St Joseph's RC Primary School

NEWSLETTER October 2026

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Dear Families

What an amazing first half term we have had at St Joseph's!

It has been really lovely getting to know all the children and staff. Thank you to everyone who came to our recent Parents' Evening, it was a pleasure to meet many of you there. Parents' Evening is such an important part of the school year, and a real opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

This week it was wonderful to see our school hall full for our very first Family Thursday. We really value your attendance at these events, as well as our regular Friday Celebration Worship, and would encourage you to get involved if you can. From November onwards, we will be sending home a weekly newsletter which will have all of our upcoming events and important messages, as we don't want anyone to miss out.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Barry back from maternity leave after half term. I know she has missed all of our families and it was lovely that she was able to join us at Family Thursday. I would like to thank Mrs Barry for covering Miss Barry's position for the last nine months – Mrs Barry will continue to be available in the school office and will carry on with some of our pastoral support work. Please do contact the school if you need any support at any time.



Wishing you and your family a restful half term holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November for what is always an extremely busy but exciting half term in the lead up to Christmas.

Mrs Cawtherley, Acting Headteacher

Family Thursday









What a great time we had at Family Thursday this week – there were lots of lovely Autumn crafts to do together, and we were thrilled that Elliot and Nigel were able to join us from the Rossendale Family Hub. The Family Hub offers so many exciting events and avenues of support for local families, many of them from The Maden Centre in Bacup. Why not give them a follow on Facebook and keep in touch with what's going on.

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Congratulations to our children who have represented St Joseph's at the Rossendale Schools Sports Partnership inter-schools competition. As always, you did us proud!



Year 5&6 Football Festival



Our whole school trip to see Aladdin at the Blackburn Empire Theatre takes place on Thursday 10th December 2026. Letters have been sent home.

Payments are due through ParentPay by Friday 27th November please – if you need any help please contact the school office.

Please note we will return to school at around 4-4.15pm.

Attendance

Thank you to all our families who have helped us continue with a good start to the year in terms of attendance and punctuality. We have lots of children who are well on their way to earning a bronze 100% attendance star at Christmas!



We know that the winter months can be tricky with coughs and colds, but would remind you that most children can still attend school with minor illnesses. Don't forget that we can give Calpol at school - this can be arranged through the school office.

If your child is too ill to come to school, you must telephone the school office before 8.50am with the reason for their absence. The office can be very busy at this time so if nobody is able to answer the phone, please do leave a message as this will be picked up. Please do not report illnesses through text or email, as we do need to speak with you in order to authorise the absence.

Did you know throughout the school year:

If your child's attendance was	Your child would have lost	Your child would have missed
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons

Every Minute Matters

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Tues 3rd Nov	School Reopens
Fri 6th Nov	Stacksteads Remebrance Year 6
Tues 10th Nov	Individual School Photos
Mon 16th Nov	National Child Measurements
Fri 27th Nov	Lancashire Day
Thur 10th Dec	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Fri 18th Dec	School Closes

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





School Reopens Tuesday 3rd November

Happy Birthday to the children who are celebrating during October
Albert, Myla, Mariella, Daisy, Tommy-Leigh, Myah, and Jorgie



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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