Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 22nd October 2026

Happy Half Term!
We have ended the term on a wonderful note with our CAFOD Brighten Up Day today. The trolley is overflowing with donations for Living Waters Foodbank in Chorley. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting those in need within our local community.

Whilst many of us will be enjoying a well-deserved rest over the break, school will still be a hive of activity with our HAF Club. There is still time to book a place, so please see the information at the end of this newsletter if you would like your child to attend.

During the half-term holiday, work will finally begin on replastering and redecorating Class John Paul. This project was originally scheduled for the summer holidays but was unfortunately postponed. Mrs Shaw has been eagerly waiting to put up her displays, and both she and the children in Class John Paul have shown great patience whilst we awaited arrangements from the Area Surveyor. Thank you to them all for their understanding. We are looking forward to seeing the finished results.

The planned flooring improvements throughout school have also been delayed. We are hopeful that this work will commence during November and will keep parents informed as soon as we receive further updates.

Finally, our Mission Day, taking place on Monday 2nd November (INSET Day), will provide an opportunity to reflect on the Mission Statement and values that are at the heart of life at St Joseph's. We warmly invite parents and children to join staff, governors and Pat Peel from the Archdiocese of Liverpool during the morning as we work together to shape a renewed vision for our school. For those unable to attend, a survey will be available on School Spider to gather the thoughts and views of both parents and children. We would love as many members of our community as possible to contribute, so please do join us if you can.

Thank you for all that you do to support our school community as we continue to love, learn and follow Jesus every step of the way.
Wishing you all a peaceful, restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Mrs Bridge
Headteacher

St Joseph, most loving and watchful father,
Pray for Us...

Class St Teresa

Wow! What an amazing first half-term it has been! It has been filled with smiles, laughter, fun, and lots of wonderful learning experiences. The Reception children have settled beautifully into our St Joseph's family and have shown great enthusiasm, confidence, and independence in all that they do. We are incredibly proud of how they have embraced new routines, formed new friendships, and approached every learning opportunity with excitement and curiosity. It has been such a joy to watch them grow and flourish over the past few weeks, and I am excited to see them continue their journey within our St Joseph's family. Our Year 1 children have been incredible role models throughout the half-term. They have shown patience, kindness, and maturity, helping to support our younger children and setting a fantastic example every day. I am so proud of each and every one of them. We have enjoyed a lovely final week of Autumn 1. In RE, we have been exploring how we can care for Gregson Lane and the world around us. The children were excited to bring home packets of wildflower seeds to scatter around our local area, helping to grow beautiful flowers for everyone to enjoy. In Science and History, we have been reflecting on our learning and answering our unit enquiry questions. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these topics and have impressed us with how much they have remembered. In English, Year 1 have been working hard to improve their grammar skills, while Reception have loved exploring Funnybones through Drawing Club, using their imaginations to bring the story to life.

To celebrate a fantastic start to the year, we ended the week with a special treat after successfully filling our Scripture Jar with pom-poms. The children should feel very proud of this achievement! Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout this half-term. It is greatly appreciated and plays such an important part in your child's success. We are already looking forward to the Christmas term... the countdown will soon be on!

Have a wonderful half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in November.

Happy Half-Term!

Please continue to read regularly at home and use the provided flashcards to help consolidate their sounds. I am looking forward to another wonderful week of learning, growing, and walking alongside Jesus.

- Miss McEvoy and the St Teresa Class team!

'Love is Patient and Kind' - 1 Corinthians 13:4

Reminders

- Full Forest School kit is to be worn on Thursdays.
- Please ensure your child's reading book and wallet comes into school everday.

P.E days

Tuesday and Wednesday

Forest school

Thursday

Homework

Maths- NUMBOTS
Reading- Daily home reading
Year 1 Spelling

Spellings Test every Friday (Y1 only)

1. hunting
2. hunted
3. jumping
4. jumped
5. world
6. water

Other

If there are any resources you require to support your child at home, please let me know and I will be more than happy to help!



