



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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9th January 2026

## NEW START

January is traditionally the month of beginnings – a time for making a new start. In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast – The Baptism of the Lord. In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist didn't see the need to baptise Jesus, because Jesus was sinless. But Jesus insisted because he wanted to stand alongside the community - to help them make a new start and give them an example to follow.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be always ready to make a new start with you and with each other as we start this New Year. Amen.



## WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2026

The World Day of Peace is annually celebrated on January 1st each year. Started by Pope Paul VI in 1967. The theme each year is about creating a culture of care and tolerance for each other and a society that focuses on good moral values.

This week all classes have celebrated this special day in their classes as we begin 2026 by thinking about how we bring about peace in our lives and communities and globally.



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



## Weekly Awards



Congratulations to **Sadie Buckley** for receiving the Headteacher's Award this week. Sadie shows respect and good manners always in school, she works hard and has a positive attitude, trying her best. Sadie brings joy with her wonderful smile every day!

Year Group	Worker of the week	Worker of the week	Values Award
Reception	Ivy Barker	Charlie Rudd	Harper O'Brien
Year One	Olly Ball	Amelia Hodgson	Sebastian Shepherd
Year Two	Cora Easy	Scarlett Phillips	Albus Holt
Year Three	Imi Karanikolas	Millie Johnson	Grayson Reid
Year Four	Bella Christoforou	Fletcher Norman	Ariya Gibney
Year Five	Brooke Walton	Pepe Shivnan	Robin Rypel
Year Six	Archie Almond	Lara Hodgson	Macy Simpson

## Attendance

Weekly Attendance	
Reception Class	96%
Year One	93%
Year Two	95%
Year Three	97%
Year Four	92%
Year Five	96%
Year Six	95%





## Notices

### 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.



### WITH YOU ALWAYS

The next meeting for the **With You Always** programme takes place on Monday 12th January. We have been asked to remind families that this meeting will be in the newly refurbished Treetops / Parish room which is accessed on the side of Anderton Nursery building. The meeting is at 5:45pm for a 6pm start.



### iROCK

Before Christmas our school was filled with the sound of live music, thanks to a special visit from **iRock School of Music**! The children had an amazing time experiencing the energy and excitement of a live band performance. If your child would like to enrol or visit: [www.irockschool.com/enrol](http://www.irockschool.com/enrol) and search for our school. Key Information:



- No prior experience is needed – all instruments are provided
- Monthly subscription of £44.49 with a first lesson money-back guarantee

### WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

This morning the children enjoyed a visitor from **Living Streets** who introduced the 'Walk to School' challenge that we are taking part in as part of our 'Sustainability and Climate Plan.' Every day the children will record how they have arrived at school. If they can park and stride for just one day during the week this will be recorded as an active mode of travel. This includes parking at church and the Co-op too.



### RECEPTION AND YEAR SIX WHOLE CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

On Monday 12th January the photographer will be in school to take the class photographs. This is for Reception and Year Six class only. Please ensure these pupils are in full school uniform.





**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://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](https://lancashire.gov.uk) or scan the QR code.



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# Band Lessons At Your Child's School!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Exciting News! Rock and Pop band lessons may be starting at your school soon!

**What is iRock?** At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly in-school band sessions are open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

**Music for all** iRock aims to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong. Each week, children develop their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they work towards exam-free music qualifications —celebrating progress without the pressure of formal exams.

**Feel like a rockstar!** The excitement culminates every term in a live concert where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances are more than just a showcase—they're an opportunity for children to build self-esteem, enhance their confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

iRock isn't just about music; it's about helping children thrive cognitively, socially, and academically through the power of music.

## Key information:

- Hassle-free **monthly subscription** of £44.49 which can be cancelled at anytime
- **No experience needed** and all instruments are provided
- Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos
- **First lesson money-back guarantee** (and we never take payment in August).

Head to <https://www.irockschool.com/enrol> to check availability and start your child's iRock journey!

**Joshua Franklin**  
Founder  
iRock School of Music

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