St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs Kathryn Berry

9th October 2026

INVITATION

Every moment God is inviting us into a loving relationship. We accept God's invitation through loving him and all those around us. As a family, think about someone you could invite to your home for a meal or to play (when the time is right) - to make them feel especially valued and loved.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to remember that every moment of the day you are inviting us into your love, to share in your happiness and peace. Amen.



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR ONE

Ending our Season of Creation and the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Year One In RE, have explored Laudato Si' and learned about Pope Francis' important letter encouraging us to care for our wonderful world. The children were very engaged and created their own leaves, sharing thoughtful ideas about how they can help protect our planet.











Weekly Awards





Congratulations to **Evie Gilbertson** for achieving the **Headteacher's Award** this week. Evie shows all of our school values, all the time. She is a wonderful role model to other children, she shows respect and kindness to everyone and works very hard too. A St Joseph's star!

Year Group	Worker of the week	Reader of the week	Values Award
Reception	Rafi Lal	Jude Gibney	Erin Rowlands
Year One	Freddie Almond	Harper O'Brien	Jacob Owen
Year Two	Dylan Hailwood	George Thomson	Isobel Kenyon
Year Three	Jacob Foley Mcphee	Arlo Wooding	Harper Swarbrick
Year Four	Grayson Reid	Alice Lees	Dexter Hopkins
Year Five	Harlan Sharples	Harrison Maher-Hughes	Phoebe Norris
Year Six	Robin Rypel	Isla Halls	Ella Jones

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	95.81%
Reception Class	98.17%
Year One	96.49%
Year Two	93.02%
Year Three	95.37%
Year Four	94.05%
Year Five	95.11%
Year Six	97.87%



Notices

YEAR SIX INVITE TO HOLY CROSS SCIENCE EVENT

The Science Department at **Holy Cross** is delighted to announce that, on **12th November**, they will be hosting the **Royal Institution** for an exciting science show. This will take place in the school hall from **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. Year Six pupils have been gifted a free ticket to attend with parents / carers. Please see the flyer below.

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.



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.



MASS FOR THE START OF YEAR

On Tuesday 13th October Year One to Year Six will attend daily Mass at 10am at St Joseph's. This is to celebrate the start of another school year and to ask for God's guidance and support as we work together.

YEAR SIX CRUCIAL CREW VISIT

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

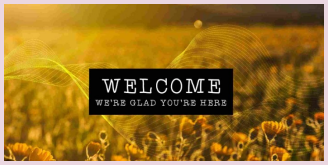
Crucial Crew is an innovative and interactive way of delivering health and well-being messages to Year 6 children in preparation for their transition to secondary school. The event encourages model behaviour and good citizenship through active participation in a range of health and safety activities. 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.



The children will have an early lunch and be collected at 12pm and return to school for the end of the school day.

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.



The Royal Institution
Science Lives Here

INSPIRING PEOPLE THROUGH SCIENCE
FOR OVER 200 YEARS

Holy Cross
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Love God • Work Hard • Be Kind

COMMUNITY EVENING SHOW

ENERGY

EXPLORE • DISCOVER • BE INSPIRED

An exciting family-friendly science show from the Royal Institution featuring spectacular fire-based demonstrations.



Feel the power of science!

- AMAZING LIVE SCIENCE DEMOS
- FIRE-BASED ENERGY EXPERIMENTS
- FUN FOR FAMILIES
- INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS
- SCIENCE FOR EVERYONE

Curiosity today. A brighter tomorrow.

Thursday
12th November 2026

17:00 – 18:00

Holy Cross Catholic High School Hall
Chorley

Everyone welcome – pupils, families and the wider community!



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!

EVERY THURSDAY
3:30 - 4:30

TERM
10TH SEP - 17TH DEC

YEARS
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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	Physical skills	Tactical skills	Key skills	Personal skills
Communication, friendships, inclusion	Marking, running/stopping, jumping, footwork	Decision making, anticipation, rules	Passing, catching, ball control, shooting,	Learning to lose, self-confidence, teamwork



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.

PLAY NETBALL

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

SPRING NORTH

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board



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?

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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.

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

NHS

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!

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

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

Tickets from £7.00*
* Plus ticket booking fee

mind Lancashire

Join your family & friends for some festive fun.

SPAR

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

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!

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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