



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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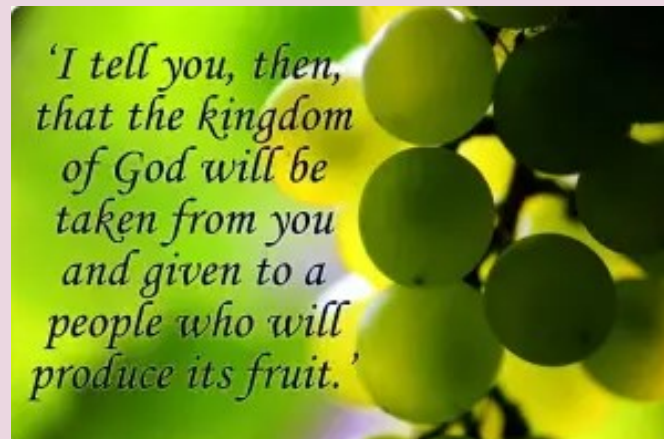
Headteacher: Mrs Kathryn Berry

2nd October 2026

MESSENGER

What do we think are the best ways that we can be God's messengers in these coming weeks? Perhaps we can: demonstrate our faith in God through being peacemakers - showing God's love and kindness to those around us.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for all your messengers who help us to know you. Help us to be your faithful messengers, so that others will come to know the joy of loving you. Amen. .



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR FIVE

In PSHE this week Year Five worked hard exploring friendship in our silent debate. They gave thoughtful ideas about how friendships change over time. In art the children were using typography over busy backgrounds, producing some super work!



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



Weekly Awards



Congratulations to **Grayson Reid** for achieving the **Headteacher's Award** this week. Grayson is a wonderful young man who shows our school values all of the time. He is kind, caring and brings joy by always making the right choices. Well done Grayson!

Year Group	Worker of the week	Reader of the week	Values Award
Reception	Mia Busby	Beatrice Holden	Kairi Whitfield
Year One	Ivy Barker	Fin Cornes	Emily Flynn
Year Two	Evie Gilbertson	Holly Stewart	Noah Hoyle
Year Three	Hattie Agar	Rosa-Mae Grey	Rory Peet
Year Four	Georgia Dillon	Ava-Rose Gray	Lucas Butler
Year Five	Phoebe Morris	Harry Pickstock	Sophia Tobin
Year Six	Riley Peak	Matilda Speakman	Maya Middlemas

Attendance

Weekly Attendance		96.93%
Reception Class		98.94%
Year One		97.26%
Year Two		97.42%
Year Three		95.76%
Year Four		94.48%
Year Five		95.45%
Year Six		98.06%





Notices

FAMILY MASS

On **Sunday 4th October** there is a Family Mass at **St Joseph's Catholic Church at 11am**. Although it is aimed at the families of those pupils in **Year Four** who are embarking on the With You Always programme to make their First Holy Communion, everyone is welcome.



CAULIFLOWER CARDS

Last chance over the weekend to place your orders for Cauliflower Cards. All forms need to be returned to school and paid online by **5th October**. All items will be delivered in time for Christmas.



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Year Six will lead us in our Harvest Worship on **Friday 16th October** and any Year Six family members are welcome to join us at 9:10am.

As part of our Harvest offerings we will be collecting food for **Chorley Storehouse foodbank** and would be grateful of any donations of **tins, packets and boxes of food** along with any toiletries etc.



YEAR SIX CRUCIAL CREW VISIT

On **Wednesday 14th October** Year Six will attend the Crucial Crew child safety event

Crucial Crew is an innovative and interactive way of delivering health and well-being messages to Year 6 children in preparation for their transition to secondary school. The event encourages model behaviour and good citizenship through active participation in a range of health and safety activities. Professionals from the combined Emergency Services and local agencies will be on hand to instruct children on matters that will teach community values and could save lives.

Information regarding payment has been sent and set up on Eduspot.



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

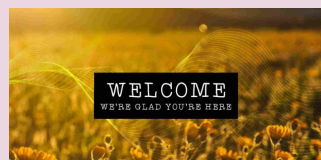
Monday 2nd November 6:00pm—7:30pm

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



RECEPTION CLASS WELCOME SERVICE

On **Monday 12th October** we will hold a welcome service for the children in Reception. This will take place in **St Joseph's church** at 9:30am and will last approximately half an hour. The Year Six children will join their buddies. Families of Reception class are very welcome to join us in church.



