

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 10.05.24

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: We have had a wonderful four day week in school. We celebrated Ascension Thursday with Father Raphael and our families; marking the 40th day after Easter, where Jesus returned to heaven. A reminder that Jesus now wants us to continue his mission and share his good news on Earth. It is fitting then that this week, children have demonstrated teamwork, collaboration and friendship as they have played together outside in the sun. Dare I say, summer is on the way? The grass has been cut, so I have spent time with them as they have shown me the "grass houses and nests" they have been building. There has been a real sense of teamwork and creativity on show and some very impressive structures! We can learn important lessons from our children and this shows that the simplest of things, with some imagination, can create endless amounts of fun!

This week spotted: Miss Sanders (Jam Coding)

For being a kind and caring teacher

Sunday Gospel: Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth."

John 17: 11-19 (Wednesday Word)

Happy Birthday: Hektor

Year 6 SATs: Please keep our Year 6 children in your prayers next week as they undertake their SATs in school. We are already incredibly proud of them and the hard work they have put in. We know that they will all give their best throughout the coming week!

Lost Property: We are beginning to accumulate a lot of unnamed PE hoodies, sweatshirts and cardigans. Please can we reiterate the importance of making sure pupil's names are in every item of clothing that they bring into school, it makes the job of reuniting lost property with the owner easier, if we can find a name in it! All items of lost property are put in the box in the foyer, please have a look in it! Unclaimed items will be recycled onto our "new to you" rail.

Forest School: If your child is having a Forest School session, can we please remind you that, for health and safety reasons, they must wear the following:

- Long sleeved top (not a tshirt)
- Long legged trousers (not shorts)

They should also bring a change of footwear whatever the weather and a coat in case of rain. Thank you



Class Trip: On Tuesday (May 14th), Class R/1 will be travelling to Fleetwood. As well as enjoying time at the town's museum, they are hoping to have their picnic on the beach! Pupils do not need to bring anything with them, a morning snack, lunch and a drink will be provided. They should wear their PE kit but should also bring a coat as the weather looks like it might be changeable.

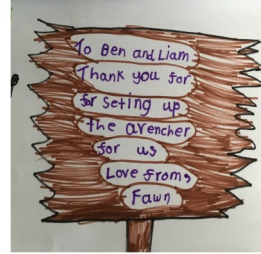
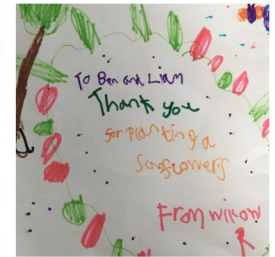
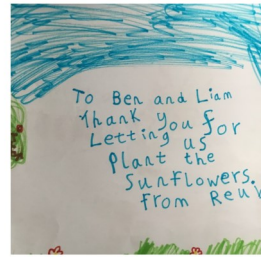


Classroom Catch Up: After our wonderful visit to Stanley Grange last week, Class R/1 decided that it would be a great idea to write thank you messages to the team there, Mrs Edgerley kindly delivered them to Ben and Liam on Thursday. The children can't wait to go back soon! In history, we have investigated how exploration has changed over time, identifying similarities and differences between exploration then and now. In science, we have been busy identifying what plants need to grow. The children are enjoying taking responsibility for looking after the plants in our class greenhouse.

In English, Class 2/3 have started to identify what a good character description would look like. In French, they have been learning about each season, this week the focus was on hiver (winter).

Despite it being only a four day week, we've been very productive in Class 4/5. In history, we have been looking at the organisation of the Roman Army and how this led to great success. In science, we have been exploring the difference between the geocentric and heliocentric model and how this impacts our solar system. In R.E., we have finished our unit of "Sacrifice" by looking at the stations of the cross. On Thursday morning, the children also led our Ascension Day mass for the whole school and parents and did a fabulous job.

