# St Joseph's RC Primary School

Stacksteads, Bacup

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

# Weekly Newsletter

**WEEK COMMENCING 23rd NOVEMBER 2026**

## Hello from Mrs Cawtherley

What a busy and wonderful week we have had at St Joseph's! There has been lots of learning, laughter and happy moments throughout the school. A special well done to our KS1 children who represented St Joseph's so brilliantly at a sports festival this week – we are very proud of you! We have also been excited to welcome children to our brand-new school choir, led by Miss Barry and Miss Clawson. We can't wait to hear their lovely singing very soon!

As the weather is turning colder and wetter, please remember to send your children into school with a warm, waterproof coat each day, clearly labelled with their name. Don't forget non-uniform day on Friday – chocolate donations please.

Have a lovely week, everyone!

**Mrs Cawtherley Acting Headteacher**

## Our faith this week – Caring for each other

**Sunday 22nd Nov 2026 Gospel Matthew 25: 31-46**

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us that when we show kindness and love to others, we are also showing love to Him. He reminds us how important it is to help those who are hungry, lonely, poorly or in need. Jesus teaches us that even the smallest acts of kindness, such as sharing, including someone in a game or helping a friend, can make a big difference. He wants us to remember that everyone is special and deserves to be treated with love, care and respect.

### Our Challenge This Week

Be the hands and heart of Jesus! Each day, try to do one kind thing for someone else without being asked.

## Our shining stars (for last week)

| Class | Star of the Week | Other Awards | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ducklings | Colby | Head Teacher Award | Rowan |
| Flamingos | Kyro | Head Teacher Award | Albert |
| Penguins | Jenson | Maths Award | Jinny |
| Robins | Curtis | English Award | Murphy |
| Eagles | JJ | Other Awards Sports | Mariella, Evelyn, Talhia, Jinny, Tommy-Leigh, Oakley, Kobie, Layton |

**Birthdays to Celebrate: Myla H, Dotty**

## Every day counts

| Ducklings | Flamingos | Penguins | Robins | Eagles | Whole School |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 88.7% | 95.6% | 91.1% | 96% | 91% | 92.3% |

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## Let's look at our week

| Day | Lunch Choices | Events this week |
|---|---|---|
| **Monday 23rd Nov** | Veggie Panini<br>Tomato Pasta<br>Jacket Potato | **Breakfast Club**<br>**Gospel Assembly** |
| **Tuesday 24th Nov** | Chicken Fajita Wrap<br>Cheese Whirl<br>Jacket Potato | **Breakfast Club** |
| **Wednesday 25th Nov** | Roast Gammon Dinner<br>Tomato Pasta<br>Jacket Potato | **Breakfast Club**<br>**Rock Steady Session**<br>**Year 5&6 Athletics Comp (Invited children only)** |
| **Thursday 26th Nov** | Beef Burger<br>Veggie Curry<br>Jacket Potato | **Breakfast Club**<br>**KS2 Athletics Comp (Invited children only)**<br>**Year 6 Booster Session** |
| **Friday 27th Nov** | Corned Beef Hash<br>Lancashire Cheese Pie<br>Jacket Potato | **Breakfast Club**<br>**Lancashire Day – exciting activities in class**<br>**Non-Uniform Day (chocolate donation please)**<br>**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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