



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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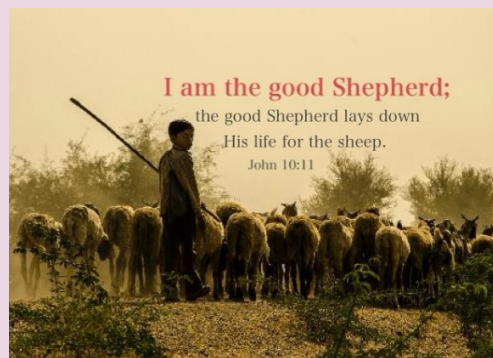
Headteacher: Mrs Kathryn Berry

24th April 2026

## FOLLOW

We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for all the family and everyone around us. How can we follow Jesus the Good Shepherd this week? Ask your child if they know what 'to follow someone' means. Who impresses them? Who sets them a good example which they would like to follow?

Dear Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who knows us by name and guides us through life. Please help us to hear your voice and follow you always. Amen.



## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING—EARTH DAY

We all enjoyed celebrating Earth Day as part of our Sustainability and Live Simply Award this week. We hope you enjoy looking at some of the activities that we completed to support our earth and the creatures living in it!



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



## Weekly Awards



Congratulations to **Paul Macgowan** for receiving the **Headteacher's Award** this week. Paul lives all of our school values every day when he treats everyone with kindness and respect. He has super learning behaviour in class too.

Well done Paul!

Year Group	Worker of the week	Reader of the week	Values Award
Reception	Gracie Spear	Ivy Barker	James Roworth
Year One	Olivia Swarbrick	Bonnie Sharples	Saylor Macangus
Year Two	Rory Peet	Rhea Thiem-Lowe	Harper Swarbrick
Year Three	Imi Karanikolas	Millie Johnson	Alice Lees
Year Four	Harrison Maher-Hughes	Phoebe Norris	Rupert Faulkner
Year Five	Ella Jones	Zach Makinson	Pepe Shivnan
Year Six	Harry Downes	Alfie Walsh	Erin Jeremiah

## 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 continue on **Monday 27th April**. We look forward to seeing you. Please sign up for an appointment on School Spider if you have not already done so.



### YEAR FOUR WITH YOU ALWAYS

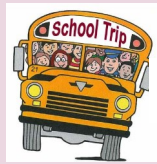
We would like to remind the families of those children on the 'With You Always' programme that this Monday is the final With You Always session. Ties will be available to buy for £6 at this meeting.

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



### 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.



### SPELLING BEE

Good luck to the Year Five team who will take part in the Spelling Bee competition at Holy Cross next Thursday.



### HOLIDAY FREE SCHOOL MEAL SUPPORT – IMPORTANT UPDATE

From **1 April**, the Government's Household Support Fund, which provided holiday free school meal vouchers, will be replaced by the new **Crisis and Resilience Fund**. This means that **Easter vouchers will be the final vouchers issued** under the current scheme.

Going forward, families who need support during school holidays will be able to **apply to their local district council** for crisis support payments. This help will be for families experiencing **immediate financial hardship** and will not be a direct replacement for meal vouchers. Support may also include access to wider services and community help.

Further information on how to access support will be shared by local councils during **April**, ahead of the May half-term. No action is needed from parents at this time.

## 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 child's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	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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Creative kids MINUS the glitter in your carpet

Wednesdays 3:25-4:30pm  
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Getting creative boosts confidence, resilience,  
self-esteem, communication, fine-motor skills  
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teachers

Learn a different craft each week  
and take home your creations

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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...



VOCALS



GUITAR



DRUMS



KEYS



Hassle-free, rolling **monthly subscription\***



**No experience needed** and all instruments are provided



Every lesson supports progress towards music qualifications with **RSL Awards**



Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos



**First lesson money-back guarantee** (and you can cancel at anytime)



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\*Monthly cost shown after selecting your child's school (before enrolment is confirmed)

In memory of Marina Monks who sadly died on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026.



Marina was very much a part of the St Joseph's community from a very young age, firstly as a pupil, then a parent, friend, Chair of the PTFA and a colleague. Marina's family have requested that any donations in memory of Marina are given to St Joseph's School. As such, if anyone would like to [make a donation](#), you can do so via the QR link below.

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## Dates for Summer 2026

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>  <b>27th</b>	<b>Parents' Evening</b>	<b>25th– 29th</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>PTFA Doughnut Day</b>	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>  <b>4th</b>	<b>Y1 &amp; Y2 trip to Eureka</b>
<b><u>MAY</u></b>  <b>8th</b>	<b>Year 5 Class Assembly</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Y3 'Laudato Si' Assembly</b>
<b>11th— 14th</b>	<b>SATs week</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>Y1-Y6 Quadkids (details to follow) Y5 Learn2Ride (details to follow)</b>
<b>16th</b>	<b>Y4 First Holy Communion @ 10am in Church</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>Lancashire Sings Adlington Cricket Tournament</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Year 5 trip to Hoghton Tower New intake transition meeting @ 6pm</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>Y6 visit to the Houses of Parliament</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>PTFA Bake-Off (more details to follow)</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>Travelling Science Show</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>EYFS Farm Trip</b>	<b>22nd &amp; 23rd</b>	<b>Y5 Bikeability</b>

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Date	Event	Date	Event
<b><u>June</u> Contd.</b>			
<b>25th</b>	<b>i-Rock Concert @ 2.45pm</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>School Closes for Summer</b>
<b>30th</b>	<b>Holy Cross New Intake Meeting@ 6pm</b>		
<b><u>JULY</u></b>			
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Year 6 Induction Day</b>		
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Swimming Gala</b>		
<b>6th</b>	<b>Year 4 to Liverpool Cathedral (details to follow)</b>		
<b>14th</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Mass @ 10am Year 5/6 Performance @ 6pm</b>		
<b>15th</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Performance @ 1.30pm</b>		
<b>16th</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Celebration @ 6pm</b>		