It is that time of the year again in Class 6 - the week before SATs. We have finished our final maths unit of the year (position and direction) which means, for Year 6, the primary curriculum is now finished! In English, we identified definitions of word classes, making revision cards to keep them fresh in our minds. SATs is next week, and Year 6 are ready. I am so impressed by the effort and commitment they have shown to their learning, and I know they will do themselves proud next week. Good luck Year 6!



Stanley Grange: Last Friday, pupils from Class R/1 had a fantastic afternoon at Stanley Grange! They enjoyed exploring the beautiful grounds and participated in a treasure hunt, a tree identification quiz and even got to plant a sun-flower too. Many of the children asked the team, "When are we coming back?"



This week's group from Class 4/5 played crazy golf on a nine-hole course which has been designed and built by Ben. There were two teams one led by Ben and the other by Mrs Edgerley.

Dexter won the boys' game with his two holes in one and Isla won for the girls.





Award Winners

CI R/1:

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

“Spotted”: **Darcy** for demonstrating a love and enthusiasm for reading

CI 2/3:

Dojo Champion: **Tiffany**
 School Values/Mission: Respect—**Esmail** for living out our school value with her peers and in the classroom

“Spotted”: **Hektor** for his constant enthusiasm at school

CI 4/5:

Dojo Champion: **Lavinia**
 School Values/Mission: Creativity—**Stanley** for producing a very detailed drawing linked with the Stations of the Cross in RE

“Spotted”: **Eliza** for always working hard and being an amazing example of the St Joseph’s Way

CI 6:

Dojo Champion: **Bella**
 School Values/Mission: Collaboration—**George** for showing fantastic teamwork during our PE sessions

“Spotted”: **Ruby** for giving 100% in absolutely everything, contributing fully in every lessons

Pope Francis: *The*

#AscensionOfTheLord tells us that Jesus is alive among us in a new way. He is now present in every place and time, and is close to each of us. We are never alone: we have an Advocate who guides us, waits for us and defends us. (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:

Non-uniform reminder

Yr 6 SATs reminder

Ascension Day Mass 09.05.24

Scotsafe Consent

Stanley Grange: Group 3

Attendance: Penalty Notices Update

Wednesday Word: 08.05.24

School Meals: week commencing 13.05.24

Girls Football league

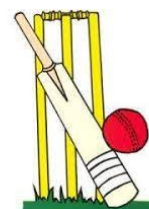
School Attendance:

	This Week	This Year
Yr R	97.9%	96.6%
Yr 1	98.9%	97.6%
Yr 2	98.6%	94.7%
Yr 3	97.7%	94.4%
Yr 4	98.5%	95.1%
Yr 5	98.2%	98%
Yr 6	95%	95.9%
Total	97.8%	96.1%

Junior Cricket: If your child is over the age of 5 and interested in getting involved in cricket, Gregson Lane Allstars and Dynamos cricket might be for them.

Allstars is for children aged 5 to 8 years olds, the cost is £30. For more details <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/15ba41f2-affe-4949-a7c0-5f314fd9815b>

The Dynamos is for 8 to 11 year olds and costs £40 <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/032a229f-f98c-4730-8795-f9394a2d9633>



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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
or by phone - 01257515533

Children's Liturgy: Sunday is 7th Sunday of Easter. In today's gospel Jesus is talking to God. He is praying. Do you pray? What do you pray for or about? Jesus is asking God to help his friends – the disciples – when he is gone. Jesus knows it will be hard for them to be without him. But he has also given his disciples a very special job to do and he wants them to carry on doing this, even after he has gone away. So he wants God to keep them safe. What job do you think Jesus wants his disciples to do? Jesus wants his disciples to follow his teaching, to love everyone just like Jesus loves us and to encourage others to do the same. Jesus prayed for us too. Do you think Jesus has a special job for us to do as his followers? What do you think that job might be? He wants us to share God's love with others – near or far away – and care



for the lovely world he has given us. How do you think we can do that? Let us remember this week to pray to God to help us as we try to live as Jesus asks us to. We would love to see you at 9:30am Mass on Sunday for Children's Liturgy.

