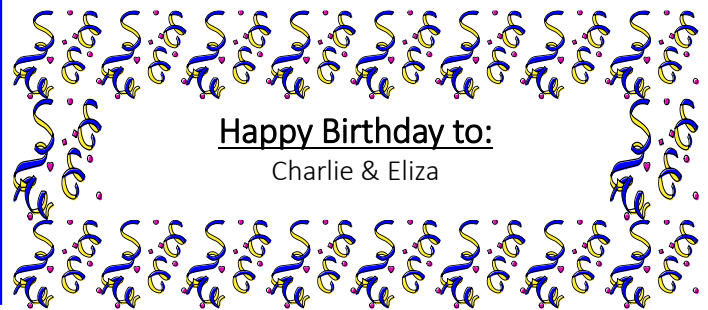


# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 15.11.24

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:** Well, we are not quite sure how it is the middle of November already! As Advent and Christmas are evidently getting nearer, it has been lovely to hear our younger children practising their Nativity songs in the hall. As always, school has been a busy place! We shared and celebrated a number of activities in school to mark Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme was "Choose Respect". This, of course, ties in nicely as, 'respect' is one of our School Values. Children learned about the importance of respect both for themselves and each other; in school; at home and online. Our children at St Joseph's take pride in the fact they belong to a special community and they look out for each other. We celebrate the fact they consistently demonstrate our school Mission and Values and we talked about a world where respect and kindness thrives and how this can always start with us.

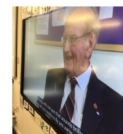
**Pope Francis:** *When we learn to serve others, every gesture of attention and care, every expression of tenderness, and every act of mercy become a reflection of God's love.*



**Classroom Round Up:** In Phonics this week, Reception have been learning the j, v, x and w sounds while Year One have been mastering the oo, oa and tricky with oo sound. In Science, **CI R/1** investigated how cars move down different ramps and gutters as part of our forces unit. In geography, we identified which animals do and don't belong in the ocean. The children demonstrated a great understanding of why different animals were more suited to different habitats. To end the week, Class R/1 enjoyed rehearsing their Nativity songs in addition to learning their 'Three Little Pigs' themed dance in PE.

This week in **CI 2/3/4** has been a busy one! In English, we have started our new book, 'Aseop's Fables', every child learnt and performed part of fable with a group and we all had a go at working out the morals of each story. We also started to explore inverted commas and everyone loved writing their answers on their desks! In science, we created our own healthy plates, using the eatwell guidance to ensure they were balanced. We have also started our geography unit, 'The United Kingdom', locating our school in our continent, country and county.

Our classroom has resembled a cardboard factory this week as the children in **CI 5/6** have been working incredibly hard bringing their 2D drawings to life by creating a 3D version of them. They have all done an amazing job and the final results are fantastic! In maths, Yr 5 have been looking at square, cube and prime numbers; whilst Yr 6 have been focusing on adding and subtracting fractions. In English, we have been exploring the language used in the Highway Man and explaining its meaning. Finally, on Friday morning, the children led Prayer & Liturgy for parents based on the theme of 'Remembrance' - it is always lovely to welcome our families into school.



## School Attendance:

	This Week	This Year
Yr R	93.1%	97.3%
Yr 1	95.8%	98.1%
Yr 2	89.1%	95.5%
Yr 3	<b>100%</b>	97.9%
Yr 4	92.7%	97.3%
Yr 5	94.7%	96.4%
Yr 6	95.3%	97.8%
Total	94.3%	97.1%

## Award Winners

### CI R/1:

Dojo Champion: **Jacob**  
School Values/Mission: **Roman**—resilience—for always putting in 100% effort into all that he does. He is a resilient learner who loves to challenge himself

### CI 2/3:/4

Dojo Champion: **Sam**  
School Values/Mission: **Violet**—resilience—for showing great resilience in maths, working hard to understand and complete column subtractions with exchanges, Well done Violet, keep it up!

### CI 5/6:

Dojo Champion: **Ava**  
School Values/Mission: **Emily**—creativity—for showcasing her art skills this week both in her own work and when helping others

**Children's Liturgy:** Sunday is 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year B. In the Gospel we hear about the time when Jesus will come again. We do not know when this will be, but we must try to be ready. We often prepare for special events. We get ready to welcome visitors. We prepare when there is going to be a new baby in the family. We prepare for a party or a meal. We get ready for the school play. All around the world, children get ready to go to school in the morning. They get up, get washed and dressed, have breakfast and make their way to school ready to learn. When they get home, many children help their parents get dinner ready, so that the family can have something to eat. Do you get ready in any of these ways during your day? Which ones? Can you think of any other ways that you get ready or prepare for things?

Jesus says that nobody except God knows when Jesus will come again. But as his followers we should still try to be ready to greet him when he comes. How do you think we can be ready for Jesus? What kind of people should we be so that we are ready for Jesus? We can try to be ready by doing all that Jesus asks of us. By loving God and one another and by helping other people. By living in peace with each other and by sharing what we have so that all people have enough.

What will you do so that you can try to be ready when Jesus comes again in glory?

We would love to see you on Sunday at 9.30am Mass - Children's Liturgy Room.  
Children's Liturgy Team



**Sunday Gospel:** Jesus said to his disciples, "When the time for the end of the world is near, many things will happen. In those days they will see the Son of Man approaching in the clouds with great power and glory; then he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father." Mark 13: 24-32 (Wednesday Word)

**School Lunch:** It was lovely to see so many parents and family members joining our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils for lunch today!

