



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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11th September 2026

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 178 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making our Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

Dear Lord Jesus, We pray for our school and all Catholic schools and universities in our area. We give thanks for the dedication, example and inspiration of school leaders, teachers and all who contribute to nurturing and supporting children and young people. May our school communities be filled with Jesus' compassion and love. Amen.



SPOTLIGHT ON FOREST SCHOOL

Year Four children absolutely loved their first Forest School session with Chloe. Here is a little snapshot into the activities that they had chance to do.



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



Weekly Awards



Congratulations to **Oscar Mills** for receiving the **Headteacher's Award** this week. Oscar has stepped into the role of a Year Six pupil wonderfully, willing to help and support others and always showing the values of hope and joy as well as excellent learning behaviour. Well done Oscar!

Year Group	Worker of the week	Reader of the week	Values Award
Reception	Olivia Greenhalgh	George Winward	Rosie Doggart
Year One	Annie Henthorn-Symes	Aoife Mather	Daniel Hales
Year Two	Sebastian Shepherd	Bonnie Sharples	Jasper Conway
Year Three	Ruby Sofield	Isabella Gee	Arthur Haynes
Year Four	Millie Johnson	Imi Karanikolas	Jack Heyworth
Year Five	Bella Holland	Joe Hopper	Maxwell Phillips
Year Six	Isaac Crook	Ruby Lees	Hallie-Rose Sharples

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	96.55%
Reception Class	97.86%
Year One	95.71%
Year Two	97.86%
Year Three	97.54%
Year Four	90%
Year Five	95.92%
Year Six	98.29%





Notices

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND TRANSPORT

We have been asked to share the letter below with **Year 6 parents** and carers with regards to Secondary school applications and eligibility for school transport. Please direct all queries to Pupil Access, South Area

See letter below



RECEPTION CLASSROOM

We are heading into the final stages of our building works now and very much hoping that we will be able to move into the new Reception class very soon.

The children, supported by our wonderful staff, have coped just brilliantly but we can't wait for them to have their brand new classroom to explore.



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Please share the details of our Open Learning events with any families of children starting school in September 2027.

Wednesday 14th October 9:15am—10:30am

Monday 2nd November 6:00pm—7:30pm

Everyone is welcome to come and visit our warm and welcoming school, meet the wonderful staff and children and see the lovely classroom environments.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Miss Johnson** and **Miss Ashton** for completing and passing their National Professional Qualification (NPQ) awards. Miss Johnson has achieved the NPQ for SEND and Miss Ashton the NPQ for Leading Primary Maths.

These qualifications take 18 months of studying and assignments and we are very lucky to benefit from their expertise in St Joseph's.



LIVING OUR SCHOOL VALUES

It is always wonderful to hear of our children living our school's values out of school as well. This was the case for **Harper** in Year Two who planned, prepared and held a cake sale over the summer. Helped by her friend Molly on the day, the sale raised a wonderful **£67.55** for Springhill Hospice Charity.

What evidence of kindness, hope and joy spread to the community! We are very proud of you!



SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING OUR GARDEN AREAS

We are always looking to develop and maintain our school grounds, including our wonderful Forest School and raised beds area.

If any parents, carers or grandparents with green fingers have some spare time and would be happy to help us care for and develop these areas, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office for more information.



BOYS & GIRLS NETBALL CLUB AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

We want each child to discover a passion, and we can't wait to give your children the opportunity to discover netball in our weekly sessions starting in September!

OUR SESSIONS

We are proud to be a fun & inclusive external netball provider, welcoming every child that wants to play.

Each weekly session is a mix of games, physical activities and netball skill exercises that focus on progression, confidence, teamwork and having fun!

Social skills

Communication, friendships, inclusion

Physical skills

Marking, running/stopping, jumping, footwork

Tactical skills

Decision making, anticipation, rules

Key skills

Passing, catching, ball control, shooting,

Personal skills

Learning to lose, self-confidence, teamwork



EVERY THURSDAY
3:30 - 4:30

TERM
10TH SEP - 17TH DEC

YEARS
KS2



COACHES



FIRST AID TRAINED

All coaches have strong netball backgrounds and proven skills and knowledge required to teach children, with a genuine passion for helping young players develop.



DBS CLEARED

Our coaches don't *just* create amazing netballers, they provide an environment where children are comfortable to try new things, where they can learn to lose, build friendships, grow in confidence, feel proud of themselves and understand the importance of teamwork.



SAFEGUARD TRAINED

WANT TO PLAY?

Please contact the school office to register your interest, and we'll see you on the court!

[Find out more about Play Netball Juniors online](#)

WE KNOW NETBALL

We have been providing netball leagues for over 10 years, with 40,000 women playing with us weekly.



A large number of girls unfortunately give up all sport during their teenage years, with confidence being a large reason. We have found that for 44% of our adult players who join, we are their first contact with sport or netball since leaving school. Playing sport, and belonging to a team or club, has huge personal, social and emotional benefits. We want to give children the opportunity to try netball at a young age, and hopefully create a lifelong connection with sport, and give them the confidence to continue playing into their adult lives.

[View Play Netball online](#)

Subject: Important Information Regarding Secondary School Applications and Transport Eligibility

Dear Parents and Kinship Carers of Current Year 6 Pupils,

We are writing to provide important guidance regarding your child's upcoming secondary school application, with particular emphasis on home-to-school transport considerations.

Before submitting your application, it is essential to carefully consider how your child will travel to and from your preferred secondary schools. Free travel assistance is only available to pupils who meet the criteria outlined in Lancashire County Council's **Home to School Transport Policy**.

When selecting your school preferences, please ensure you have read and understood the information available on the Lancashire County Council website regarding **school admissions and travel assistance**.

Please note:

- For transport purposes, the *nearest suitable school* is defined as the school closest to the family home. In some cases, this may be a school located within another local authority area.
- If you choose a school that is not considered the nearest suitable school, there is **no entitlement** to free transport. In such cases, you will need to make your own travel arrangements.
- Most children will attend their local school, which is typically within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent or carer.

If transport costs are a concern, we strongly encourage you to contact your **Area Education Office** before submitting your application.

NORTH AREA	SOUTH AREA	EAST AREA
Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley	Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory [pupils](#) and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to [plan ahead](#). Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

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SEPTEMBER 2026
10:30AM – 4:00PM



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Chorley PR6 9LB



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