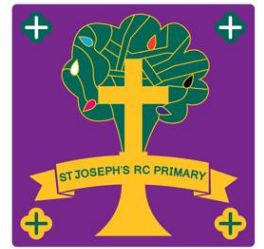


St Joseph's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

April 2026



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The Summer Term is well underway!

The weeks are flying by and we are already at the half way point for the first half of Summer Term.

It has been lovely being able to watch the children enjoying the warmer weather, both through outdoor learning and at playtimes. Please continue to ensure your child brings a suitable coat to school as we know how changeable the Rossendale weather can be! They may also need to apply sun cream before school and bring a sun hat or cap.

I'd like to thank parents and carers for their input during our recent Ofsted inspection. This is our first inspection under Ofsted's new grading system, and we will share the report with parents and carers once it has been published by Ofsted. Our children were impeccably behaved during the visit and the inspectors spoke very highly about them, which made us extremely proud.

We have a very busy term ahead of us, and I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance, particularly as the children have their assessments coming up very soon. Even one day missed from school can have a massive impact on your child's learning, and it remains important that they arrive at school in good time for the start of the school day, which is 8.50am. May I also remind you that I am not able to authorise holidays during term time - we have a two week half term holiday from 25th May to 5th June, which is an ideal time for holidays at this time of year.

Thank you for your continued support, and as ever if there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Scott, Headteacher



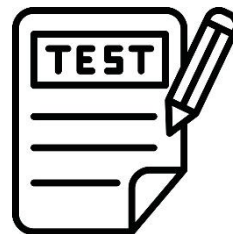
Reading Raffle

Don't forget that by reading regularly with your child at home, they have the chance to win some lovely books in our termly reading raffle!



Assessment Dates

Please make sure your child does not miss school on these important dates!



Year 6 SATs

11th to 14th May

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Week commencing 8th June

Year 1 Phonics Screening

11th to 12th June



SPORTS

Congratulations to the latest group of children who have represented St Joseph's at the recent Rossendale Schools Sports Partnership competitions.

As always, you did us proud!



Year 5&6 Table Tennis



Year 1&2 Cricket Festival

Celebration
Worship

Fridays at 9am in the school hall

A graphic with a purple and blue background. It features three black crosses of varying sizes on the left. On the right, there is a small square logo with a green cross and a yellow base.

EARTH DAY 2026

A graphic for Earth Day 2026. The text 'EARTH DAY 2026' is in large, green, block letters. To the right of the text is a stylized globe with green continents and a light blue background.

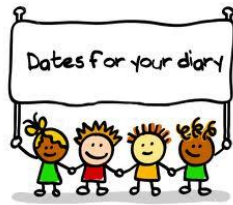
Sustainability Club led an assembly for Earth Day on 22nd April. They were joined by visitors from Rossendale Borough Council, who shared information about protecting the planet and being sustainable. Each class has signed a Sustainability Pledge and completed Earth Day activities.



A few weeks ago, some of our Sustainability Club also went on a visit Eco Town Environmental Education Centre in Leyland, where they learned all about recycling and what happens to our waste.



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Mon 4 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 11 th May	Year 6 SATs begin
Tues 19 th May	Robinwood Parents Meeting 3.30pm *please note change of date*
Fri 22 nd May	Feel Good Friday 2.30pm
Fri 22 nd May	School Closes 3.20pm
Mon 8 th June	School Reopens
Mon 8 th June	Reception Vision Screening
Mon 15 th June	Life Education Visits school
Tues 16 th June	Life Education Visits school
Wed 17 th June	Year 6 Residential
Thur 18 th June	Year 6 Residential
Fri 19 th June	Year 6 Residential
Fri 19 th June	Family Hub 9.20am
Sat 20 th June	Holy Communion St Peter's
Thur 25 th June	Sports Day
Fri 26 th June	Sports Day backup
Sun 28 th June	Bacup & Stacksteads Carnival
Mon 29 th June	Eagles Class Greek Workshop
Thur 2 nd July	Class Transition Day
Mon 6 th July	Penguins/Robins Iron Age Workshop
Fri 10 th July	PTA Summer Fair
Tues 14 th July	Year 6 Prom
Wed 15 th July	EYFS Graduation 2.00pm
Fri 17 th July	Leavers' Assembly 9.00am
Fri 17 th July	School Closes 2.00pm
Thur 3 rd Sept	School Opens
Fri 23 rd Oct	School Closes 3.20pm
Tues 3 rd Nov	School Reopens
Fri 18 th Dec	School Closes



East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Vision screening will be taking place for Reception children on:

Monday 8th June 2026

An opt-out consent form has been sent home with your child - if you did not receive one and wish to opt-out, please contact the school office.

Safe | Personal | Effective



Sacramental Programme Dates



Fri 19th June 3.40pm
Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist Practice
at St Peter's Church

Sat 20th June 11.00am
First Communion at St Peter's Church

Happy Birthday to the children who have celebrated during April!

Myla D, Octavia, Murphy, George A, Jaydee-Jo and James.



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 - 3:20-4:20pm or 4.20-5.30pm* £4.50
Full session - 3:20-5:30* £7.00
*Late collection charges apply

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Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing Health App

Parents/carers and young people in Lancashire can access trusted health and wellbeing advice through new digital tools. The Lancashire Child and Family Health app is available to download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. The app provides expert information on child development from before birth to age 19 (SEND 25), including breastfeeding, healthy eating, sleep, vaccinations and support for dads. The Young People tile is full of advice and support for 11-16 & 16-19 yrs relating to emotional health, exam stress, sleep, relationships and lots more. Download the app and search for Lancashire Child and Family OR scan the QR Code



A reminder of What We Do?

School Health Teams are responsible for delivering the Department of Health recommended Healthy Child Programme (HCP) to 5-19 years. This includes

- Promoting the health, wellbeing and protection of all children/young people of school age (up to 19yrs)
- Work with education colleagues and the wider multi-agency teams and help to improve public health outcomes for children/young people and families
- School Health Needs Assessments (SHNA's) in Reception, Yr6 & Yr9

We also offer support with

- Sleep
- Continence
- Changes to your body (puberty)
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Managing behaviour
- Hygiene
- Sexual Health and much, much more

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Confidentiality & Consent

While we offer confidentiality, the School Health Teams do work in partnership with other agencies, where information may need to be shared in the child/young person's best interest.

In Secondary schools, young people can access the School Nurse independently for advice and support without parental consent. However, we will always encourage young people to speak with their parent/carers.

The School Health Teams usually see young people at school or college but may occasionally see them in the home or other community settings.

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