

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 03.05.24

## Mission

Together we love, learn, follow Jesus

## Vision

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, through an open and generous heart, we learn together as a family in faith, following the gospel values of love.

## Values

Hope Thankfulness Collaboration Compassion Friendship Resilience Empathy Creativity Justice Respect



**A Message from Miss Dewhurst:** This Sunday's Gospel is a very special one that talks about God's love. Jesus talks to his friends about the message of unconditional love.

*"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends."*

Jesus asks us to carry his message of love out into the world; not just in our words but in our actions. This is a message that all of our staff give to our children. If you asked the children, they would tell you that I always tell them: "Treat other people as you would like to be treated."

I have spoken with a number of children this week that I have spotted being wonderful role models; living out these Gospel values and being truly great friends to others in need. Our children continue to lead the way when it comes to putting faith in action. I, as always, am very proud of them.

### This week spotted: Ava

Being the kindest friend, and caring for others

### Happy Birthday:

Sebby, Tommy, Oscar C and Cal

### Royal Stamp:

Our Head Girl Niamh received an exciting envelope through the post this week. She had written to King Charles and was excited to receive a reply from him. The card from Buckingham Palace reads "This brings you my warmest thanks for your incredibly thoughtful message. It was wonderfully generous of you to take the trouble to write as you did, and your words were most uplifting." and is signed Charles R and includes his photograph.



**Sunday Gospel:** Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another."

John 15: 9-17(Wednesday Word)

**Recycled uniform:** Don't forget, we have a rail of new-to-you uniform in the foyer at school. Please help yourself to any items that are on there. If you have any items of St Joseph's clothing—sweatshirts, PE hoodies, cardigans or dresses that you no longer need, please donate them to this rail. Thank you.

**Family Fun Day:** On Saturday, 15th June our Summer Family Fun day will be taking place at the parish hall.. Members of the PTFA would love to hear from you if you are able to help out on the day or can lend them a gazebo. If you would like a stall, or are able to donate a raffle prize please let us know. The first of our three non-uniform days is next Friday (May 10th). In exchange for coming in their own clothes, we would like pupils to bring unwanted gifts which can be recycled.

**Classroom Catch Up:** This week, in science, Class R/1 have been investigating the difference between a deciduous and an evergreen tree. The children enjoyed illustrating the changes to a deciduous tree throughout the different seasons. In history, we have been busy exploring the achievements of many great past and present explorers including Neil Armstrong, Matthew Henson, Ellen MacArthur, Mary Kingsley and Christopher Columbus. We talked about what makes each of them significant individuals. Maths wise, Reception have been adding and taking away using single digits, while Year One have been making arrays, doubles and equal groups. To end a busy week, we enjoyed a trip to Stanley Grange on Friday afternoon.

Class 2/3 have started their new English unit using the book "Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor". The children have loved the opening chapter. Why not ask them if they would like to invent something? In maths we also started a new unit—fractions. The class used charcoal drawings to depict the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection in RE. It has been a very productive week in Class 4/5. In English, we have finished our text for this half term "Hidden Figures" and will now be moving on to producing biographies about the women. In science, the children have been learning about the planets and their features - something which they really enjoyed. In R.E., we are continuing with the Easter story which links to our unit based on sacrifice. This week, we were thinking about the arrest of Jesus and his actions at this time. In Collective Worship, we explored the Scripture linked with Jesus as the Vine and the meaning of this. The children thought about how this links to their lives and how Jesus provides us with the tools we need to grow and become the best version of ourselves as well as providing support when needed.

In Class 6 this week, we have been in the middle of our Mock SATs. It is actually an understatement to say that the class have given it everything - they have given so much more than 'everything', and this is evident in the scale scores which are starting to come out! In Maths, we have been looking at finding missing angles in all polygons, remembering the formula of  $(n-2) \times 180$  to find the sum of the internal angles - hard, but very satisfying when it is understood!

**Golf Taster Day:** On Tuesday, every year group enjoyed a game of golf! PGA professional Stu Warren was in school to make sure pupils practised different skills such as putting, chipping and driving.



**Stanley Grange:** This week's group picked more comfrey to top up the homemade fertiliser. They also constructed pea frames from bamboo sticks and then planted peas and beans in out plot. Pupils also checked on, and watered, our potatoes.



### Award Winners



**CI R/1:**



Dojo Champion: **Mary**



School Values/Mission: Kindness—**Aria** for offering to help her peers and teachers with classroom jobs on many occasions this week.



“Spotted”: **Tommy** for demonstrating a love for learning and putting 100% effort into contributing to class discussions, often raising lots of interesting and well thought out questions



**CI 2/3:**



Dojo Champion: **Tiffany**



School Values/Mission: Resilience—**Violet** for never giving up in the catching competition in PE



“Spotted”: Rory for collaborating in English



**CI 4/5:**



Dojo Champion: **Viola**



School Values/Mission: Friendship—**Ava** for always being a kind, caring and thoughtful member of the class



“Spotted”: **Flynn** for being creative in his approach to learning both in the classroom and in Rock Steady



**CI 6:**



Dojo Champion: **Ben**



School Values/Mission: Resilience—**Bella** for refusing to give up, and striving to be the best she can be



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**Pope Francis:** *The joy of the Gospel, when truly embraced, triggers in us the movement of discipleship. It provokes a real exodus from ourselves and sets us on a path to encounter the Lord and experience the fullness of life. (Taken from X)*

### Recent Correspondence

Please find below a list of information that has been sent out this week.

