



Newsletter

The Headteacher's Weekly Round Up

20th March 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Joseph's,

We have enjoyed another wonderful week at St Joseph's, blessed with bright Spring sunshine and plenty of opportunities for fun and learning both in and out of the classroom.

At the beginning of the week, we welcomed our community to join us in journeying through the Stations of the Cross. Our Head Pupils guided visitors from Nursery to Year 6, and at each Station we sang together, offered prayers, and paused to reflect on the lessons we can draw from Jesus' suffering on His journey to the cross. It was a moving and thoughtful experience for everyone who took part.

Class Romero also spent a beautiful day at Martin Mere on Tuesday. In glorious sunshine, the children explored different habitats and discovered all sorts of weird and wonderful creatures in the ponds and woodlands. A big thank you to Miss McEvoy for organising the trip and to Mrs Jones for generously giving her time to volunteer. The visit was a great success and a memorable experience for all.

Mrs Lawman and Mrs Edgerley have been on an adventure of their own this week, taking the choir to their Let's Go Sing concert in Blackburn on Thursday. Our pupils shone brightly as they sang their hearts out to a packed audience, performing alongside dozens of other schools. We are incredibly proud of their confidence, teamwork and joy. Well done to everyone involved!

Our Mini Vinnies have now completed the 'Heart to Heart' Lent Campaign. A display of their five-week journey is available to view in the Main Hall. Their final step is to hold an encounter with someone who may be feeling lonely. Next week, they will visit the local care home to spend time with our elderly neighbours and share companionship and kindness.

And finally, this afternoon, we gathered for a special Celebration Assembly to say our final farewells to Mrs Cox. Thank you to everyone who has sent her messages, prayers and good wishes. She leaves with our love and gratitude, and we wish her every success as she begins her new role as School Business Manager at St Mary's, Langho.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, and thank you for your continued support as we love, learn and follow Jesus every step of the way.

Mrs S Bridge.
Headteacher.

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Pray for Us...*



Class Romero

It has been another wonderful, busy and sunny week in Class Romero! We began the week with the Stations of the Cross, beautifully led by our amazing pupils. It was a truly reflective experience, and we thoroughly enjoyed taking this journey together. On Tuesday, we had our first school trip—and it was fantastic from start to finish. The children threw themselves into minibeast hunting and pond dipping with great enthusiasm, and we were incredibly lucky with the weather too! I loved spending time with the children outside of the classroom; they represented our school with such high standards and impeccable behaviour. The staff at Martin Mere even praised our class, and I couldn't be prouder of them. I must mention that we had quite a few very sleepy children on the journey home! Alongside all these exciting experiences, we have also been busy in class. The children have been painting their Pop Art portraits, and in English we have begun gathering information for our fact files on Sir Ernest Shackleton. All in all, it has been a busy, joyful week filled with sunshine, learning and lots of smiles! I am looking forward to our last week of the spring-term! Where has this year gone?

Miss McEvoy



Class Acutis

It has been a fun packed week this week! The children loved taking part in the Stations of the Cross on Monday and I was very proud of them.

We have spent a lot of time working on fable writing and I am looking forward to reading their final drafts.

The children from choir represented St Joseph's brilliantly at the Let's Go Sing Concert. It was a late night, but we all had a super time.

Enjoy the weekend and return rested for the final week of term.

Mrs Lawman



Class Kolbe

It has been a wonderful week in Class Kolbe and with the sunshine finally making an appearance, it truly feels as though spring is in the air. The children have very much enjoyed their playtimes outdoors and have made the most of the brighter weather. On Monday afternoon, all of the pupils in Class Kolbe took part in the Stations of the Cross, where they were reverent, respectful and deeply reflective. In English, the children have been writing their own stanzas in the style of Macavity, focusing particularly on the use of modal verbs and they have produced some wonderfully imaginative work. In maths, both year groups have been exploring decimals and their links to fractions and it has been fantastic to see their confidence growing as they tackle new challenges with enthusiasm. In science, we looked at the importance of choosing healthy drinks and how our choices can impact the circulatory system, which led to some thoughtful discussions. In RE, our focus has been on charity in action and almsgiving, supported by our exploration of the scripture of Saul on the road to Damascus. Overall, it has been a joyful and productive week full of learning, reflection, and sunshine.

Miss Bottomley

Updates, Attendance & Key Reminders

Easter Bingo ... is taking place on Friday, 27th March at the Parish Hall. If you would like to attend, please send your money to the school office. It costs £1 per adult and 50p per child.

Easter Raffle: Please remember to return tickets and money to the school office.

Easter Mass: At St Bede's Church on Friday, 27th March at 9:30am. Please join us there with Y2 & Y3 children if you are able to. All are welcome.

Hoghton Tower trip: The Class Acutis trip is taking place on Tuesday, 24th March.

