers' and we want to make sure everyone has the same kit."

Junior's moving up in the darts world!



Year 11 Junior is revising as well as boosting his darts career! Junior has been playing darts for over three years and is part of Blackburn Youth Darts Academy. He admitted he was buzzing after attending a Junior Darts Foundation (JDC) event in Coventry at the end of March. "I came in the top 64 in the UK at Under 18 level which was a massive boost for me," said Junior. "The 'Luke Littler' effect is making darts popular and it is competitive. "At the last event I just missed out on ranking points so there is another Foundation Tour event in the next few weeks and I hope I can start collecting ranking points there. "I am in the top 64 so the next aim is to get into the top 32. "I practise two hours a day and am really hungry for it - but I do revise as well as I want to do well in my GCSEs. "The dream is a Tour Card but you have to get into the top four for that. I am a long way off that yet but anything can happen - you have got to dream!"



Enjoyment at engineering event!



A group of Year 10 budding engineers attended an 'Enjoyneering' event at Burnley College. They volunteered to go and then were selected to attend the one-day event. "It was good fun," said Finlay. "It was a good experience. There were other schools there and it was competitive. "We built a bridge, a catapult, the Simpson's House and a baloon-powered car so it was varied. Quite a few of us would like to go into engineering."

Pupils trained in vital first aid



Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils were taught how to save a life during their PSHE Day. As part of the recent enrichment days, pupils were taught basic first aid skills. Careers Leader Mrs Hart said: "Blessed Trinity recognises the importance of crucial life skills, providing pupils with the skills needed to respond should they find themselves in a medical emergency." Year 8 Kayden said: "It was useful, it's important to learn first aid."

Alfie's sleep out



Year 8 Alfie took part in a sleep out with the cadets. Alfie is part of the Sea Cadets at Rochdale and has been for more than three years. It was a sponsored sleep out to raise funds for homeless veterans.

Science Week 2025



British Science Week is co-ordinated by the British Science Association and is funded by UK Research & Innovation (UKRI).

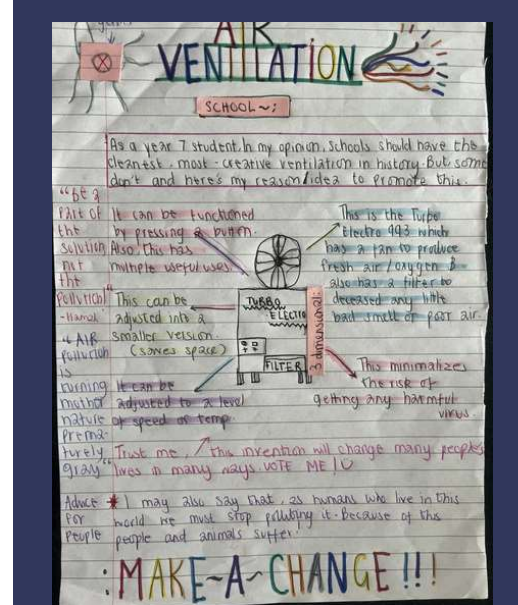
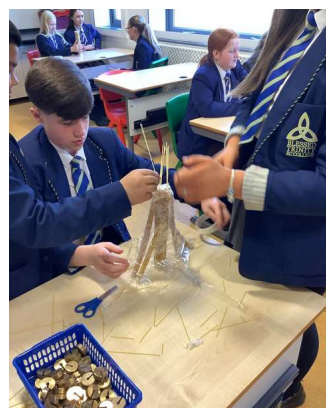
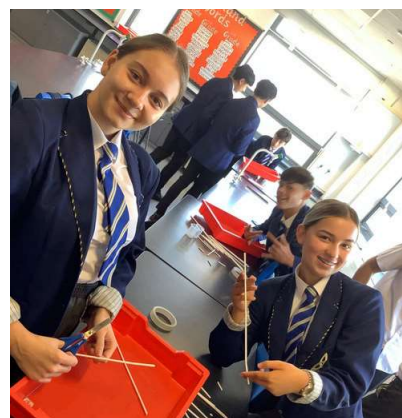
At BTRCC, we have joined in the national event to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm and celebrate science with all of our KS3 students.

Pupils in all KS3 classes throughout British Science Week have taken part in a wide variety of fun and engaging activities.