Remember to check School Spider for

all communication from school:

School playing field—hayfever

Stanley Grange Group 2 reminder

Head lice information

School crossing patrol 01.05.24

Wednesday Word

CI R/1 visit to Stanley Grange

CI R/1 Trip to Fleetwood

Scotsafe 09.05.24 (CI 2/3)

Online Safety Newsletter: May

School meals w/c 07.05.24

### School Attendance:

	This Week	This Year
Yr R	90.8%	96.6%
Yr 1	<b>100%</b>	97.6%
Yr 2	94.4%	94.6%
Yr 3	91.8%	94.3%
Yr 4	97.6%	95%
Yr 5	97.1%	98%
Yr 6	98%	95.9%
Total	96%	96%

**Consent Forms:** If your child is in Class 2/3, they should have brought home a form asking you to give consent for them to take part in the ScootSafe activities on Thursday afternoon. To enable them to join in, we will need this form back no later than the 9am on Wednesday.

Members of our girls football team have been asked to let us know whether or not they are available to take part in the league games for the next three Thursdays. Please complete the form on School Spider by Wednesday morning.



Chorley  
Council

LEISURE

**May Half Term**  
**Intensive Swimming Lessons**

**27th — 31st May**

0800-0830 - Stage 1

0830-0900 - Stage 2

0900-0930 - Stage 3

0930-1000 - Stage 4

Book now to secure your place with Hazel for just £27.50 with a member of the team in centre,  
by email - [allseasons@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:allseasons@chorley.gov.uk)  
or by phone - 01257515533

**Lost Property:** We have a number of packed lunch boxes which have been on the trolley for a number. None of them have names on them. If

you recognise any, please come to the office to collect them. Can we remind you to put names on everything your child brings into school including lunch boxes and bags and water bottles.



**Fleetwood Trip:** Many thanks to those parents who have completed the forms and paid their contribution towards the Class R/1 trip on Tuesday, 14th May. All the information and forms you need can be found on School Spider.



**SUMMER**  
**FAMILY FUNDAY**

Saturday  
15th JUNE  
2pm to 5pm



PARISH HALL, PRIVATE ROAD, HOGHTON, PR5 0DE

# What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

## ONLINE LIVES



## SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



## POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s



## ONLINE GAMING

**68%** of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?

**74%** played with someone they know

**32%** played with strangers

## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

**93%** 8-17s had at least one lesson about online safety

**93%** of children are aware of at least one thing they can do to stay safe online

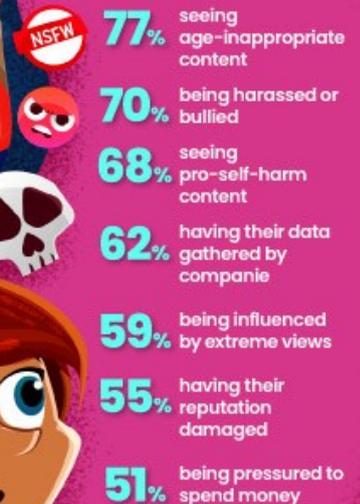
**91%** children found these lessons useful

**78%** of 8-17s were aware of age restrictions for apps

**40%** admitted to faking their age to bypass these limits

## PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



## DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

**W/C 06.05.24 ST JOSEPH, BRINDLE  
COME, GROW AND EXPLORE WITH US!**



**MONDAY**

**BANK HOLIDAY  
HAVE A  
LOVELY DAY**



**TUESDAY**



**FRUIT  
SALAD  
MAKING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**TAG  
RUGBY**



**THURSDAY**



**SCREEN FREE  
DAY  
MINDFULNESS  
ACTIVITIES**

**FRIDAY**

**EUROVISION  
SONG  
CONTEST**



**PLUS ARTS AND CRAFT SESSIONS AND DEAF AWARENESS WEEK**

PALs after school activities: Every week our PALS team will be sending the list of after school activities for those children who use our wraparound care. More information about how you book sessions for your child are available on leaflets in the school foyer.



# MAY HALF-TERM PROGRAMME

Elmer Craft



Planetarium



Silk Painting



**the HARRIS**  
HOME from HOME



**BOOK NOW!**

**CHORLEY**  
**MAY HALF TERM**  
**HOLIDAY CLUB!**

**FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12 YEARS...**

 **28th - 31st MAY**

 **ST GEORGES PRIMARY SCHOOL, CARR LANE, PR7 3JU**

 **8:30-5:30**

**BOOK ONLINE TODAY AT:**

 [www.qualitysport.co.uk](http://www.qualitysport.co.uk)  

 [info@qualitysport.co.uk](mailto:info@qualitysport.co.uk)  **07507 579 852**

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- ✓ Gymnastics
- ✓ Airtrack
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Rugby
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Talent Show Performances
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Baking

To secure your child's place, book online at [www.qualitysport.co.uk](http://www.qualitysport.co.uk)

We also regularly offer trips and have experiences coming into club to visit us too!

**PRICES**

<b>Full Day (8:30am-5:30pm)</b>	<b>£26</b>
<b>Activity Day (10am-4pm)</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>Activity Day &amp; Breakfast Club (8:30am-4pm)</b>	<b>£24</b>
<b>Activity Day &amp; Chill Out Club (10am-5:30pm)</b>	<b>£24</b>

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