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.

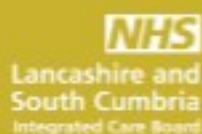


A large number of girls unfortunately give up all sport during their teenage years, with confidence being a large reason. We have found that for 44% of our adult players who join, we are their first contact with sport or netball since leaving school. Playing sport, and belonging to a team or club, has 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](#)

NEU WAY SUPPORT

Early support for children, young people and families



As a parent or carer, you know your child better than anyone. If you've noticed changes in how they communicate, learn, interact or experience the world, it's natural to have questions. You may be wondering what those differences mean, where to seek advice or how to find the right support.

Neu Way Support is a service that recognises that every family's journey is unique. For many, the path to understanding their child's needs can feel overwhelming, with long waiting times, a lot of information to navigate and uncertainty about what to do next.

You don't need a diagnosis to access the service. Whether you're at the beginning of your journey, awaiting an assessment, have recently received a diagnosis, or simply need someone to talk things through with, we're here to help.

Our aim is to ensure every family can access trusted advice, practical support and local connections at the earliest opportunity, helping you feel informed, supported and confident about the next steps

Every family's journey is different, but you don't have to navigate it alone. Scan the QR code to find out more



You can access Neu Way Support whether you're:

- Just starting to have questions?
- Waiting for an assessment?
- Recently received a diagnosis?
- Looking for practical advice?



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.



Holy Cross
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Open Evening

Thursday 8 October 2026

4.30 pm - 7 pm

LAST ENTRY AT 6.30 PM

WACKY WOODY'S WORLD OF MAGIC



**A COMEDY MAGIC SHOW
FOR KIDS AGED 4 TO 9
AND GREAT FUN FOR PARENTS TOO**
MAGIC TRICKS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

SCARY SPIDERS
FROM
AUSTRALIA

ROPE TRICK
FROM
AFRICA

STARRING
ROBBIE
THE DOG

CHORLEY THEATRE

DOLE LANE, CHORLEY, PR7 2RL
HALF TERM WEEK
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
Doors open 1:30pm. Show at 2pm
ALL SEATS £9. Plus booking fee.



Tickets from: www.chorleytheatre.com
or scan the QR code.
Sales on the door subject to availability

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Lancashire Health Visiting
and School Nursing



Free Monthly Parent

Webinars from the School Nursing Team

We are pleased to offer a series of **free monthly online webinars** for parents and carers commencing October 26, providing practical advice and support on a range of children's health and wellbeing topics:

🌙 **Sleep** – Tips for establishing healthy sleep routines and managing common sleep difficulties.

👤 **Continence** – Information and support to help children develop healthy bladder and bowel habits. * if a child has symptoms such as pain when using the toilet, blood in their urine or poo, repeated infections, unexplained weight loss, severe constipation please seek advice from your GP before joining the webinar.

🥗 **Healthy Lifestyles** – Advice on nutrition, physical activity, screen time, and building healthy habits for the whole family.

💙 **Behaviour and Emotional Health** – Understanding behaviour, supporting emotional wellbeing, and helping children build resilience.

All webinars are delivered online by members of the School Nursing Team and are free to attend. **No referral is required.** Parents and carers can book directly onto any webinar using the registration links available on our website.

To book a place, visit: <https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/>

Or Scan the QR Code



Mental Elf

festive fun run

We're back in Leyland!

Be a part of the county's best
festive fun run experience
and support vital mental health
services across Lancashire!

Saturday
28th
November
Worden Park
9:30am-2.30pm

Tickets
from
£7.00*

* Plus ticket
booking fee

 mind
Lancashire

Join your family
& friends for some
festive fun.

SPAR 

2k, 5k or challenge
your sElf distances!

- Surprise festive boosts every km
- Bespoke sustainable elf medal
- Goody bags for everyone who finishes



Find out
more



Be the best dressed Elf and
get ready to Ho Ho Go!

 Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR



Be an Elf Volunteer!



Enquire
about
volunteering



Could you volunteer at this year's event?

All funds raised by Lancashire Mind go towards supporting better mental health across our local communities. What's raised in Lancashire, stays in Lancashire - and you can be part of providing that vital support by helping at our fundraising event!

Volunteer opportunities

- Safely marshal for the route
- Entertain participants
- Hand out goody bags to finishers
- Help direct visitors on the car park

- Provide hot drinks to event staff & volunteers

Plus so much more in the lead up & on the day!



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