We challenged pupils in:

- Building spaghetti bridges
- Building and designing water rockets
- Designing a marble run
- Fire writing
- Measuring energy content in different foods
- Making a one-minute sand timer
- Making bouncing balls
- Making marbelised paper.

As you can see from the photos, everyone embraced it!



Pupils were given the opportunity to take part in the British Science Week national poster competition, linked to the exciting work of a team of researchers at University College London (UCL).

This was a fantastic opportunity to share ideas with top scientists. Pupils had to choose an indoor public space where they spend time, like a library or cinema, and come up with an idea or invention to change the air there, making it healthier to breathe. The winning posters will be judged by researchers at UCL on the following; creativity in approach, scientific content, research content, viability and presentation and effective communication. Hamza won our competition and will now go through to the national finals. Good luck!

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Here are some of our Science Week Award winners with their certificates. Well done to everyone!

Saturday Science Revision – what's it all about?

On Saturday mornings between 9 – 11am, Year 11 pupils have been invited to attend additional Science revision in school with Mrs. Hacking and Dr Tuohy. This year has seen record numbers of pupils arriving for two hours of GCSE revision preparation, to allow them to achieve the best possible GCSE grades in their summer exams.

These sessions are designed to help students excel in their upcoming exams. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity to boost knowledge, reinforce key concepts, and prepare with expert guidance.

Curriculum Leader of Science Mrs. Hacking said: “It is a pleasure to come to school on a Saturday and see so many eager and diligent pupils, determined to achieve the best possible grade they can in their upcoming GCSE examinations. “Dr Tuohy and I have been running these Saturday sessions for several years and we have been astounded in the number of pupils taking up the opportunity this year, it’s the best we have ever had.” The feedback from pupils has been incredibly positive.



Giulia said: “I feel like Saturday revision is extremely useful and helpful because you’re not under pressure about time. Those that have been attending are the students that are really taking the exams seriously, so there are no distractions. In my recent mocks I have improved from a Grade U to a Grade 5.”

Maisie said: “So far, I have been to every Saturday revision session and I’ve found it extremely helpful. The recap of content paired with the advice on exam technique has been a

great help and made me feel more confident to face my upcoming GCSE’s. The relaxed nature is great as I feel no pressure to stay, and it gives me an opportunity to learn with my friends.”

Jack said: “I have found the Saturday revision sessions useful, the teachers are helpful in ensuring we cover both Foundation and Higher. I go with my friends, but I get loads done in the two hours, more than what I thought I would. Although it's hard work, I know it will be worth it in the end.”

A timetable of revision is going out for Year 11 to attend over the Easter holidays



Pupils enjoy a feast of maths at Burnley College

A team from Blessed Trinity finished fourth in the annual ‘Maths Feast’ held at Burnley College.

The event is run in partnership with AMSP (Advanced Mathematics Support Programme) through Lancaster University.

Year 10 pupils Danni, Olivia, Beatris, Gabriel, Kimberley, Grace, Dawud and George were split into two groups and took part in the challenge which tests problem-solving and teamwork skills.

George said: “It is tough in a unique way. The questions make you think a different way but it is fun.”

There were 16 schools from across Lancashire – one of our teams placed 4th overall and also won the Relay Round!

Two teams are through to the Lancashire Cup finals



It's double final time at Blessed Trinity. Our boys are in the final of the Under 16 Lancashire Cup after a penalty shootout win over Lytham St Annes.

Jack T levelled the scores at 1-1 while Jack S fired home a penalty with the match ending 2-2. Jonah made three penalty saves in sudden death as we won 3-0 on penalties.

The final will be played at AFC Darwen on May 6th at 7.30pm.

The Year 8 girls overcame Ashton Community Science College in Preston 2-0 this week to reach their Lancashire Cup final. Their final is at AFC Darwen on May 20th.



Our Young Enterprise team are award winners! They won the Best Trade Stand award at the Trafford Centre recently.

This week, they attended the Lancashire, Cumbria and Merseyside Final and won two awards - Customer Service and Teamwork.

Careers Leader Mrs Hart said: "Over the past 12 months they have worked incredibly hard to set up and successfully run their own business, all of which they have done in their own time. They are a credit to themselves, their families and the school."

The Young Enterprise team's company is called 'Hooked on Endangerment' and they crochet animals who are threatened with extinction to raise awareness.



Grease is the word....

The cast have now been selected and rehearsals have started for our next big school production!

The show is on at Burnley Mechanics from July 9-11th.

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