St Joseph's RC Primary School

Stacksteads, Bacup

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

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK COMMENCING 30th NOVEMBER 2026

Hello from Mrs Cawtherley

As we begin our Advent celebrations this week, we look forward to this special time of preparation as we get ready to welcome Jesus. We have a busy few weeks ahead, including our weekly Advent Stay and Pray sessions – please do join us if you can. We are also celebrating our sporting stars this week, as many of our KS2 children have shown us what amazing athletes they are. Well done to everyone who took part!
A special thank you to our wonderful parents and carers for your patience, understanding and support in collecting your children early on Friday due to the unexpected loss of our school water supply. Your cooperation was very much appreciated.
Have a lovely week, everyone!

Mrs Cawtherley
Acting Headteacher

Our faith this week

Sunday 29th November 2026 Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the importance of being ready. As we begin our Advent journey, Jesus asks us to prepare our hearts for His coming. This doesn't mean staying awake all night! It means being alert to the opportunities we have each day to show kindness, share love, help others and make good choices. Advent is a special time of waiting, hope and preparation as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Our Challenge This Week

Let us prepare our hearts for Jesus by spreading a little hope and happiness each day

Our shining stars (for last week)

Class	Star of the Week	Other Awards	
Ducklings	Olivia	Head Teacher Award	Tommy K
Flamingos	Jotham	Head Teacher Award	Stan Lee
Penguins	Elijah	Maths Award	George
Robins	Tyler	English Award	Colby
Eagles	Mitzee	Other Awards	Braidy, JJ, Ollie, Layla, Millie, Daisy, Imogen, Alfie-Joe, Tyler, Jak, Mitzee, Ava

Birthdays to Celebrate: **Melodie, Curtis and Jaycee**

Every day counts

Ducklings	Flamingos	Penguins	Robins	Eagles	Whole School
92%	89%	92%	89%	85%	89%

Our Week Ahead

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Let's look at our week

Day	Lunch Choices	Events this week	
Monday 30th Nov	Big Brunch Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	**Breakfast Club** **Christmas Tree Decorating – all classes**	
Tuesday 1st Dec	Beef & Yorkshire Pudding Vegetable Quesadilla Jacket Potato	**Breakfast Club** **Curling Competition (invited pupils only)**	**KS2**
Wednesday 2nd Dec	Roast Chicken Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	**Breakfast Club** **Rocksteady Session** **Ducklings Visit to Lancashire Village**	
Thursday 3rd Dec	Chicken Curry Veggie Sausage Roll Jacket Potato	**Breakfast Club** **Advent Stay and Pray (Eagles Class) 9am**	
Friday 4th Dec	Fish Fingers Pizza Sandwiches	**Breakfast Club** **Non-uniform Day (Bottle donations please)** **Year 4 Swimming**	

News from our school family

St Peter's Sunday Mass @ 10am 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
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
17th December 9am	Ducklings & Flamingos Stay and Pray	Parents invited to join Collective Worship in the hall

Keeping in touch

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