



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 17th October 2025

Mission Statement

We work, learn and grow together in God's love



Congratulations to Arthur Haynes for receiving the Headteacher's Award this week. Arthur lives all of our school values every day. He has excellent learning behaviour and makes the right choices always. Well done Arthur!

A superstar!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Worker of the week	Worker of the week	Values Award
Reception	Charlie Higginson	Demi Karanikolas	Andrey Porogovskyy
Year One	Edward Butler	Harrison Bain	Amelia Hodgson
Year Two	Jacob Foley McPhee	Sienna Jones	Scarlet Phillips
Year Three	Theo Sagar	Dominic Entwistle	Imi Karanikolas
Year Four	Rupert Faulkner	Theo Westwood	Alexander Lowe
Year Five	Ava Haughton	Isaac Crook	Brooke Walton
Year Six	Alfie Walsh	Kobey Haliday	Erin Jeremiah

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WELCOME SERVICE

On **Thursday 23rd October at 9:30am** we will hold our Welcome service for the children in **Reception and their Year Six buddies.**

This will take place in St Joseph's church and any family members are welcome to join us. The service will last approximately half an hour.



PTFA MEETING

On **Monday 20th October** the PTFA will hold their AGM at the **The Top Spinners, Adlington at 7:30pm.**

Everyone is very welcome to join and play any part possible in ensuring the pupils continue to benefit from the invaluable work of the PTFA.



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

On **Friday 24th October Year Six** will help us to celebrate Harvest with their assembly. Parents / carers of pupils in Year Six are very welcome to join us at **9:15am.**

In our desire to support and help people, we are collecting food for our local food bank. We would be very grateful for any tins, packets, cereals, toiletries etc. These can be brought into school from Monday until half term when we will take the donation to Living Waters food bank in Chorley.

Thank you for your support



ATTENDANCE

This week letters will be sent home to anyone who is below **90% attendance** for this half term. It is Lancashire policy for us to alert any families with pupils below 90% with a letter. This is checked in our termly attendance meetings.

If your child has had a sickness absence of 3+ days this will flag below 90% because we have only been in school 7 weeks. However, with further positive attendance this will increase quickly.

SCHOOL OPEN LEARNING MORNING

Please share the details of our **Open Learning Morning** with any families of children starting school in September 2026.

Wednesday 22nd October 9:15am—10:30am

Anyone is welcome to come and visit our warm and welcoming school, meet the wonderful staff and children and see the classes in action!



LEADERSHIP ROLES

Please see the pages below with information about our school leaders this year.

Congratulations to all pupils who will play a big part in the different aspects of school life.



The Year Six Prefects wrote letters of application for their different roles.

School Mission Councillors were voted in to the roles by their class.



Following in the footsteps of St Joseph

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." Dalai Lama



Dates for 2025—2026

Date	Event	Date	Event
20th	PTFA AGM @ 7.30pm@ The Top Spinners, Adlington	19th—25th	Scholastic Book Fair
21st	Y4 trip to Bring YerWellies	24th	Parents Evening (details to follow)
22nd	Open Learning Morning 9.15—10.30am. For new parents with children starting school	<u>DEC</u> 3rd	EYFS Christmas Production @ 9.15am
23rd	Welcome service for Reception and Year Six pupils—St Joseph's Church 9:30am	4th	EYFS Christmas Production @ 9.15am
24th	Y6 Harvest Assembly @ 9am (Food donations are requested for the local food bank)	8th	Reception Vision Screening. Guitar Concert @ 2.30pm
Oct 27th—3rd Nov	Half term (Inset Day Monday, 3rd November)	10th	KS1 Christmas Production@ 6pm
<u>NOV</u> 6th	School Photographer—Retakes (if pre requested)	11th	KS1 Christmas Production @ 2pm
10th	Y4 Remembrance Assembly @ 9am (please note change of date)	17th	Christmas Dinner
10th	Open Evening for pupils starting school in September 2026 6– 7.15pm	18th	Whole School Cinema Trip (Details to follow)
13th	Flu Vaccinations	19th	School Closes for Christmas
17th & 24th	Parents Evening (details to follow)		



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Congratulations!