Easter Garden Competition closes: Friday, 27th March 2026

CAFOD Coin Battle: 2nd March - 27th March 2026

Reminders:

End of Term: School finishes early at 1.15pm on Friday 27th March as it is the last day of term.

Sunglasses: We have noticed a number of children bringing sunglasses into school to wear at break and lunch. This is not part of our school uniform. Sunhats may be worn when the weather is very hot. This prevents accidents and breakages. Thank you for your understanding.

Important Reminder about 'The Ark':

The block booking has opened on School Spider for the Summer Term. It will close on Monday 13th April, after which point the price will increase for ad-hoc places before and after school. **The Ark will not be open after school on Friday 27th March due to the early finish at 1.15pm.** Thank you.

Attendance		
Year Group	Weekly	Year
Reception	98.9%	94.7%
Year One	100%	95.2%
Year Two	95%	97.3%
Year Three	100%	96.4%
Year Four	96.3%	95.9%
Year Five	98.2%	93.9%
Year Six	100%	95.9%
School Total	98.5%	95.6%

Children's Liturgy St Bede's & St Joseph's Parish

This week is the 5th Sunday of Lent. We hear about an amazing thing that Jesus does when his friend Lazarus becomes sick and dies. Jesus hears that his friend Lazarus who lives in Bethany is sick. By the time Jesus gets there, Lazarus is dead and has been buried for four days. Jesus goes to the tomb and asks them to roll away the stone which was blocking the entrance. He tells Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus walks out, covered in the cloths that he was buried in. How do you think Mary, Martha and the other people there feel when they see Lazarus walking out of the tomb?

Unfortunately, sometimes, just like Lazarus in today's gospel, people do get sick. When this happens, they go to the hospital where doctors and nurses work hard to care for them and try to make them better. It can be very sad and worrying when someone we love is sick or dies. Jesus knows how we feel. He cried for his friend Lazarus who he loved.

Jesus came to show us how to live, how to treat others. This Lent we can look at our own lives and think about the changes that we can make so that everyone can live their lives to the full. We can share what we have to help others who are in need. What will you do?

It was lovely to see some of Year 4 children at St Bede's on Thursday who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Well done everyone.

Little Church 11am St Bede's. We would love to see you.
Children's Liturgy Team

Friday's Celebration!



The Sacramental Programme Information

St Bede's Sacramental Preparation 2026
All preparation sessions are held in St Bede's
Church at 6.30pm and will be over before
7.30pm.

Session One 26th February

Session Two 5th March

Session Three 12th March

Service of First Reconciliation 19th March
6.30pm

Session Four 18th June

Session Five 25th June

Session Six 2nd July

Celebration of First Holy Communion
Saturday 4th July 11am

Brindle St. Joseph's Easter Reflection Garden Competition

On Friday 27th March,
we are going to hold a
competition for the
finest Easter Reflection
Garden



PRIZE
for each
class
winner!

to enter with all
money going to
our charity,
CAFOD.

£1



Anyone from
EYFS to Year 6
can enter.





This Week in Pictures



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HIKE TO THE PIKE FAMILY EVENT

This Palm Sunday, our staff invite you and your family to join us for a joyful walk up Rivington Pike as part of the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. Everyone is welcome - parents, children, grandparents, and dogs too! Little walkers will earn stickers and certificates for taking part. Let's come together as a school community and make a difference this Lent.

29TH MARCH 2026

Meeting at 1pm outside Rivington Barn
BL6 7SB (The Wedding Venue)



COME AND JOIN US THIS
PALM SUNDAY!

LANCASTER YOUTH FOLK ENSEMBLE



FOLK DAY OPEN REHEARSAL

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

2026

10:30-3:30PM

VENUE:

LANCASTER METHODIST CHURCH
SCOTFORTH ROAD,
LANCASTER, LA1 4TE

SIGN UP!



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BRINDLE ST JOSEPH'S
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Easter Bingo

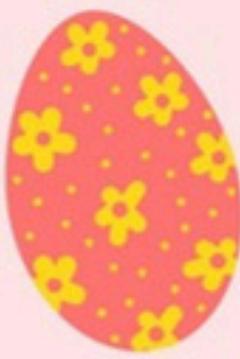


Ticket Prices:
ADULTS £1
CHILDREN 50p

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH
DOORS OPEN - 6PM
EYES DOWN - 6:30PM



BRINDLE ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL
PR5 0DE
BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE!



TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY 6TH MARCH FROM
THE SCHOOL OFFICE

WE ARE EXPECTING A SELL OUT!





Hop on over for the
Gregson Lane W.I.

Easter Fair

Sunday 22nd March

2pm - 4pm

Crafts, Cakes, Chocolate Tombola,
Refreshments,
Easter Hamper Raffle,
Decorate an Egg Competition,
Easter Bonnet Competition
and much more

**Gregson Lane
Community Centre**

A share of the proceeds will go to support
Let's Grow Preston