



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 24th October 2025

Mission Statement

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



Congratulations to **Sebastian Shepherd** for receiving the Headteacher's Award this week. Sebastian lives our school values every day by showing such kindness to others and always being respectful and helpful around school. Well done Sebastian!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Worker of the week	Worker of the week	Values Award
Reception	Charlie Rudd	Harry Vickers	Ivy Barker
Year One	Lottie Jones	Darcie Lowe	Rosa Rypel
Year Two	Rohan Lal	Cora Easy	Ava Walsh
Year Three	Georgia Dillon	Joseph Hales	Jack Heyworth
Year Four	Maxwell Phillips	Reuben Owen	Thomas Vickers
Year Five	Maya Middlemas	Robin Rypel	Ava Wooding
Year Six	All Year Six		

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SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Thank you to our **Year Six pupils and staff** for leading us in our **Harvest festival** this morning. We were reminded of our duty to care for God's creation and support people in places not as fortunate as us. Well done for your beautiful singing and readings.

Thank you for all the very kind Harvest donations for our local food bank. They are much appreciated and will be delivered after half term.

Thank you to our families who joined us for our welcome service yesterday. **Reception class and their Year Six buddies** behaved beautifully in church.



On **Monday 10th November Year Four** will lead us in our Remembrance Assembly. Parents / carers are welcome to join us after dropping off in the morning. Assembly will begin about 9:10am.

On **Tuesday 11th November Year Four** will join local schools at St Paul's Adlington to commemorate Remembrance Day.



REMBRANCE MEMORABILIA

After half term we will have various memorabilia on sale in time for **Remembrance Day on 11th November**. There are limited supplies of some of the items so first come first served. All items are available for a donation only (suggested donation of £1)



PARENTS' EVENINGS

Please note the change in dates for Parents' Evenings. These will take place on **Monday November 24th and Monday December 1st**.

After half term we will send out links for you to sign up to meet with your child's teacher on one of the evenings.



SCHOOL OPEN LEARNING MORNING

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

Wednesday 10th November 6- 7:15pm

Anyone is welcome to come and visit our warm and welcoming school, meet the wonderful staff and see what we have to offer



PTFA DATES

Please note the following PTFA dates in your diaries for the lead up to Christmas.

November 17th—School Disco (tickets on sale after half term)

November 21st Non-uniform day—chocolate / sweets

November 28th—Non-uniform day—bottles

December 4th—Christmas Fair 5:00pm-7:00pm



Following in the footsteps of St Joseph

"A tiny step today, might be the biggest stride tomorrow."

Naomi Cassirer



Dates for 2025—2026

Date	Event	Date	Event
Oct 27th— 3rd Nov	Half term (Inset Day Monday, 3rd November)	<u>DEC</u> 3rd	EYFS Christmas Production @ 9.15am
<u>NOV</u> 6th	School Photographer—Retakes (if pre requested)	4th	EYFS Christmas Production @ 9.15am
10th	Y4 Remembrance Assembly @ 9am (please note change of date)	4th	PTFA Christmas Fair 5-7pm
10th	Open Evening for pupils start- ing school in September 2026 6– 7.15pm	8th	Reception Vision Screening Guitar Concert @ 2.30pm
13th	Flu Vaccinations	10th	KS1 Christmas Production@ 6pm
17th	PTFA Disco	11th	KS1 Christmas Production @ 2pm
21st	Non-Uniform day—chocolates / sweets	17th	Christmas Dinner
24/11/25 1/12/25	Parents Evenings	18th	Whole School Cinema Trip (Details to follow)
19th— 25th	Scholastic Book Fair	19th	School Closes for Christmas
28th	Non-Uniform day—bottles		

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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 FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone' when they're gone.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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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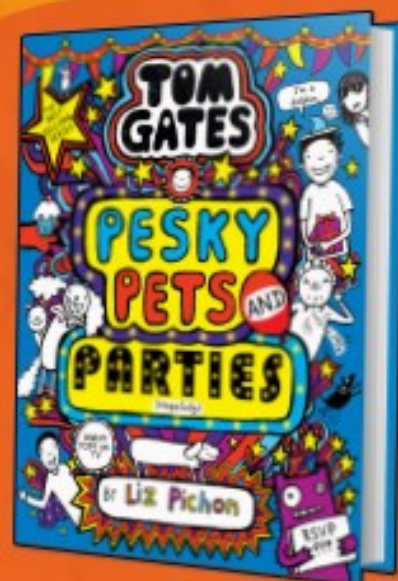
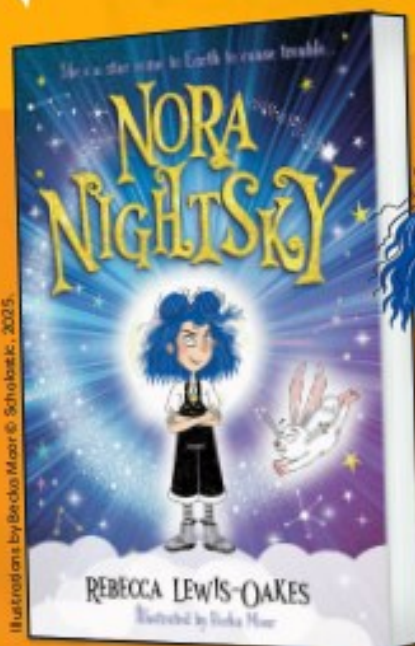
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DATE:

19-25th Nov

TIME:

3.30-4pm

LOCATION:

St Joseph's School Hall

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We offer a warm welcome, refreshments, and an opportunity to get help with:

Housing

Finance

Accessing food banks

Mental health support

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Relationship's

Targeted Youth Support

Sexual Health

Substance / alcohol

... & more



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

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Chorley
PR7 1BS

Children and Family
Wellbeing Service

Tel: 01257 516 316

Email:

Chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk



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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).



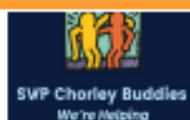
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Turning Concern into Action

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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