Our week in photos!

This week we have learnt the sounds...

YR- h b

Y1- suffixes ing and ed

Please help your child to learn these sounds.

Well done to this weeks certificate winners!

Head Teacher award- Lucas
Reading award- Eli
Witness award- Evie

Class St John Paul II

'Be determined and confident! Do not be afraid.' Joshua 1:9

What a fantastic final week of this half term we have had!

In Science, the children explored food chains and the flow of energy. Through our History research, we discovered the history of the NHS and put the main events into chronological order. As part of our RE lessons, we explored the Sacrament of Baptism, with children acting out this special ceremony. They also thought carefully about the significance of some of the symbols. In Maths, we all explored addition methods, with Year 3 learning to formal method of column addition with exchanging. In English, the children worked hard to write some incredible alternative endings to a very humerous chapter in our story. After half term, they are going to independently write their own endings to the story.

We all hope you have a lovely half term with your families.
Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Shaw and the Class John Paul II team







Congratulations!
Witness Award - Evangelina
Headteacher Award - Joshua
Reading Award - Roman



Homework

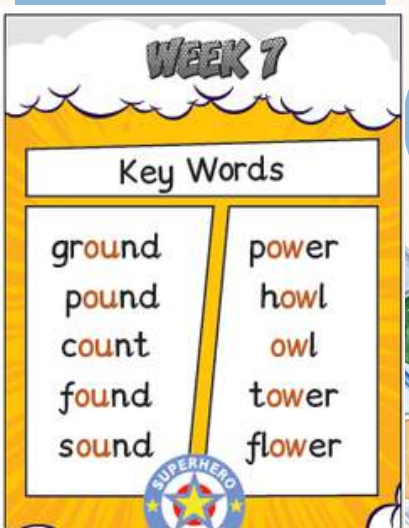
Each week the children will need to:

- Read daily
- Go on TTRS/ Numbots
- Practice their spellings for their spelling test on Friday

Year 2 Spellings

any
many
pretty
climb
little
table
middle
bottle
apple
people

Year 3 Spellings



PE days are Wednesday and Friday

Class St Edmund Arrowsmith

1 Corinthians 16:13

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."

What a fabulous end to the first half term. We have ended our work on Creation and Covenant culminating in a super lesson linking the ten commandments to the Catholic Social Teaching pictures in corridor. The children contributed some excellent ideas to the discussion. The children have planned some very exciting Ancient Greek myths and it was wonderful to watch them share their ideas with the children form Class John Paul. They have now written some engaging openings and we will put them together in a class anthology. After lots of hard work the class have developed confidence in written methods for multiplication and are now ready to take on the challenge of written division after half term. Over the holidays keep reading and practicing times tables. We can already see huge improvements in knowledge and engagement in home learning - this is great preparation for secondary school.

Thank you, as always, for all your continued support.

Mrs Lawman and the Arrowsmith Class Team



PE: **Wednesday** and **Friday**

Swimming: **Tuesday for Y4**

Homework

Each week the children are expected to:

- Read daily
- Practise weekly spellings (Test on Friday) and multiplication facts.
- Complete task set on Spag.com and Maths.co.uk



This Weeks' Spellings

Year 4	Year 5 and 6
immature	doubt
impossible	lamb
immortal	debt
imperfect	thumb
important	autumn
impolite	column
immoveable	knight

Certificate winners this week:

Head Teacher award- Annie-Rose

Reading award- Fawn

Witness award- Rory

Clubs, Attendance & Key Reminders

Attendance		
Year Group	Weekly	Year
Reception	100%	97.3%
Year One	100%	99.7%
Year Two	91.3%	95.7%
Year Three	100%	99.5%
Year Four	98.8%	98.5%
Year Five	98.4%	98.3%
Year Six	100%	95.1%
School Total	98.2%	97.6%

After School Activities

- Mondays: Choir (Let's Go Sing!)
- Tuesday: Ella Holt's drama club - book directly with her
- Wednesdays: Multisports with Coach Scott.
- Thursday: Jam-Coding with Mr Bamford

The Nest

The After School wraparound service at Brindle Gregson Lane runs until 6pm daily. Places can be booked by contacting office@bgl.org.uk



Polite Reminders

Please remember to let the school office know of any pupil absences as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you, we will phone to chase up the reason. This is part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you.

