



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 7th November 2025

Mission Statement

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



Congratulations to **Gracie Gibbs** for receiving the Headteacher's certificate this week. Since joining St Joseph's Gracie has shown many of our school values; wonderful learning behaviour, kindness to others and is always willing to be a helping hand. Well done Gracie!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Worker of the week	Worker of the week	Values Award
Reception	Harper O'Brien	Rhys Peet	Lily Palmer
Year One	Jasper Conway	Archie Roberts	George Mills
Year Two	Harry Duxbury	Harper Swarbrick	Everly Allen
Year Three	Grayson Reid	Alice Lees	Dominic Entwistle
Year Four	Harlan Sharples	Phoebe Norris	Harrison Maher Hughes
Year Five	Hallie-Rose Sharples	Amy Berry	Oscar Mills
Year Six	Harry O'Brien	Lara Hodgson	Elliot Marley

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Rothwell Road, Anderton

01257 480598

www.st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

On **Monday 10th November** Year Four families are welcome to join us for the Year Four Remembrance assembly. They have been working very hard to prepare to share some thoughts and prayers at this special time.



On **Tuesday 11th November** we are delighted to join local schools at St Paul's Adlington to commemorate **Remembrance Day**. Year Four will be attending this service on behalf of St Joseph's.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Please note the following dates for the annual Christmas performances:

EYFS—December 3rd and 4th—9:30am

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2—December 10th 6pm and December 11th 2pm

KEY STAGE 2— We are just waiting for confirmation of church availability for Monday 15th December and will let you know times asap.



REMBRANCE MEMORABILIA

We have various memorabilia on sale 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 dates for Parents' Evenings. These will take place on **Monday November 24th and Monday December 1st**.

The links for you to sign up to meet with your child's teacher on one of the evenings have been sent out.



SCHOOL OPEN LEARNING EVENING

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

Monday 10th November 6- 7:15pm

Everyone is welcome to come and visit our warm and happy, vibrant 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)

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

"The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention."

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Dates for 2025—2026

Date	Event	Date	Event
<u>NOV</u> 10th	Y4 Remembrance Assembly @ 9am (please note change of date)	<u>DEC</u> 3rd	EYFS Christmas Production @ 9.30am
10th	Open Evening for pupils starting school in September 2026 6– 7.15pm	4th	EYFS Christmas Production @ 9.30am
11th	Year Four class to join local schools at St Paul’s church for the Remembrance service	4th	PTFA Christmas Fair 5-7pm
13th	Flu Vaccinations	8th	Reception Vision Screening Guitar Concert @ 2.30pm
17th	PTFA Disco	10th	KS1 Christmas Production@ 6pm
21st	Non-Uniform day—chocolates / sweets	11th	KS1 Christmas Production @ 2pm
24/11/25 1/12/25	Parents Evenings	17th	Christmas Dinner
19th— 25th	Scholastic Book Fair	18th	Whole School Cinema Trip (Details to follow)
28th	Non-Uniform day—bottles	19th	School Closes for Christmas

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 3

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in "just one more game". This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



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ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

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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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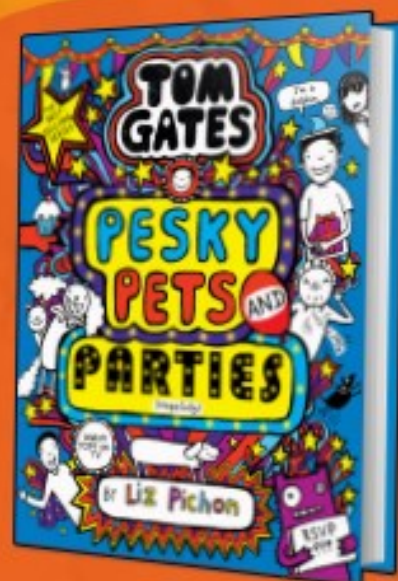
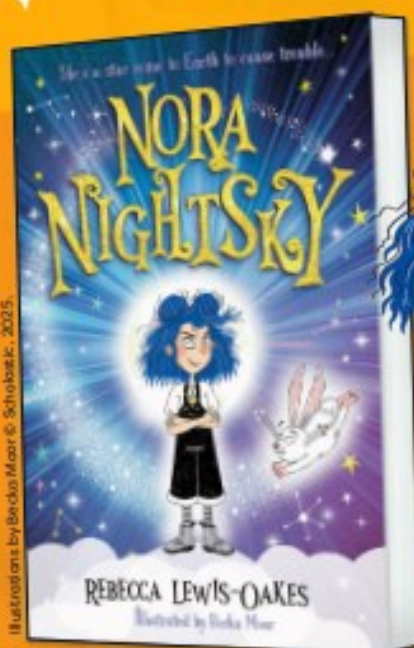
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for our school*

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DATE:

19-25th Nov

TIME:

3.30-4pm

LOCATION:

St Joseph's School Hall

The One Stop Shop is a drop in where families can access support from different services under one roof.

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

@

Inspire Youth Zone
Chapel St
Chorley
PR7 1BS

Children and Family
Wellbeing Service

Tel: 01257 516 316

Email:

Chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk



FAMILY
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2nd Thursday of
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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).



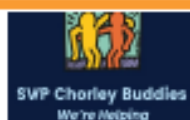
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People



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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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