Sports Prefects



Eco Prefects



Mentor Prefects



Digital Prefects



Library Prefects



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



With love we grow

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child starting school in September 2026?
If so, we would love you to come and have a look around our lovely,
nurturing school. If you are unable to attend the dates below, please
contact the office to arrange a guided tour.

Wednesday, 22nd October 2025 - 9.15 – 10.30 am

Monday 10th November 2025 - 6 – 7.15 pm



Come and see our classrooms and wonderful outdoor areas,
gather curriculum and pastoral information and meet the
children, staff and governors of this warm and caring school.

For further information, please call the school

01257 480598 or

email: bursar@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

BONFIRE NIGHT

4th November

**Fawkes
Fire Cracking
Hot Dog
&
Tomato Ketchup
or
Catherine Wheel
Pizza**

served with

**Smokey Ridge Fries
Sweetcorn**

or

Baked Beans

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Sparkler Cupcake

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (78%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

SPREADING MISINFORMATION

While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Memes are widely circulated, and not always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, or WhatsApp, it's nearly impossible to filter them completely.

MASKED MESSAGES

Some memes are designed to be confusing or layered with hidden meanings, making them hard for parents, and, sometimes, other young people to understand. Online groups often create these memes to look like inside jokes, but they can sometimes conceal offensive, harmful, or misleading content.

HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children and young people may become less sensitive to these issues over time. While a funny meme may seem light-hearted, it can carry messages that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to themselves and others.

PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as harmless. Once online, memes may be copied, saved, or spread beyond a young person's control - digital actions can follow them into their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world - discuss what they find funny about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you build trust, making it easier for them to come to you if they see something harmful. Open conversations also help children and teens think critically about the messages behind memes rather than simply accepting them at face value.

MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Show children and teens positive online behaviours, such as taking breaks from screens, avoiding late-night scrolling, and engaging in offline activities. Setting clear routines around screen time at home can help to reinforce healthy boundaries and reduce the risks of overuse. By modelling balanced technology use, adults can help children and young people see that digital entertainment, including memes, should be just one part of life.

TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY

Help children and young people learn to question where information comes from and whether it's reliable - developing media literacy skills prepares young people to understand and navigate through their future online lives. Show them how memes can sometimes exaggerate or misrepresent facts for laughs, and encourage them to check credible sources when memes claim to present truth.

FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE

Remind children and young people that memes should never come at someone else's expense. Encourage them to think about how a meme might make another person feel before sharing or creating it. Highlight examples of positive memes that celebrate creativity without hurting others. Fostering empathy, respect, and kindness in digital spaces will help them become more aware of promoting a safer, more supportive online culture.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Cristina Moreno-Almado is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.



See full reference list on our website

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School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2026

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



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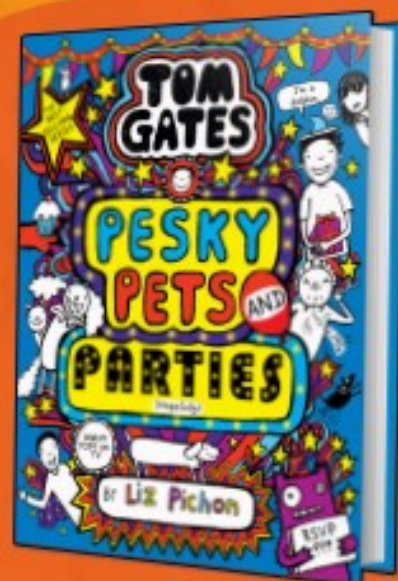
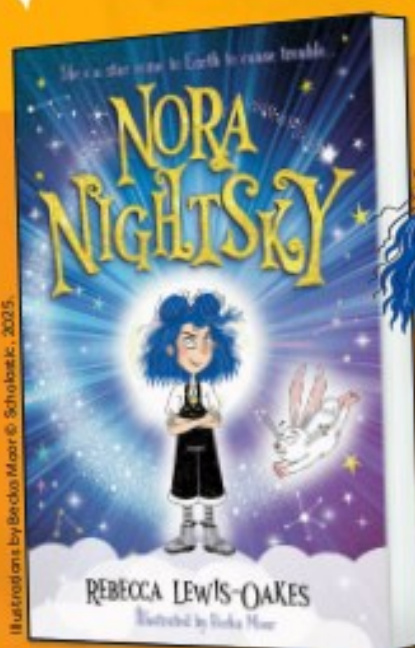
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DATE:

