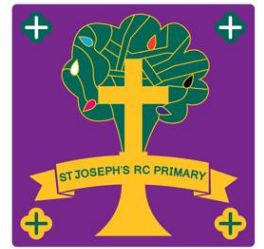


# St Joseph's RC Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

January 2026



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## Happy New Year

I hope everyone had a restful and Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. It's hard to believe we are already two weeks into the new term!

I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding last week as we coped with the bad weather. As I'm sure you will appreciate, it is never an easy decision to close school or have a delayed opening, and I am aware of the impact these decisions have on everyone. It is an extremely difficult decision to make, and a number of factors have to be taken into consideration, including how safe it is for everyone to travel to and from school. Our school site is beautiful but being at the top of a steep hill is far from ideal in the snow and ice. I have to ensure there are enough staff on the school site to supervise and teach pupils for the full day - many staff travel some distance to school and are not able to walk to work.

Being Rossendale, I am sure we are not over the bad weather for the winter just yet, so please do keep an eye out for our communications about the weather if you are not sure. If the weather is bad early morning, I will endeavour to make a decision about the arrangements for that day by 8am in the morning and we will send a text message and post on our Facebook page. If school is not going to open at all for the day, I will also pass this information to Radio Lancashire who will include it in their school closures announcements. Please do not ring the school to find out if we are open as there may not be anybody available to answer the telephone. You should assume that school is open unless you hear from us.

If school has opened as normal but the weather turns particularly bad during the school day, I may need to close school early. In these circumstances, you will receive a text message to collect your child as soon as possible and we will also post on our Facebook page. Again, this is not a decision taken lightly, but I have to consider the safety and wellbeing of all our families and our staff, and everyone's ability to get home safely. Please do not call the school office to ask if we are going to be closing - we will contact you as soon as any decision to close has been taken.

Please help us to help you, by ensuring we have up to date telephone numbers and the names and contact details of your emergency contact.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in 2026! As always, my door is open and please do not hesitate to get in touch me with or your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Mrs Scott, Headteacher



# School Uniform

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support with ensuring children are in the correct school uniform.

**School Uniform 2025/26**

Year 6 children only

Our school uniform is available to buy from Ani's Childrenswear (with or without logo):  
5a Union Street, Bacup, OL13 0AA, tel 01706 875127 [www.anis-schoolwear.co.uk](http://www.anis-schoolwear.co.uk) or from major supermarkets (without logo).

It is important that all children wear the school uniform. Any problems should be discussed with the Headteacher.

All clothing should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Jewellery is not allowed to be worn at any time with the exception of a watch and small round studs if ears are pierced (studs must always be removed for PE).

PE Kit

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If you are unsure about anything or have any concerns about uniform in relation to your child, please do speak to Mrs Scott.

All uniform must be named so that we can ensure that missing items can be returned to their rightful owners. We know how upsetting it can be when clothes go missing.

Please also remember that at this time of year, your child needs a warm, waterproof coat as well as a hat and gloves. Children need to play outside during the day and we do not have enough spares for everyone.

Finally, all children must have a PE kit in school at all times, as PE days can sometimes change.

# Celebration Worship

Fridays at 9am in the school hall

# Join our PTA

Our PTA arranged some wonderful events last year, such as Christmas and Summer Fairs, movie nights and discos. These events have raised money to go towards lots of extra activities and resources for our children over the last year, including:

- Harry Potter Day
- Indian Dance Workshops
- Resources for Feel Good Friday
- World Kindness Day
- Contributions to school trips
- Purchase of high-vis vests for trips.

If you have any ideas for fundraising for school, or would like to join our PTA, we'd love to hear from you!

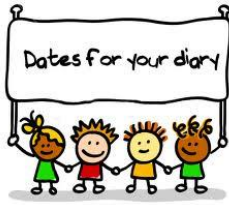
# Number Day 2026

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February we will be supporting the NSPCC Number Day in school.

It will be non-uniform and children are asked to come to school in anything to do with a number or numbers. This could be as simple as wearing badges with numbers on, cutting out numbers and pinning them on, drawing or painting numbers on an old t-shirt and so on. Nobody is expected to buy anything special. We are asking for a donation of £1 per child for the NSPCC.

NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe.

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| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | NSPCC Number Day                                 |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | Parents Day/Eve<br>Robins Class and Eagles Class |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | Parents Day/Eve Ducklings Class                  |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | PTA Movie Night                                  |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Parents Day/Eve Penguins Class                   |
| Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb  | Parents Day/Eve Flamingoes Class                 |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Feel Good Friday 2.30pm                          |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | School Closes 3.20pm                             |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb   | School Reopens                                   |
| Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb   | Eagles Class Blackpool Trip                      |
| Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar   | Class Photos                                     |
| Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | World Book Day                                   |
| Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar  | PTA Rec/Y1/Y2 Easter Eggstravaganza              |
| Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr    | PTA KS2 Easter Eggstravaganza                    |
| Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr   | School Closes 2.00pm                             |
| Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr   | School Reopens                                   |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May   | Year 6 SATs begin                                |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | Feel Good Friday 2.30pm                          |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May   | School Closes 3.20pm                             |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June   | School Reopens                                   |
| Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June  | Year 6 Residential                               |
| Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> June | Year 6 Residential                               |
| Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June  | Year 6 Residential                               |
| Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July | Year 6 Prom                                      |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July  | School Closes 2.00pm                             |

junior parkrun

**We are a proud parkrun primary school**

Join us at our local junior parkrun on Sunday!

Have you signed your child up to junior parkrun yet?

**Stubblee Moorlands junior parkrun**  
**Every Sunday at 9am**  
**Warm-up from 8.50am**  
 Join our School Group  
 – Joey Juniors

ParentPay

A reminder that payments for school dinners, After School Club, nursery fees, trips and events should be made through ParentPay.

If you need help with your account, please visit the school office.

**The cost of a school dinner is £2.70 per day (£13.50 per week).**

**If you have not paid in advance, payments MUST BE MADE on the day you receive a text reminder. Failure to pay will mean we cannot provide a school dinner or your child cannot attend After School Club. Thank you.**

**Happy Birthday to the children celebrating during January!**

Ava, Riley, Tiger, Kyrah, Nico, April, Rowan, Sophia, Nylah, Boo and Eleanor.



**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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