



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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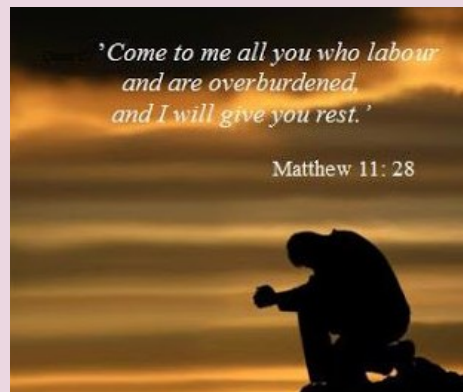
Website: www.st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Kathryn Berry

3rd July 2026

COMPANION

Good companions always want the best for us. Ask your child what the word 'companion' means to them. Parents, carers, children and friends can be good companions for each other. As a family, talk about people who are good and helpful companions to you. Dear Lord Jesus, you are kind and full of compassion. Thank you for offering to be our companion and sharing our concerns as we journey through life. Amen.



SPOTLIGHT ON SVP AFTERNOON TEA AND BINGO

What a wonderful afternoon we had on Tuesday when the parishioners from St Joseph's attended an gorgeous afternoon tea and bingo provided by the St Vincent de Paul group. Year Six pupils enjoyed spending time serving, chatting to and playing bingo with the parishioners and were all a wonderful example of St Joseph's pupils.



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



Weekly Awards



Congratulations to **Alexander Hamilton** for receiving the **Headteacher's Award** this week. Alexander is an amazing young man who quietly gives so much to St Joseph's; always well mannered and respectful, hard working, kind and a great friend to others. Well done Alex!

Year Group	Worker of the week	Reader of the week	Values Award
Reception	Andrey Porogovskyy	Harry Vickers	Hattie Haynes
Year One	George Thomson	Olivia Swarbrick	Dylan Hailwood
Year Two	Arthur Haynes	Harper Swarbrick	Molly Hopper
Year Three	Joseph Hales	Georgia Dillon	Alice Lees
Year Four	Maxwell Phillips	Mathew Green	Ariya Gibney
Year Five	Harry Spamer	Pepe Shivnan	Samuel Stewart
Year Six	Chaice Muirhead	Elliot Marley	Alfie Walsh

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	
Reception Class	96.14%
Year One	94.11%
Year Two	96.33%
Year Three	97.68%
Year Four	92.70%
Year Five	96.75%
Year Six	96.14%





Notices

ATTENDANCE

As we come to the end of the school year we wanted to evaluate the attendance of our pupils this year. Our attendance overall is currently **95.5%** which is 0.5% above National average. This is an area that we are constantly working to improve because in our comparison report with similar schools to ours this should be 96.1%. In our termly meeting with Lancashire Attendance it was suggested that we target the pupils who have odd days off when they could possibly be in school. Some of the incentives in place to support this include:

- Pupils wearing their own clothes for their birthday. This is for their actual birthday or the nearest Friday/Monday if it is at the weekend. Any absence on a birthday is unauthorised.
- The new holiday pattern which includes a two week half term in October. This is in line with Holy Cross and the other Catholic feeder schools and would be a prime holiday time for families.
- Continuous monitoring and communication with families when attendance drops below 90%, which is considered persistent absence.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS

PICK UP AND PRAY PARENT SESSIONS

Pick Up and Pray sessions will take place just before the end of the school day so they are convenient for anyone picking up from school.

Year Three—Monday 6th July 3:00pm

Reception— Tuesday 7th July 3:00pm

CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please see the letter below from Lancashire County Council with regards to the changes in Free School Meals eligibility. If you have already submitted an application via LGFL or the school form in the passed few weeks, there is no need to reapply.

YEAR SIX END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This week schools were informed that SATs results will now be released on **July 16th** rather than July 7th. This is due to technical issues with the marking.

We look forward to welcoming you to the following events to end your child's years at St Joseph's:

- Tuesday 14th July—Leaver's Mass 10am
- Tuesday 14th July 6pm—Production Year Five and Six
- Wednesday 15th July Production Year Five and Six
- Thursday 16th July Celebration Evening 6pm (refreshments provided)

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL
ANNUAL SPORTS DAY**

YEAR THREE AND FOUR - 9:15AM

YEAR FIVE AND SIX - 10:45PM

RECEPTION AND YEAR ONE AND TWO - 1:30PM

**COME AND CHEER US ON!
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE**

JULY 8TH 2026



Free School Meals – Who is Entitled?

Important Information for Families.

Firstly, if your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action.

If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe your they may be eligible please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities
- Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed
- If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you **do not need to reapply**

Why it's important to apply

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils
- May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.

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)



Start your child's
iRock journey!

ENROL NOW

> www.irockschool.com/enrol

📞 0330 174 2655

✉ info@irockschool.com

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



Connect, play and learn

Activities and classes for families with babies and toddlers.

- Everyone is welcome
- Completely free and no need to book
- Activities running all day
- Classes will include: Baby Sensory, Toddler Sense, Little Kickers, and Yoga Bunnies!

When? Tuesday, 09:30-14:30
(term time only)

Where? Inspire Youth Zone
Chapel St, Chorley PR7 1BS

Any questions please contact us:

Email: hello@babyzone.org.uk

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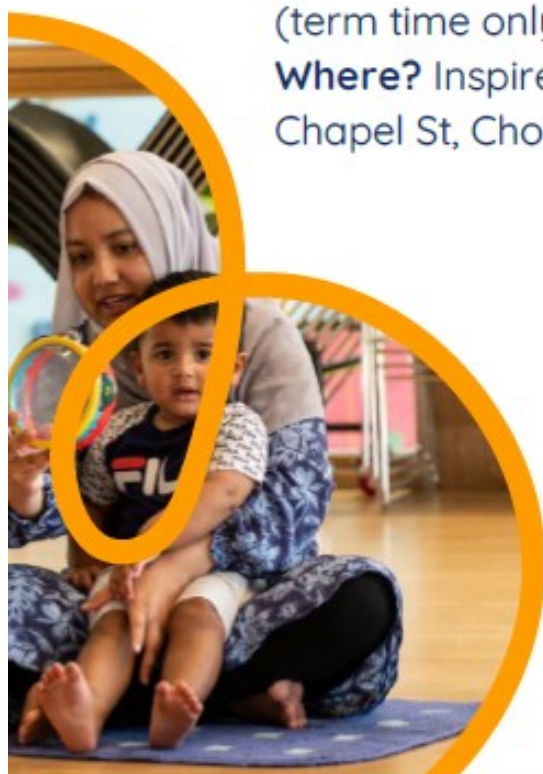
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Working with local partnerships to support families in the Chorley community.



Little Kickers®



Dates for Summer 2026

Date	Event	Date	Event
JULY 6th	Year 4 to Liverpool Cathedral Year 5 Science Day at Holy Cross Year 3 Pick up and Pray No Guitar lessons		
7th	Reception Pick up and Pray Final Keyboard Lessons		
8th	Sports Day		
14th	Year 6 Leavers' Mass @ 10am Year 5/6 Performance @ 6pm		
15th	Year 5/6 Performance @ 2.00pm		
16th	Year 6 Leavers' Celebration @ 6pm		
17th	School Closes for Summer		