Please continue to use School Spider for all bookings (The Ark before school, toast, lunches, trips, activities and after-school clubs). Please feel free to contact us if you need any help with this.

Please remember this is a dog-free site - there have been a few instances recently where we have found dog poo on our paths. We very much appreciate your support with this.

Please remember to label all items of clothing. Thank you.

Water bottles brought into school should only contain water please, and not juice.

The Ark

Breakfast Club
7.30am - 8.40am
daily.
Places available on
School Spider.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Class	Event
Monday 2nd November	All parents and pupils	Any time between 9am-12pm: Parents and children are welcome to join staff, governors and the Archdiocese in shaping a renewed vision for our school Also during this time, our pre-loved uniform will be available for parents to come and take needed items of uniform ready for the new half term.
Tuesday 3rd November	All	School re-opens for all pupils
Friday 6th November	Y6 parents	Parental briefing about SATs and the residential trip 3.30-4.30
Monday 9th November	All	CAFOD assembly and workshops in school
Monday 9th November	Invitation to all parents	Abdul Logde - Family Hub Drop in Session 9-10am No appointment needed. See School Spider message for further details.
Tuesday 10th November	All pupils	The Poppy and Remembrance day assembly
Wednesday 18th November	Reception pupils	Height and weight checks
Thursday 19th November	Y6	Y6 pupil Health Needs Assessment questionnaire
Thursday 19th November	All pupils	PTFA Friendship Disco 6pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 19th November	Class Arrowsmith	Mass at Arrowsmith House with Fr Mark Beattie. The children are walking there and back. Please ensure they have a suitable coat to wear.
Monday 23rd November	Invitation to all parents	Abdul Logde - Family Hub Drop in Session 9-10am No appointment needed. See School Spider message for further details.
Friday 4th December	All	PTFA Christmas jumper swap - more details to follow Advent Mass at 10.30am at School. All are welcome to attend.

Monday 7th December	Invitation to all parents	Abdul Logde - Family Hub Drop in Session 9-10am No appointment needed. See School Spider message for further details.
Monday 7th December	All	2.30pm: Rocksteady concert - all parents are invited
Friday 11th December	All St Teresa Class Parents	2.00-2.30: PTFA Santa dash 9.10-10.10am: 'StarBooks' Immersive Phonics workshop for Parents and children
Tuesday 15th December	All	1.30pm and 5.00pm: Whole School and Nursery Christmas Nativity Show - All welcome.
Thursday 17th December	All	School Christmas lunch
Friday 18th December	All	School closes at 1.15pm

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October Multi-Sports & Lego Holiday Camp

Brindle St Joseph's, Bournes Row, Hoghton, Preston, PR5 0DQ

Monday 26th - Thursday 29th October

8am - 12pm

AGE 4-11 *(Reception to Year 6)*

HOW TO BOOK

Click/Scan the QR code
Click "Book now"
Create/Sign in to your account
Proceed to payment

£15 per day

HOW TO BOOK

HAF places available for eligible pupils
Please check with school if you are unsure if you are HAF eligible.
Free Hot Meal provided each day for HAF attendees

FREE places for child in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE



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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?

TRIPLE A All About Autism

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Carers Link Lancashire

CANW

communicate speech & language services

ldcvs



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

EAST

Do you have a child starting secondary school in September 2027 and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 31 October 2026

You must apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school.

Apply for a school place now by scanning the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools

If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call 01254 220747.