19-25th Nov

TIME:

3.30-4pm

LOCATION:

St Joseph's School Hall



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Anderton PTFA
PTFA
Charity number: 1039889



Date: 29/09/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Anderton PTFA to be held on **Monday 20th October 2025**. The evening will start at 7:30pm with the PTFA Annual General Meeting in The Top Spinners, Adlington.

The PTFA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, and you are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children/students at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTFA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as Chair, Vice Chair or Treasurer, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to re-stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTFA of their intention to re-stand in their role via email to andertonstjoesptfa@gmail.com. If you are nominating someone else, please copy them in on the email so we know they have agreed to this.

The current PTFA committee are looking to step back from their roles over the next 12 months meaning a new team will need to take over or the PTFA will unfortunately need to be dissolved. This is not what we want as the PTFA raise a large amount of money each year, all of which goes directly into supporting the school and your children. Please consider stepping up to take over one of the committee roles to ensure the PTFA can continue. Anyone wishing to take over one of these roles will be fully supported by the current committee to ensure the continued smooth running of the PTFA.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to *Jackie Rypel* or *Lucy Lees*. As our PTFA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination, please read the Charity Commission publication '*The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)*'. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website.

If you are attending the AGM, or would like to send your apologies, please let us know via email.

We look forward to seeing you on 20th October 2025.

Kind Regards,
The PTFA Committee



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Drop-in
2nd Thursday of
every month
9am till 12noon

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SERVICES HERE TO HELP

2nd Thursday, Monthly

Get help with referrals for further support, and access to a range of community agencies, as well as information on lots of free groups (including parenting, domestic abuse, relationship communication, speech & language, and pre-school play sessions).



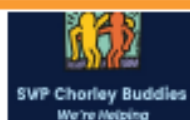
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Seated Yoga Adlington Library 9:30-10:30am. FREE to all.	St Joseph's Good Food Club St Joseph's Parish Centre, Harpers Lane, Chorley 10:30-11:15am, followed by refreshments. £5 to shop and donations for refreshments.	Coppull Good Food Club St John the Divine Parish Hall, Coppull 10:30-11:15am, followed by refreshments. £5 to shop and donations for refreshments.	Buttermere Good Food Club Buttermere Community Centre, Chorley 10:30-11:15am, followed by refreshments. £5 to shop and donations for refreshments.	Clayton Brook Good Food Club Clayton Brook Village Hall, Clayton-le-Woods 10:30-11:15am. £5 to shop and refreshments available in the Café.
Knit and Natter Primrose Gardens, Chorley 10am-12pm. Donations welcome.	Seated Yoga Adlington Library 11am-12pm. FREE to all.	Gardening Club Buttermere Community Centre, Chorley 11:00am-12:00pm. FREE to all.	Seated Exercise Ravensthorpe Independent Living Accommodation, Astley Village 10:30am-11:30pm. £3 suggested donation.	Aquarobics All Seasons Leisure Centre, Chorley 3-4pm. Term time only. £5 suggested donation.
Kids Arts and Crafts Coppull Library 3:30-4:30pm. Term time only.	Chair Fit Euxton Community Centre, 11:15am-12:15pm. £3 suggested donation.	Lunch Social 2nd Wednesday of the month St Chad's Parish Centre from 12-2pm BOOKING ESSENTIAL Donations welcome.		
	Lunch Social 4th Tuesday of the month Buttermere Community Centre, Chorley from 12-2pm. BOOKING ESSENTIAL Donations welcome.	Buddies Café Buttermere Community Centre, Chorley 9am-3pm Affordable café with crafts running from 12:30-2pm Everyone welcome		
	Seated Exercise All Seasons Leisure Centre, Chorley 3-4pm. £5 suggested donation.	Chair Fit Croston Old School, Church Street, Croston 1:30-2:30pm. £3 suggested donation.		



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