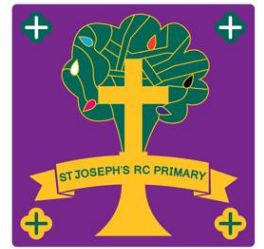


St Joseph's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

June 2026



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Phew!

Firstly I'd like to thank you all for your support and understanding as we navigated the unseasonably hot weather recently. It's certainly not the norm for Rossendale, but our children coped fantastically given the unusual circumstances, and we did what we could to keep everyone safe and well. Please do continue to keep a close eye on the weather forecast as we enter the last few weeks of term, and send your child to school suitably dressed. This means sun hats, sun cream and water bottles on hot days, but also a jumper and coat on cooler or wet days. Please also make sure your child is wearing full school uniform, unless it is a designated non-uniform day - trainers and crocs should not be worn unless asked to do so.

It's been super busy in school this term and we have a packed calendar right up until the last day on Friday 17th July. Please keep an eye on our texts and Facebook page so that you don't miss out. It was a pleasure to see so many families come to support our Sports Days recently. These really are special memories for your children.

Looking ahead to the new school year in September, we have begun to welcome new starters to our settling in and transition days and we are looking forward to growing our St Joseph's family. That said we are also sad to soon be saying goodbye to this year's leavers - our Leavers Assembly will be at 9am on Friday 17th July and is sure to be an emotional event for all of us.

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



Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to the children who took their First Holy Communion recently. It was a beautiful and blessed day at St Peter's Church and we were so proud to see you take this important step in your Faith.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.



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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 Cross Country



Key Stage 2 Footgolf

Sports Day Fun!



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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOD SUPPORT

LCC previously provided food vouchers during school holidays for children entitled to Free School Meals; however, this funding has now ended. To help families during this transition, Rossendale Borough Council is working with local community food organisations to offer one-off food support during the summer holidays for eligible children who receive Free School Meals. Eligible families can sign up to receive one food bag per child, per week, during the summer holidays following the link:

<https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/benefits-1/crisis-and-resilience-fund/4>

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BACUP & STACKSTEADS CARNIVAL

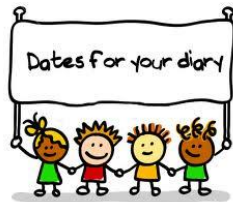
SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026

What a wonderful time we had at the Bacup & Stacksteads Carnival again this year! We love to take part in this important community event and are grateful for our families who were able to join us on the day and cheer us along the route!

If your child missed out this year, be sure to look out for details of next year's event, which will be on Sunday 27th June 2027.



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Thur 2 nd July	Class Transition Day
Fri 3 rd July	Non-uniform for Chocolate
Mon 6 th July	Penguins/Robins Iron Age Workshop
Wed 8 th July	KS2 RNLI Water Safety Visit
Thur 9 th July	Flamingoes Trip to Helmshore Mill
Fri 10 th July	Leavers' Mass at St Peter's Church
Fri 10 th July	PTA Summer Fair 2.00pm
Tues 14 th July	Year 6 Prom 6.00-8.00pm
Wed 15 th July	Robins Trip to Rochdale Putt & Play
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
Mon 12 th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 23 rd Oct	School Closes 3.20pm
Tues 3 rd Nov	School Reopens
Fri 18 th Dec	School Closes

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Tues 5 th Jan	School Reopens
Fri 12 th Feb	School Closes
Mon 22 nd Feb	School Reopens
Thurs 25 th Mar	School Closes
Mon 5 th April	School Reopens
Mon 3 rd May	School Closed – May Day
Fri 28 th May	School Closes
Mon 14 th June	School Reopens
Tues 20 th July	School Closes

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Year 5 Information

Before the summer holidays begin, we wanted to get in touch with you about next term's prospective secondary school application, and how important it is to consider home to transport prior to making your final decision. You must consider carefully how your child will get to and from your preferred secondary schools before submitting your application for a school place. Pupils will only be eligible for free travel if they have an entitlement under the County Council's [Home to School Transport Policy](#). It is important, when selecting your preferences for a school place, that you have read and understood the information available on the [website](#) regarding [school admissions](#) and [travel assistance](#).

It is essential to remember - for transport purposes - the 'nearest suitable school' is the nearest school to the family home – and - in some cases, the nearest school will be located within another local authority area. If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements. Assistance with home to school travel will not be needed for most children as they will attend their local school which will be within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent/carer as necessary. However, if transport costs are a concern to you, please contact your Area Education Office before submitting your application: (01254) 220747.

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us. The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

Happy Birthday to the children who celebrated during May & June!

Arvo, Ollie, Ronnie, Jotham, Olivia S, Harry, Olivia F, Bowie, Thierry, Stan-Lee, Theo, Thomas, Kyren, Neo, Tommy S, Daniel and Bonnie-Belle.



GREGGS

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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Free School Meals – Who is Entitled? Important Information for Families

Firstly, if your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action.

If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe your they may be eligible please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you **do not need to reapply**

Why it's important to apply

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.

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30th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will already know, Mrs Scott will very sadly be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. We will be extremely sorry to see Mrs Scott go, as she has been a valued member of the St Joseph's family for a very long time and had made an immense contribution to the lives of so many children who have come through our doors over the last 15 and a half years. I know we will all miss her terribly and I would like to place on record our thanks and very best wishes for the future.

I am pleased to let you know that from September we will welcome Mrs Cawtherley to the St Joseph's team as Acting Headteacher. Mrs Cawtherley will be joining us from St Veronica's Roman Catholic Primary School, where she has been Acting Headteacher over the last year, and she will be with us until we can appoint a permanent Headteacher. Mrs Cawtherley will be spending time in school over the next few weeks getting to know everyone and I know you will join me in welcoming her warmly to St Joseph's.

Thank you for your ongoing support – if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Williams
Chair of Governors



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