Have your say

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit **www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces** *and click* **'school admission policies'**.

lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council

Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing

Access School Health in a drop in session

Support for children, young people, parents and carers

HEALTH & WELLBEING SUPPORT

- ✓ Emotional health and wellbeing
- ✓ Healthy lifestyles
- ✓ Sleep concerns✓ Toileting issues
- ✓ Behaviour support
- ✓ Growth and development
- ✓ School-related health concerns
- ✓ General health and wellbeing questions

DROP-IN SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

1 October 2026 | 9:30am-12:00pm
The Zone (next to Skelmersdale Library), WN8 6PZ

15 October 2026 09:00-12:00
Coppull Library PR7 5BZ

08 October 2026 2:00-4:00pm
Preston West Family Hub, PR2 1TU

21 Octobber 2026 | 9:30am-11:30am
West Paddock, PR25 1HR

27 October 2026 | 2:00pm-4:00pm
Ribbleton Family Hub, PR2 6EE

ACCESS TO WIDER SUPPORT
Delivered as part of the One Stop Shop in partnership with the Early Help Partnership, helping families access advice, guidance and local services.

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
Simply come along to a session that suits you.

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FACE

October Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

British Heart Foundation

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Active Camps

South Ribble Borough Council

Venues:

Cuerden Church Primary School, PR5 6ED
Monday 26th to Thursday 29th October

Kingsfold Primary School, PR1 9HJ
Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October

Halloween Parties, Scooting, Archery, UV Sports, Dodgeball, and so so much more....

Cost per day: £14.00

Cost per block: £52.00

For booking Visit:
southribble.gov.uk/activecamps

Drop off 8.30am - 9am
Pick up 4.30pm - 5pm



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26TH - 29TH OCTOBER

Ages 5-11

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£80 ALL FOUR DAYS

10AM - 2PM

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Hunters Road PR25 3TT

CHORLEY ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
Eaves Lane PR6 0DX

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LEARN TO RIDE

26TH OCTOBER

CHORLEY ST PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
Eaves Lane PR6 0DX

SESSION ONE

2:30PM - 4:00PM

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£27 PER SESSION

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Online Safety Newsletter Nov 2026

Spotify Parental Controls

Spotify is a music streaming service. You must be aged over 13 to access it. If under 18, parent/guardian consent is required. However, under-13s can access Spotify through a **managed account** set up by a parent or legal guardian.

Since July 2026, Spotify has provided parental controls for managed accounts on both free and premium plans. These controls:

turnmessagingoff.
turnexplicitcontentoff.
turnvideosandcanvasoff.
allowyoutoblockspecific artists or tracks.

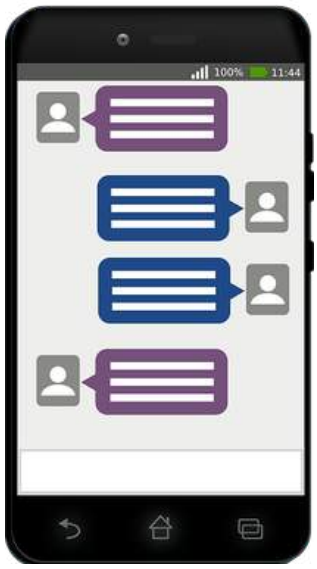
Further information

Read the news announcement here: https://newsroom.spotify.com/2026-05-13/managed-accounts-free-tier-expansion/

Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information: https://www.spotify.com/us/safetyandprivacy/parental-guide

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version: https://www.knowsleycclcs.org.uk/november-2026-primary/

Online Grooming



What is Online Grooming?

Online Grooming is when an adult builds a relationship online with a child to manipulate, exploit, or abuse them.

How does Grooming take place?

Groomers often use fake profiles to pretend they are someone they are not, for example they may claim to be younger than they really are or pretend to be a person of influence. They will use flattery and attention to build trust and friendship. They may use online games or social media to initiate contact but then encourage your child to switch to a different app to chat with privately - usually on an app that offers limited or no parental controls and/or encrypts messages.

