St Joseph's RC Primary School

Stacksteads, Bacup

"God wants me to be the best me I can be"

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK COMMENCING 16th NOVEMBER 2026

Hello from Mrs Cawtherley

Dear families,
We have had another lovely week at St Joseph's, with lots to celebrate and look forward to! On Tuesday, all our children and staff observed a two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. It was a very special and reflective moment, and we were incredibly proud of the respect and thoughtfulness shown by all our pupils as we remembered those who have given their lives for our freedom. We were also delighted to see some of our children representing St Joseph's so brilliantly at the Bowling Festival – well done to everyone who took part! As we move further into November, excitement is beginning to build as we prepare for our Advent and Christmas activities. We have lots of lovely things planned to make this a magical and meaningful time for our school community, so please keep an eye out for more details coming soon! Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely week, everyone!

Mrs Cawtherley Acting Headteacher

Our faith this week

Sunday 15th November 2026 Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

This week, Jesus tells us a story about a man who gave three servants some money to look after while he was away. Two of the servants worked hard and made good use of what they had been given, but the third was frightened and buried his money in the ground. When the man returned, he was delighted with the two servants who had used their gifts wisely.
Jesus reminds us that God has given each of us special gifts and talents. We are all good at different things, whether that is helping others, being creative, showing kindness or learning something new. God wants us to be brave, believe in ourselves and use our talents to make the world a better place.

Our Challenge This Week

Let your talents shine! Think of one special gift God has given you. How can you use it to help someone else this week?

Our shining stars (for last week)

Class	Star of the Week	Other Awards	
Ducklings	Myla	Head Teacher Award	Evelyn
Flamingos	Ramona	Head Teacher Award	Ocean
Penguins	Ronnie S	Maths Award	Neo
Robins	Dakota	English Award	Dolly
Eagles	Melodie	Other Awards	Jenson -TTRockstar James, Oscar W, Daisy, Grace, Riley & Jason (Bowling)

Birthdays to Celebrate: Dolly & Myla H

Every day counts

Ducklings	Flamingos	Penguins	Robins	Eagles	Whole School
90.7%	95.8%	95%	96%	92%	93.9%

Our Week Ahead

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Let's look at our week

Day	Lunch Choices	Events this week
Monday 16th Nov	Hunter's Chicken Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Gospel Assembly Reception & Year 6 Measures (NHS)
Tuesday 17th Nov	Spaghetti Bolognese Salmon Fishcakes Jacket Potato	
Wednesday 18th Nov	Sausage Roast Dinner Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Rock Steady Sessions
Thursday 19th Nov	Chicken Curry Lancashire Butter Pie Jacket Potato	KS! Sports Event at TVLA Year 6 Boosters
Friday 20th Nov	Fish Fingers Pizza Sandwiches	Celebration Assembly Year 4 Swimming

News from our school family

St Peter's Sunday Mass @ 9am

St James the Less Masses – Saturday Vigil @ 6:30pm, Sunday Mass @ 11am

Dates to look forward to

Date and time	Event	What families need to know
3rd December 9am	Eagles Stay and Pray	Parents invited to join Eagles Class Collective Worship in the hall
8th December 9:30am & 2pm	Ducklings Nativity Performances	A ticketed event – more details to follow
10th December	Whole School Pantomime	Setting of at Lunch time returning at approx. 4:15pm
10th December 9am	Penguins Stay and Pray	Parents invited to join Penguins Class Collective Worship in the hall

Keeping in touch

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