



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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## JESUS

Our lives are enriched when we know Jesus. He is with us at all times and in all places. We can encounter him in prayer and in one another. The more we know about Jesus through reading the gospels, the easier it is for us to recognise him. Knowing and following Jesus helps happiness and love to grow in our families. Each of you choose something to do for each other at home or at school to be more like Jesus.

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for always being there for us. Help us to recognise you as we journey through life together. Amen.



## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING—FOREST SCHOOL

What a wonderful time Reception class had at their Forest School session with Chloe this week. So many wonderful activities and opportunities to explore the outdoors and our fabulous outdoor learning space. They cannot wait to do it all again next week!



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



## Weekly Awards



Congratulations to **Demi Cornwell** for receiving the **Headteacher's Award** this week. Demi is a wonderful St Joseph's pupil who shows our school values always. She works hard in class and is respectful, gentle and kind to others. What more could we ask! Well done Demi!

Year Group	Worker of the week	Reader of the week	Values Award
Reception	Hattie Haynes	Gracie Gibbs	George Mills
Year One	Jasper Conway	Lily Pickstock	Holly Stewart
Year Two	Zach McGrath	Everly Almond	Ruby Sofield
Year Three	Jack Heyworth	Georgia Dillon	Zach West
Year Four	Harry Pickstock	Matthew Cross	Reuben Owen
Year Five	Alfie Almond	Riley Peak	Isla Halls
Year Six	Olivia Jones	Frankie Agar	Kate Skelly

## Attendance

Weekly Attendance	
Reception Class	97.01%
Year One	93.84%
Year Two	96.43%
Year Three	98.11%
Year Four	92.57%
Year Five	97.10%
Year Six	95.87%





## Notices

### PARENT'S EVENING

Parents' Evening will take place on **Monday 20th and 27th April**. The appointments are now closed on School Spider and we look forward to seeing you over the next two weeks.



### YEAR FOUR WITH YOU ALWAYS

We would like to remind the families of those children on the 'With You Always' programme that this Sunday is Family Mass. Everyone is welcome at **11am**.

The date for the children to make their **First Holy Communion** is Saturday May 16th.



### RUGBY TASTER SESSION

On Monday 20th April Year Four and Year Six are asked to come to school in PE kits to take part in a Rugby League taster session provided by Wigan Rugby Club.



### NEW SCHOOL STARTERS 2026

We were delighted to receive the list of new school starters for cohort 2026 and look forward to welcoming them all into our school family. Information will be sent home regarding the induction



### WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S

We would like to offer a very warm St Joseph's welcome to our new **Site Supervisor Brett Hackett** who has joined this week. Please say hello if you see Brett around school.



### SCHOOL TRIPS

We have a very busy term ahead so please keep your eye on important dates. This list will be on the newsletter next week. **Year Five** and **Year One and Two** have sent information about their trips to Houghton Tower and Eureka

## ATTENDANCE


### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**  
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 85%.


How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
85%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
95%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
98%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	13.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons


**89% & Below**  
Drastic effect on academic achievement



**95%-90%**  
Cause for concern



**100%-96%**  
Excellent



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# JOIN AN iROCK BAND TODAY

iRock

There are spaces in bands at your school  
secure a spot and join the fun!

At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly 30-minute in-school band lessons are designed for pupils from from age 4 to 11.

## Music for all!

Through our partnership with **RSL Awards (Ofqual-regulated)**, a global provider of creative and performing arts qualifications, iRock offers **exam-free music qualifications** as part of our curriculum. Each week, children build their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they progress through iRock lessons, all within a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong.

## 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 sit at the heart of the iRock curriculum, bringing together the skills children have developed in lessons while offering more than just a showcase; they provide an opportunity to build self-esteem, strengthen confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

## Choose your instrument...



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DRUMS



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