

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 20.09.24

Mission

Together we love, learn, follow Jesus

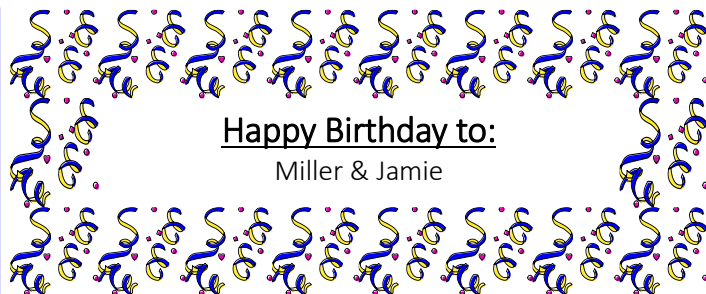
Vision

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: It has been a very busy week in school. Lots of staff have been on essential training courses. Therefore, I have had the pleasure of teaching different classes across school, from our new starters through to our fabulous Year Six. I have had a wonderful time! Seeing firsthand what the children have been learning about has been a joy. They demonstrated a real sense of engagement and eagerness to explore the challenges they were set and they demonstrated our school values of collaboration, creativity and resilience. St Joseph's is definitely developing inquisitive, life-long learners that I am super proud of!



Happy Birthday to:

Miller & Jamie



Pope Francis: *Prayer opens a sliver of light even in the densest darkness. "Lord, help me!" is a cry that opens up that path.*
[#YearOfPrayer](#)

Classroom Round Up: It has been another fantastic week in **Class R/1**. In History this week, we talked about our favourite toys and the different materials that they are made from. Year One enjoyed drawing and labelling their favourite toy. In Science, we have started our topic all about humans. The children got busy labelling parts of the body and identifying which parts of the body are associated with the different senses. Towards the end of the week, Class R&1 had lots of fun during their PE lessons where they practised a range of fundamental movement skills.



What a fantastic week we have had in **Class 2/3/4**! In Science, Year 4 enjoyed conducting an experiment about thermal insulators, and Year 2 and Year 3 conducted an experiment about the bounciness of materials. In English, we have become our main character Mary and produced excellent diary entries reflecting on her thoughts and feelings. Also, we have begun exploring our artists Laura Carlin and Shaun Tan who are illustrators for books and graphic novels.



We've had a wonderful week in **Class 5/6**! In English, the children have started to write their own version of Theseus and the Minotaur with a grammar focus of sentence openers (-ed and -ing). In history, we compared our childhood to that of a child growing up in Ancient Greece which was incredibly interesting as there were some similarities e.g. playing board games for entertainment. On Friday afternoon, the children ended the week with a handball session - a lot of fun was had by all! All in all, another busy and productive week where the children have worked incredibly hard.



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:

Wednesday Word

Reception: Baseline Assessment

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Uniform Reminders

RockSteady—Yr 2, Yr 3 & Yr 4

High School places

Asthma Updates

Football competition

This week spotted: Isabella

For being a kind friend who is also good at sharing

Vacancies: If your child is interested—there are vacancies in our local Rainbows, Brownies and Guide groups for Hoghton and Brindle. Meetings take place on Wednesdays - Rainbows 5.30 to 6.30pm; Brownies 6.30 to 8pm and Guides 7pm to 8.30 at Trinity Methodist Church Gregson Lane. Girls can be registered at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus. To join Rainbows, your child must be at least 4; Brownies start at age 7 and Guides at 10 years.

Uniform: Week Commencing 23.09.24: On **Monday**, the photographers from Tempest will be in school to take class pictures. **All children** will need to be in their school uniform, not PE kit.

As a result, Class 5/6 will be having PE on Thursday and Friday next week.

Class 2/3/4 will be having PE on Tuesday and Thursday.

Forest School sessions will take place as usual on Wednesday for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Class 5/6.

Asda Cash Pots: Don't forget, you can help us raise money for school using the Asda Rewards app. Search for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Brindle. The promotion runs until November 30th and will help to benefit school!

Can you help? Miss Ollerton would like to upcycle wooden pallets for use in our outdoor classroom. Pictured below are some examples of the sort of projects she has in mind. If you are able to help, please speak to her either in a morning or after school.



Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Photographs can provide a unique view into the wider world. They can help us to learn about and care for animals and environments that we may not previously have been aware of.

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Diary Dates:

Monday, 23rd September	Class photographs "Meet the Teacher" between 3.30pm and 4.30pm
Thursday 26th September	Football league games at Withy Grove (also October 3rd)
Friday, 27th September	Macmillan coffee morning from 9am to 10am
Tuesday, 1st October	Photo being taken for LEP Reception Class supplement
Friday, 11th October	Hello Yellow Day—marking World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow
Wednesday, 16th October	Open Morning from 9.30am to 11am
Friday, 18th October	School closes at 3.15pm for half term
Monday, 28th October	Inset Day
Tuesday, 29th October	School re-opens

Sunday Gospel: After leaving the mountain, Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was teaching his disciples about what was going to happen to him; he said: "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But the disciples did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. Later, Jesus said them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing about which one of them was the greatest. So Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all."

Mark 9: 30-37 (Wednesday Word)



Stanley Grange: This half term Year 4 pupils are visiting our allotment on a Thursday afternoon. This week they helped collect apples before pressing them and enjoying the results with a taste of freshly pressed apple juice! Delicious!



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting
secondary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 31 October 2024

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, please check the guidance on our website, or call **01772 532109**.

**HAVE
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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'.

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
16

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

FREE TRIAL

VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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Half Term Holiday Club: See below for details about a new holiday club taking place during half term for pupils from Reception to Year 6.

There will be sport and non-sport activities, and children will be able to choose which option they would prefer at the start of every session. Information about how to book a place can be found on the flyer.



October Half Term absolute Holiday Camp



St Patrick's RC Primary School PR5 4HD



Monday 21st - Friday 25th October



4-11
(Reception to Year 6)



£22.50 per day or
£100 for the 5 day week



8:30am - 4pm



HOW TO BOOK

1. Scan the QR code
2. Click "Book now"
3. Create/Sign in to your account
4. Proceed to payment



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