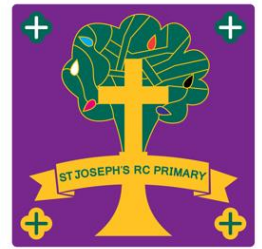


St Joseph's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

March 2025



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Phew! It has been another very busy term at St Joseph's!

Yet again we have packed a huge amount in during the last six weeks, on top of all our regular school activities. We started off with our Lego Creative Builders Day, where the children took part in some highly engaging hands-on workshops to explore their creative minds and build some amazing worlds. Lancashire Cricket Foundation have been visiting weekly to deliver cricket coaching to our Key Stage 2 pupils. World Book Day was once again a massive success and I'd like to thank parents and carers for their support with putting together costumes for this event. We have had British Science Week in school as well as a visit from Cafod, who explained to the children all the work the Catholic aid agency do. One of the highlights during March was our Boogie Bounce Day, when the whole school (including the teachers!) enjoyed an exercise session performed to choreographed dance-inspired routines. A massive thank you to everyone who has supported our coffee morning, where we raised £200 for St Joseph's Penny and The Big Lent Walk.

When we return after the holiday we will be entering assessment season, and I would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of your child being in school every day unless they are too ill. Please do try to book medical appointments outside of school time wherever possible. I cannot authorise holidays in term time unless there are truly exceptional circumstances.

My door is always open and if there is anything you wish to talk to me about, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Have a restful holiday and see you all when we return on Monday 14th April.

Mrs Scott, Headteacher



Ducklings Class at Animal Quackers



Our youngest children enjoyed a fantastic day at Animal Quackers this week. Setting off on foot from school, our intrepid explorers navigated their way across the public footpaths and arrived at the farm for a day of amazing animal encounters. We really are very lucky to have such a great farm right on a doorstep!



SPORTS



Congratulations to our latest groups of children who have represented St Joseph's at the recent Rossendale Schools Sports Partnership competitions at The Valley Leadership Academy:
Year 1 and 2 Panathlon
Year 3 and 4 Tri-Golf
You did us proud!



All children should have a book bag which they bring to school each day. These bags are designed to keep books and papers neatly. Lots of children are bringing rucksacks, which we do not have room for and some children do not have a bag at all.

These bags are available to purchase from Ann's in Bacup. Thank you for your support.



We would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to Miss Hodson, who is getting married over the school holiday. We hope she has the most wonderful day.

Miss Hodson will be returning as Mrs Birtwistle!

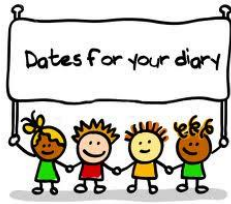
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We had so much fun celebrating World Book Day on 5th March. Thank you for all your support in sending your child in their costume – we hope they enjoyed it as much as we all did!



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| Fri 4 th Apr | School Closes 2.00pm |
| Mon 14 th Apr | Term Begins |
| Tues 15 th Apr | KS1 PTA Easter Eggstravaganza |
| Wed 16 th Apr | KS2 PTA Easter Eggstravaganza |
| Thur 17 th Apr | Easter Lunch |
| Fri 18 th Apr | Good Friday – School Closed |
| Mon 21 st Apr | Easter Monday – School Closed |
| Mon 28 th Apr | Islam Week |
| Mon 5 th May | Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Mon 12 th May | Year 6 SATs Week |
| Thur 22 nd May | LIFE Education in School |
| Fri 23 rd May | Feel Good Friday |
| Fri 23 rd May | School Closes 3.20pm |
| Mon 9 th June | Term Begins |
| Mon 16 th June | EYFS Sports Day 2.00pm |
| Wed 18 th June | Year 6 Residential |
| Thur 19 th June | Year 6 Residential |
| Fri 20 th June | Year 6 Residential |
| Mon 23 rd June | Judaism Week |
| Fri 27 th June | Sports Day and Summer Fair |
| Sun 29 th June | Bacup and Stacksteads Carnival |
| Tues 1 st July | Penguins & Robins Eureka! Trip |
| Fr 11 th July | Leavers' Mass St Peter's Church |
| Fri 18 th July | School Closes 2.00pm |

School Reopens Monday 14th April 2025

Happy Birthday to the children celebrating during March!

Braidy, Faye, Katy, Mia, Logan H, Myla, Wynter, Evelyn, Tallulah, Aimee, Caio, Oscar P, Ellsie, Elijah D, and Ahmed.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our FREE Breakfast Club, sponsored by Greggs, starts at 8.00am (last admission 8.30am). No need to book, just turn up!

STAR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Star Kids is available to book from 3.20–5.30pm every day



Prices

Half session - 3:20-4:15pm or 4.15-5.30pm* £4.50

Full session - 3:15-5:30* £7.00

*Late collection charges apply



Advance Notice School Dinner Price Increase

From September 2025 the price of a school dinner will increase to £2.70 per day (£13.50 per week)



Sacramental Programme Dates



Fri 27th June 3.40pm
Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist Practice at St Peter's Church

Sat 28th June 11.00am
First Communion at St Peter's Church

Sunday Mass – 13th April, 11th May
all at St Peter's Church



A reminder that payments for school dinners, After School Club, nursery fees, trips and events can be made by bank transfer:

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The cost of a school dinner is currently £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week).

If you have not paid in advance, payments MUST BE MADE on the day you receive a text reminder. Failure to pay will mean we cannot provide a school dinner or your child cannot attend After School Club. Thank you.

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