



Newsletter

Friday 13th February
2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Josephs,

This week's Gospel invites us to reflect on the message "Be the Light of the World." Jesus loves each one of us and calls us to shine the light of His love wherever we go. In Matthew's Gospel, He encourages us never to hide our light but to let it brighten the lives of others. Greg helped us explore this message more deeply and then led us in prayer as we welcomed the light of Christ into our hearts.

Our Mini Vinnies have begun their Lent campaign, 'Heart to Heart'. Each week they will take on a new mission, displayed in the main hall, encouraging us all to spend time with people, have a heart-to-heart conversation especially with those who may be lonely. Their final mission will be especially meaningful, as they spend time with people in the care home - a beautiful expression of the Gospel in action. Alongside this, a letter about the Big Lent Walk has come home today. This is an important part of our Lent fundraising, and we would be grateful for any sponsorship you can offer to support the children in their efforts. We were thankful to Mrs Fordyce, who delivered an inspiring launch assembly on Monday morning.

This morning, Class Romero led a thoughtful and moving Celebration of the Word linked to this Sunday's Gospel. We are grateful to the parents and members of the community who joined us. The children shared a powerful message: to treat everyone like a sister or brother, and to put right our wrongdoings by saying sorry.

As we come to the end of another half term, I want to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication. It has been a joyful few weeks filled with learning, growth, and opportunity. Looking ahead, we have an exciting half term to come, including trips to Martin Mere, Hoghton Tower, and the Houses of Parliament, as well as something very Eggs-siting arriving in Class Romero on 23rd February.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half term holiday. May the light of Christ continue to shine through everything we do. Thank you for your continued support as we love, learn and follow Jesus.

The St Joseph's Team.

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Class Romero

It has been a wonderful first half term of Spring. The children have grown in confidence and continued to nurture their love of learning. To end our week, we led a Prayer and Liturgy for parents, centred on sharing peace and love with one another. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for this special time of reflection. This week, we brought our curriculum units to a close, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed each topic. In R.E, we created our own "helping hands" bunting to show how we can offer love and care to those in our community. Year 1 have planned and written their own poems inspired by animals, while Reception have been busy designing a new dress and headpiece for the "Carnival Queen." On Friday afternoon, the children illustrated and wrote about their favourite celebration of the year, discussing the different celebrations we have explored this half-term.

I am very much looking forward to another busy and exciting half-term as we journey towards Easter.

Miss McEvoy



Class Acutis

What a wonderful half term it has been in Class Acutis. We have had so many wonderful people contribute to the children's learning in the last six weeks, especially Miss Omer. Sadly, we will have to say goodbye to Miss Omer on Friday but are excited to welcome back Miss Kantharia after half term. The week started with a special celebration of the word about CAFOD from Mrs Fordyce. The children are always enthusiastic about raising money for those in need. We also had a special message from Mr Singleton on Wednesday for the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. In R.E. this week the children have learned about The Nicene Creed, what it means and why it is so important to us. In maths, Year 3 have been looking carefully at units of measurement for length and have had to be very careful when measuring with their rulers – a tricky skill! Year 2 have made a great start on their times table journey and worked really well with Mrs Murray, who has brought back some fantastic ideas from a training afternoon. I have downloaded the heatmaps from TTRS for Year 4 and the results are looking good – keep the hard work up Year 4! In English we have come to the end of our unit on The Firework-Maker's Daughter and the children have planned and written some excellent continuations of the story. They have used noun phrases, direct speech, fronted adverbials and cursive handwriting. We will finish reading the original version after half term. The children also proved their understanding of their history topic by comparing different Ancient Civilisations in terms of farming, buildings, writing and trade. On Monday they impressed a visiting sports coach with their knowledge of Boccia. He noted how developed their skills were, proving a little bit of practise each week can have an impact! All this learning, plus a school disco – the children will be ready for a rest!

Thank you as always for your continued support and enjoy the break.

Mrs Lawman



Class Kolbe

What a wonderful way to close our Spring One term in Class Kolbe! The children have ended the week—and the term—on a real high, showing great effort and enthusiasm across all areas of learning. In history, we concluded our Anglo-Saxons unit by exploring the connections between the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots. The children demonstrated excellent curiosity and engagement as they traced historical links and discussed their significance. In science, we focused on healthy lifestyles and diet as part of our circulatory system unit. The children enjoyed learning how what we eat and how we live impacts our bodies and overall wellbeing. Our mathematicians have been shining this week! Year 5 have been making fantastic progress with division, while Year 6 have been phenomenal with algebra—a real highlight of the week. In English, the children produced independent writing pieces comparing Beowulf to a monster of their own choosing. Their creativity and narrative skills were truly impressive. In Religious Education, we explored the Seven Sacraments and their meaning to Catholics. The children reflected thoughtfully on how these rituals shape Catholic life and practice. It has been a pleasure to see the children finish the term with such positivity, curiosity, and achievement.

We look forward to more exciting learning in the next term (and hopefully some nicer weather).

Miss Bottomley

Updates, Attendance & Key Reminders

Reminders

- You can now order your child's toast for next half term via School Spider.
- The lunch choices for the first week back after half term are also now available for you to preorder via School Spider.
- There are consent forms to complete for all the trips taking place next half term – Yr 6 visit to the Houses of Parliament; Class Romero's trip to Martin Mere and the Class Acutis trip to Hoghton Tower. Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the forms and paid your contribution towards the cost of these visits.

Children's Liturgy

This week is the 6th Sunday of the Year. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that we must try hard not to get angry with our sisters and brothers or call them names. If we do argue with them we must try to make it up with them and become friends again as soon as possible.

We believe that we are all part of God's family. This is one big global family that includes all people wherever they are in the world. We believe that all people are our sisters and brothers and God asks us to try to treat them as we want to be treated.

In our global family we are all different. Sometimes people spend too much time thinking about the differences between us, rather than seeing that we are all part of the same global family. This can lead to arguments and problems. We are all different but we all have our own special gifts. What is your special gift? We can use our special gifts to work together to make the world a fairer and better place for everyone rather than fighting with people who are different. This week, can you try not to argue with or hurt anyone? How will you try to make peace with others this week?

***Mass is no longer being said at St Joseph's Brindle –
come along to St Bede's Sunday 11am.
We would love to see you.***

Children's Liturgy Team

PTFA Disco

Many thanks to our PTFA members and parent volunteers for helping at our disco on Thursday!

Attendance

Year Group	Weekly	Year
Reception	100%	93.9%
Year One	96.9%	95%
Year Two	99.25%	97.5%
Year Three	93.6%	96.1%
Year Four	97.5%	95.6%
Year Five	95.5%	93.6%
Year Six	97.6%	95.6%
School Total	97.2%	95.3%

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This Week in Pictures



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ART COMPETITION

Design a Picture to Celebrate An Historic Year for St' Josephs

This year marks a truly significant moment in the life of our school and parish community. We invite all children and families to take part in a special art competition. We are looking for a design that captures the spirit, memories, and hope of this historic year—something that reflects who we are, where we have come from, and the legacy we will carry forward. This competition is open to both children and adults. Entries must be on A4 paper or card (Portrait or landscape) and sent into school before the closing date: 27th March 2026

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and the winning design will be made into a large, permanent mural displayed at the heart of our school. We look forward to seeing your fantastic creations. Good luck!

Entries must be sent to:
Main Office at St Joseph's Catholic
Primary, Brindle, PR5 0DQ
or email a photograph/copy of your
design to [secretary@st-josephs-
houghton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-josephs-houghton.lancs.sch.uk)

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