St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

'We Work, We Care, We Pray, We Share'

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Friday 28th November

Break the Rules Day in support of CAFOD – Faith in Action

Thank you to everyone for taking part in Break the Rules Day for CAFOD!
We are very happy to share that together we raised **£140.00.**

Our Mini Vinnies team have decided to use this money to buy two special CAFOD gifts:

- **Water for a Family** – This gift helps a family get clean, safe water close to their home. It means children don't have to walk long distances to collect water, and families can stay healthy.
- **The Christmas Stocking** – This gift provides a package of essentials and festive items to help a child or family at Christmas time. These might include things like **warm clothes, blankets, toys, food, and school supplies**, to bring comfort and joy during the holiday season.

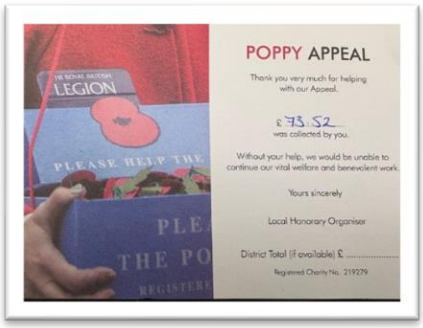
These gifts will make a real difference to people's lives. Thank you again for your kindness, generosity, and support!





Poppy Appeal

Thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting the Poppy Appeal. Together, we raised £73.52. Your kindness and generosity help support the Royal British Legion in caring for members of the armed forces, veterans, and their families. Thank you for showing such thoughtful remembrance and for helping to make a difference.





PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



If you, or someone you know, has a child due to start primary school next September who may be interested in St. Joseph's, they can register their interest by completing our online form using the link below so that they can be sent details of the admission process.

They can also register to come and look around school during the daytime by completing the second form below.

Primary applications should be made online at Lancashire.gov.uk/schools or by using the QR code above by the deadline date of 15th January 2026.

Christmas Pre-School Forest Session

We would like to invite any prospective parents for Reception 26 to come and take part in our Forest School pre-school session. Please share.



SVP Chorley Buddies – Faith in Action

Christmas Toy Appeal

Our School Parliament are supporting SVP with their Christmas Toy Appeal. We are asking for any donations of new and unwrapped toys to be brought into school which will be passed to the donation stations ready to help families in Chorley who are in need. Please bring in all donations by December 1st





Get into the festive spirit early- for Black Friday, we're offering 20% OFF tickets for SVP Chorley Buddies Santa's Christmas Grotto 2025! But hurry, this special deal is only for the first 50 tickets, and is valid until 28th November.

👇👇Book your tickets here👇👇👇

https://giving.give-star.com/.../svp-chorley-buddies...

What's included? ❄️
Christmas crafts galore 🎨
A cozy, magical visit to Santa 🎅
Delicious festive treats 🍪

🎁 Best of all, every penny raised supports the work of SVP Chorley Buddies. All funds raised in Chorley go right back into our local community, helping people in need. What's not to love?

👇 ❤️ Spread the joy, share the deal, and let's make this Christmas one to remember!

Living Waters Foodbank

There is a box outside of church for any perishable food Items which can be donated to the foodbank. They are incredibly grateful for any donations. Thank you



Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th December	• Class 1 Nativity – 1.30pm
Tuesday 9th December	• Class 1 Nativity – 9.30am
Monday 15th December	• KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
Friday 19th December	• Break up **2pm**

Attendance Matters

Our school attendance for the latest week was **97.6%**, which is **1% lower than last week**, but still above the **Primary National average of 94.3%**. This means our attendance is **3.3% higher than the national average**, showing that most pupils are attending regularly. Let's keep up the great work to ensure every child makes the most of their learning!

LATEST WEEK

My School	Primary National	Difference
97.6% ↓-1.0%	94.3%	3.3%

Attendance breakdown			Year To Date					25 Aug 25 - 21 Nov 25		
Pupil Groups	Pupils		All	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
All	All	93	School	97.6%	97.8%	98.6%	97.0%	97.8%	98.2%	94.6%	98.0%
			FFT National	95.3%	94.5%	95.0%	95.4%	95.6%	95.5%	95.5%	95.1%
			Difference	+2.3%	+3.3%	+3.5%	+1.6%	+2.2%	+2.6%	-0.9%	+2.8%

The Evan's Family Pomeranian Puppies!

Archer, Aria and Albie's two Pomeranian dogs have both had puppies! You know how much we all love our pets at St. Joe's and we love the children sharing their photos and even bringing pets into school! If you're interested in the puppies, please speak to Mrs Evans.