Next Friday we are looking forward to welcoming adults to enjoy a school lunch with the children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6. Please arrive in time to eat at 11.50am. A form for parents / grownups to choose their lunch is open until Monday morning for you to complete.



**Advance Notice:** Here are a few dates for your diary for next half term.

There will be more details about many of these events sent to you via School Spider after half term.

Monday, 18th November	Bikeability for CI 5/6
Tuesday, 19th November	Bikeability for CI 5/6 Nasal flu vaccine
Wednesday, 20th November	Book Fair—more details to follow NCMP for Reception & Yr 6
Friday, 22nd November	Invite to lunch for parents/carers of Yr 3, Yr 4 & CI 5/6
Friday, 29th November	PTFA rainbow non-uniform day—more details to follow CI 2/3/4 Prayer and Liturgy at 9am PTFA Christmas swap / sale at 8.30am
Monday, 2nd December	Nursery & CI R/1 dress rehearsal of “Baarmy Bethlehem” at 2.30pm
Tuesday, 3rd December	Nursery & CI R/1 performance of “Baarmy Bethlehem” at 2.30pm
Friday, 6th December	PTFA Santa Dash / Christmas light switch-on from 2.15pm—more details to follow
Friday, 13th December	Christmas jumper day Christmas lunch CI R/1 Christmas craft stay & play
Wednesday, 18th December	Rock Steady concert at 10am Class Christmas parties in the afternoon
Thursday, 19th December	Christmas celebration in school led by KS2 School closes at 1.15pm
Monday, 6th January	School re-opens

**This week spotted by pupils: Ava**

For being one of the kindest pupils  
at St Joseph’s

**Book Fair:** Our book fair will be delivered to school on Wednesday. Pupils will be given an opportunity during school to have a look at the titles that will be on sale.

The Book Fair will be open for parents and carers as follows:

3.20pm on Thursday, 21st November

8.30am on Thursday, 22nd November

8.30am to 9am on Monday, 25th November

3pm on Tuesday, 26th November

A portion of the commission from all the books sold goes directly to school funds.

**Flu vaccinations:** The nurses will be in school on Tuesday to administer the nasal flu vaccination only to those pupils whose parents have given consent.



**Individual & sibling photos:** You should have received copies of your child’s individual photo and those taken with siblings. The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. You can order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).



**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:

*Join us for lunch 22.11.24*

*CI 5/6 Prayer & Liturgy*

*Chair of Governor Update*

*Drop Off & Pick Up*

*Wednesday Word 13.11.24*

*CI 5/6 Clothing for Bikeability*

*Bikeability Consent Form*

*PE kit*

*CI R/1 Tapestry*

*School Meals: Week Commencing 18.11.24*

*Reception Phonics Meeting 18.11.24*

*Yr 4: School Choir*

# Rainbow Raffle

**Non uniform day 29th  
November 2024**

## Reception

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

**Year 3**

**Year 4**

**Year 5**

**Year 6**

Children to wear something in their class colour (see left). If you don't have clothing in that colour wear any.

Please send in a raffle prize for the Christmas rainbow raffle hampers in your class colour!

Other prizes welcome e.g. from local businesses! Drop in at the office.



### Stanley Grange:

This week the group planted trees! Rowan enjoyed planting a Rowan! Other species planted included silver birch and wild cherry.





## Mutual Respect and Tolerance

My behaviour actions and words can affect others. Listening to each other, showing kindness, celebrating differences and choosing respect can help to make everyone feel happy, comfortable and safe.



What impact can bullying have on a community?

**BRINDLE ST JOSEPH'S**  
**CHRISTMAS ITEM SWAP**

DO YOU...  
...HAVE OUTGROWN CHRISTMAS JUMPERS?  
...HAVE OTHER CHRISTMAS ACCESSORIES OR CLOTHING THAT YOU WANT TO GET RID OF?

*Donate your Christmas Items*

WE ARE ACCEPTING CLEAN CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND OTHER CHRISTMAS ITEMS

**Donate to Reception (Mrs Cox) between 6th November and 27th November 2024.**

The Christmas items will be on sale on Friday 29th November at 8:30am.  
£1 per jumper and 50p for other items

**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.

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

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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces) and click 'school admission policies'.

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**OUR JINGLE BELL JOG IS BACK!**

**Sunday 1st December 2024**  
Arrive from 11.30am • Jog starts 12 noon

**Where: UCLAN Sports Arena, Preston**  
**Why: To have a blast while raising funds for our Children's Fund!**

**Just £3 per person**

**£10 for a family of 4**

Join us for a fun-filled 1-mile festive jog to support our Children's Fund! Bring the whole family along for a day of excitement, featuring special guests, including the big man himself - SANTA!

Don't forget to wear your best costume because we'll be awarding prizes for the best fancy dress!

Book your tickets today at [www.lthcharity.org.uk](http://www.lthcharity.org.uk) or contact Lucy Clark at 01772 528500.

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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

### 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

### 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

### 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

### 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

### 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

### 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

### 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

### 8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

### 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

### 10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

## Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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# Mental Elf is coming to Leyland!

Saturday  
30th  
November  
Worden Park  
10am-2.30pm

Festive Fun Run 2024

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