What can I do?

- ☐ Use appropriate parental controls.
- ☐ Set privacy settings.
- ☐ Show them how to use any blocking or reporting tools.
- ☐ Chat to your child regularly about what they do online and who they communicate with. Remind them that people online may not always be who they say they are.

What are the signs that my child is being groomed?

- ☐ Being **secretive** about who they are talking to.
- ☐ They become **withdrawn** from family and friends.
- ☐ Appearing **anxious or upset** after receiving messages.
- ☐ Receiving unexpected **gifts**.

Find out more here: https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/offender-gaining-trust

What should I do if my child is being groomed?

- ☐ If you think your child is in immediate danger, contact the police.
- ☐ Stay calm and reassure your child that they are not to blame.
- ☐ If you are worried about online abuse or the way somebody has been communicating with your child online, report it to CEOP: (https://www.ceop.police.uk).

Further information

- ☐ https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets- talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-grooming/

COM Networks

COM Networks are online communities where harmful and deeply disturbing behaviour occurs, including child sexual abuse, cybercrime and extremism. These networks operate on mainstream messaging apps, gaming platforms and through social media. **It is important to be aware that such networks exist and understand the risks they can pose to children.** Introductions to COM Networks can begin with harmless conversations on a game or social media platform, but then as trust builds, groups will gradually introduce harmful content, extreme challenges and pressure to prove loyalty. Some groups use threats, humiliation or the threat of exposing private information to control members. Images, messages or personal details may be used to blackmail victims.

What should I look out for?

- **Increased secrecy**
- **Emotional or behavioural changes**
- **Unfamiliar language:** using new expressions or discussing extreme content, opinions or beliefs.
- **Unexpected gifts**

Sky News investigation into COM Networks (and links on popular sites such as Roblox and Discord)

You may have seen Sky News' investigation into COM networks. The report highlights findings from a six-month investigation that found self-harm-themed avatars, clothing and related content available on the gaming platform Roblox, including items that could be **accessed by children as young as five years old**. The report can be viewed here, **please be aware that it contains upsetting content**:
https://news.sky.com/video/inside- robloxs-dark-side-sky-news-finds-self-harm-avatars-available-to-young-children-13592551

How can I protect my child?

- Have regular and open conversations with your child. Ask your child what they do online and who they communicate with.
- Reassure them that they can always ask for help, even if they have shared something personal or broken a family rule.
- It is important to remember that threatening to confiscate their devices may make them less likely to talk to you when something goes wrong.
- Regularly review privacy settings and set up appropriate parental controls on all devices your child is using.
- Ensure your child understands the risks of sharing personal information or intimate images online.

Further information

- https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp/professional-resources/sadistic-online-exploitation/
- https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/understanding- com-networks/

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WhatsApp Channels and Parental Controls

Users must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. Children under 13 can access WhatsApp through **a parent-managed account.**

WhatsApp Channels

WhatsApp Channels are a one-way broadcast tool to send updates to followers. Channels can be found in the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will **not be age appropriate and may include adult content.** If your child has their own WhatsApp channel, then you need to be aware that they are **public. Anyone can view and follow a channel and anything you share on your channel is public.** We would recommend that parental controls are used to prevent children creating and accessing WhatsApp channels.

Parent Managed accounts

Parent managed accounts are required for those under 13. These accounts have additional safety restrictions and do not allow access to features such as Channels, Meta AI and location sharing. You also have control over which groups they can join.

Parental Controls for Teenagers

For users aged 13 to 17, WhatsApp offers parental control settings to limit access to certain features such as Channels.

For more information, visit:
https://www.whatsapp.com/parentalcontrols

Rage Bait

Have you heard of this term? Rage bait is when somebody deliberately posts online content to make people feel angry or frustrated to generate views and engagement. Find out more here: https://findmykids.org/blog/en/rage-baiting