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.

W/C 13.05.24 ST JOSEPH, BRINDLE
COME, GROW AND EXPLORE WITH US!



MONDAY

**PIZZA
MAKING**



TUESDAY



**DART
TOURNAMENT**

WEDNESDAY

**PASTA
JEWELLERY
MAKING**



THURSDAY



**LEGO
CLUB**

FRIDAY

**ENDANGERED
SPECIES
DAY**



PLUS ARTS AND CRAFT SESSIONS

A banner with colorful triangular flags in shades of orange, green, red, and yellow, strung across the top of the poster.

SUMMER

FAMILY FUN DAY

A simple yellow flower with a pink center, positioned between the words 'FAMILY' and 'FUN DAY'.

Saturday 15th June
2pm to 5pm

FREE ENTRY
FREE PARKING



- fun & games •
- bar & refreshments •
- inflatables •
- raffle •



- entertainment •
- market stalls •
- face painting •
- and much more!



PARISH HALL, PRIVATE ROAD, HOGHTON, PR5 0DE

LET'S SING! LET'S DANCE! LET'S ACT!



SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August

At Hollinshead St Rooms, Hollinshead St (& Byron St), Chorley



Grand Performance

on Saturday 3rd August
at Adlington Community Centre

at 7.30pm

Only £75

for the full 6 days

(10am - 4pm)



For further information, please email:

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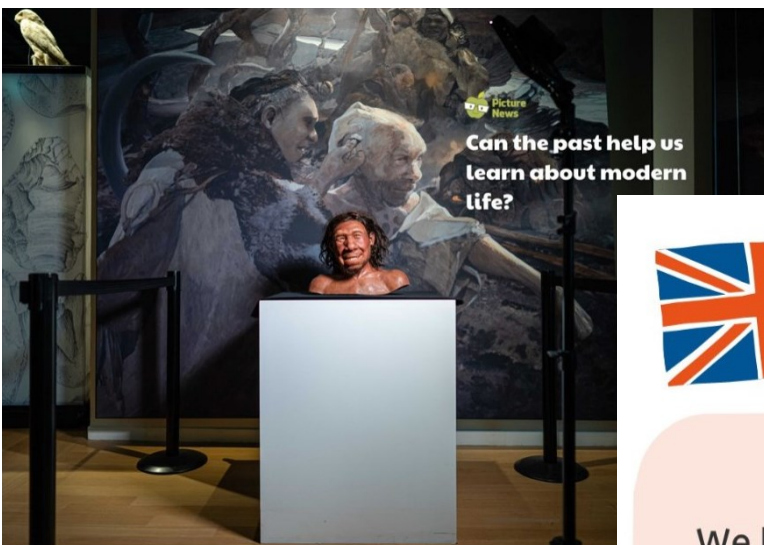


All staff are fully enhanced CRB checked & First Aid qualified



A show in a week!!

One whole week of drama, dance and singing,
working on extracts from musicals, movies and plays



Individual Liberty

We have the freedom to make our own choices. We can pursue areas of learning that interest us and we can share our knowledge and understanding with others.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, *Helldivers 2* had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, *Helldivers 2* carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In *Helldivers 2*, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to *Helldivers 2*'s appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS



The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as *Helldivers 2*.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST



Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS



At the time of writing, *Helldivers 2* costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether *Helldivers 2* is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES



If playing on Xbox – where *Helldivers 2* isn't available – consider something like *Halo: The Master Chief Collection* as an alternative. One of its game modes – *Firefight* – replicates *Helldivers 2*'s mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted *Deep Rock Galactic*, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS



Many titles offer in-game purchases, but *Helldivers 2*'s are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS



Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to *Helldivers 2* as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.

