



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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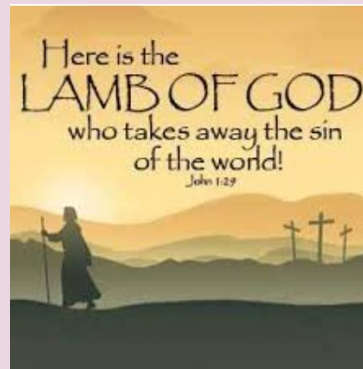
Headteacher: Mrs Kathryn Berry

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## NEW START

John the Baptist is one of the best known saints. He never pushed himself forward. He encouraged his own followers to leave him and become followers of Jesus. His life (and death) witnessed to the truth about Jesus and, because of him, many people came to know and follow Jesus.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to be your *witnesses* by our love, so that others will come to know the joy of knowing you. Amen.



## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

### RECEPTION CLASS

**Reception Class** are always busy with their learning but particularly this week. They have started their 'Real Superhero' topic and enjoyed a visit from a Firefighter. The children asked lots of questions about their role and what they have to do in this job. They are looking forward to more real superhero visits over the next few weeks.

There was also a very exciting visit from Chorley Sports Partnership who brought the balance bikes for the children to have a go on. This is to help select those able to take part in the schools Balance Bike competition in February.



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



## Weekly Awards



Congratulations to **Phoebe Morris** for receiving the Headteacher's Award this week. Phoebe is a joy to have in school! She is hardworking and helpful in class and always shows respect and kindness to everyone in school and does it with a lovely smile! Well done **Phoebe!**

Year Group	Worker of the week	Reader of the week	Values Award
Reception	Lily Palmer	Emily Flynn	Freddie Almond
Year One	Rosie Gilbertson	Darcy Jones	Rosa Rypel
Year Two	Molly Hopper	Leif Faulkner	Emilia Almond
Year Three	Jack Heyworth	Georgia Dillon	All Year Three
Year Four	Matthew Cross	Thomas Vickers	Rupert Faulkner
Year Five	Isaac Crook	Hallie-Rose Sharples	Riley Ramsden Alfie Almond
Year Six	Shane-Lee Tucker	Chaice Muirhead	Maxwell Holden

## Attendance

Weekly Attendance	
Reception Class	96%
Year One	94%
Year Two	96%
Year Three	98%
Year Four	92%
Year Five	97%
Year Six	95%





## Notices

### YEAR SIX BASKETBALL

Letters have been emailed home for the pupils invited to take part in the Basketball tournament for the next two Fridays. Please confirm attendance next week so that the team can be finalised.



### WITH YOU ALWAYS

This Sunday is Family Mass weekend at St Joseph's. All families are very welcome to the Mass at 11am. Pupils attending may be asked to volunteer to help in Mass with readings and the offertory procession.



### YEAR SIX BOOSTER CLASSES

Thank you to the parents / carers of pupils in Year Six who attended the meeting this week about SATs and the Year Six residential. We hope you found it informative.

Mr Merrick has sent messages to invite pupils to attend Booster Classes on either Tuesday evening, after school, or Friday mornings. Please let him know if there are any problems.

The children are still invited to come on Monday and Tuesday mornings, as usual, to complete homework etc.



### YEAR THREE / FOUR SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

On Thursday 29th January the annual **Sportshall Athletics** competition for **Year Three / Four** pupils will take place at Holy Cross High School. Staff will inform pupils taking part next week.



### RECEPTION AND YEAR SIX WHOLE CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The children in Reception and Year Six should have brought home the proof of their class photograph which was taken this week. The deadline for orders to be submitted is January 27th.



# Band Lessons At Your Child's School!

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

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Joshua Franklin  
Founder  
iRock School of Music

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