



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 12th December 2025

Mission Statement

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



Congratulations to **Poppy Law** for receiving the **Headteacher's Award** this week. Poppy lives our school values always showing wonderful learning behaviour and friendship to others. She is also willing to take risks and has bravely shared her amazing singing with us this week.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Worker of the week	Worker of the week	Values Award
Reception	Finley Cornes	Daniel Hales	Gracie Spear
Year One	Sadie Buckley	Spencer Norman	All Year One
Year Two	Cora Easy	Demi Cornwell	All Year Two
Year Three	Joseph Hales	Georgia Dillon	Evie Seaton
Year Four	Samuel Unsworth	Renie Morris	Buddy Haslam
Year Five	Ava Wooding	Zach Makinson	Isaac Crook
Year Six	Summer Kellett	Will Butler	Toby Wilkinson

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PREPARATION

This Sunday - the third Sunday of Advent - is known as Gaudete Sunday and we light the pink candle on our advent wreath. The word 'Gaudete' in Latin means Rejoice!. We rejoice that Christ is coming. Jesus Christ came to draw everyone into his love - to joyfully share in God's own life. How can we live and love more like Christ as we journey through Advent?

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, please help us to be open to your love and healing and to grow in faith as we celebrate your birth this Christmas.

Amen



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We enjoyed two wonderful performances from our **Year One and Two** this week who definitely continued to begin joy and hope to everyone with their performance of *Simply The Nativity*. All of the children were delightful remembering their words and signs to every song. Well done everyone and huge thanks to the Year Two staff team.

KEY STAGE 2— St Joseph's Church on **Monday 15th December at 5.30pm** Every child is involved in the carol service, so please inform the class teacher if your child is not able to attend so we can allocate parts. Please can the children be brought to church from 5:20pm on Monday to start promptly at 5:30pm. The Carol Service will last approximately 40 minutes.



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

The children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers and own clothes on Wednesday 17th December when we have our Christmas lunch.



FRED'S RETIREMENT

Fred, our site supervisor is retiring at the end of this term—after ten years at St Joseph's. You will know Fred is a huge part of St Joseph's school life and will be greatly missed.

RAFFLES

Thank you so much for your generosity at the raffles before the EYFS & KS1 performances. You have raised a total of £664.50 for school fund, which we are very grateful for.

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE PRIZES

The following tickets are the winning raffle prizes from the Christmas fair. And still waiting to be claimed.

Yellow numbers: 135

Buff number: 309

Blue numbers: 515 and 514

ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2026

Applications to primary school for reception Class 2026 closes on **15th January 2026**. Please see poster below. Please ensure that any **supplementary faith information** is submitted to the school office in support of your application.



Following in the footsteps of St Joseph

"Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable"



Dates for 2025—2026			
Date	Event	Date	Event
<u>DEC</u> 14th	Family Mass @ 11am	<u>Jan</u> 5th	Inset Day
15th	KS2 Carol Service St Joseph's Church @ 5:30pm—for children in Year 3,4,5 and 6	6th	Judo Education Breakfast Club Keyboard lessons resume
17th	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	12th	Guitar lessons resume
18th	Whole School Cinema Trip		
19th	School Closes for Christmas		

**SCHOOL
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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HORWICH **CHRISTMAS 2025** **HOLIDAY CLUB!**

Fun Activities for children aged 4-12 years...

22-23
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Primary School, Horwich, BL6 6EW

TIME: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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From Minecraft coding to multi-sports, this club has something for every child.

- 🌲 Dive into **Roblox**, **Minecraft** & **other coding** masterclasses
- 🌲 Get creative with **arts & crafts**
- 🌲 Bring your ideas to life in **animation creation**
- 🌲 Burn off energy with **football & dodgeball**
- 🌲 Move and groove in our **dance sessions**
- 🌲 Surprise **inflatable** day! Dates vary by venue and availability.

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VENUES & DATES

St Gregory's Primary School
Eaves Green Rd, Chorley, PR7 3QG

Euxton C of E Primary School
Bank Lane, Euxton, Chorley, PR7 6JW

St Joseph's Anderton
Rothwell Rd, Chorley PR6 9LZ

Running on Monday 22nd to
Tuesday 23rd December 2025

*The club is FREE for Pupil Premium families, young carers and children who would benefit from social inclusion during the holidays. Turn the page to book your free place.

Book A Free Place

On the 24th of November 2025, the council will send out free voucher codes. Once you receive your code, you can book a free place by visiting www.holidayactivities.com or scanning the QR code to the right.

If you're unsure whether your child qualifies, speak to your school office. They may be able to provide you with a voucher code to use when booking a Jam Coding Holiday Club.

Book A Paid Place

Not eligible for a free place? Don't worry - your child can still join the fun for just £22 per day!

To book, simply visit www.jamcoding.com/our-workshops/ or scan the QR code to the right and search using the postcode of your chosen venue. You can then complete your booking directly through Jam Coding.

Don't forget to send your child with a packed lunch and a water bottle each day.

★ "Jam Coding Club is a safe place where he can thrive, build social skills, and experience success in a way that feels both comfortable and exciting for him."

★ "My son genuinely loved the sessions and was absolutely buzzing each day when I collected him. The staff definitely further ignited a passion for coding/robotics and the sessions were so well put together."



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