St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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

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Friday 8th May



May – The Month of Mary

✿ Crowning of Mary – A Special Celebration ✿

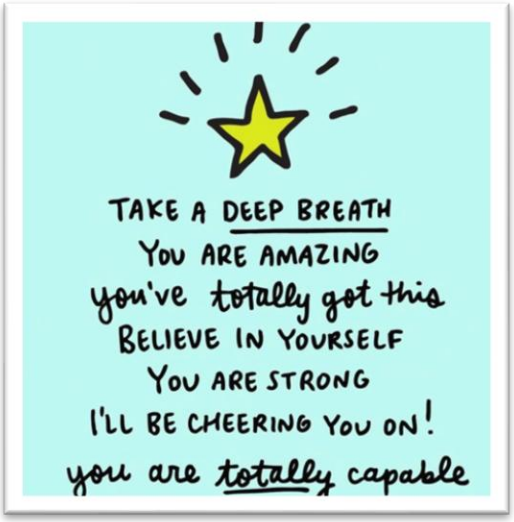
On Tuesday morning, our Pupil Chaplains led a beautiful and meaningful Crowning of Mary to mark the beginning of the Month of May, a special time in the Catholic Church dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The children took part so thoughtfully, presenting flowers, crowning Mary and placing her in our outdoor garden as a sign of love, respect, and devotion. It was a lovely opportunity for us all to reflect on Mary as a model of kindness, love, and trust in God. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated flowers for our display—they helped make the occasion even more special for the children and our whole school community. We are very proud of how reverently the children participated in this important tradition.







Year 6 SAT Examinations – 11th -14th May



🌟 **Good Luck Year 6!** 🌟

We would like to wish our amazing Year 6 children the very best of luck for their SATs next week.

They have worked incredibly hard, shown great determination, and should feel so proud of everything they have achieved already.

Remember to believe in yourselves, try your best, and stay calm – we are all so proud of you!

You've got this, Year 6!

🎉St. Joseph's Summer Fair – Everyone Welcome!🎉

We're excited to invite you to our School Summer Fair on Friday 12th June, 3:25–6:00pm

There's something for everyone, including:
🎈Bouncy castle
🍔BBQ & food stalls
🍦Ice cream & tuck shop
🎸Live band
🎯Axe throwing
✨Glitter tattoos
🦆Hook-a-Duck & Scoop-a-Duck
🐀Splat the Rat and more!
🎟️Entry tickets: £1 per adult / 50p per child (pay on entry)

🙏Raffle Prize Donations Needed 🙏

To help make the fair a success, we are appealing for raffle prize donations. If you can donate a prize (big or small), please drop it into the school office – every contribution is hugely appreciated and helps support our children.
Please share this post and help us spread the word. We'd love to see you there for a fun-filled afternoon!



A Message From Withnell Fold Cricket Club

🏏 **Girls' Cricket Opportunity!** 🏏

Withnell Fold Cricket Club are keen to promote cricket for girls and are offering **eight FREE sessions** for anyone who would like to get involved.

This is a fantastic opportunity for girls to try something new, build confidence, and have fun while learning new skills in a supportive environment.

If your child is interested, this would be a great chance to give cricket a go! 🌟



With Love and Faith in Jesus: A Celebration of Our St Joseph's Family – Thursday 18th June 9.15am

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to join us for our special summer celebration: *With Love and Faith in Jesus: A Celebration of Our St Joseph's Family*. This event has been created to bring our school mission statement to life and celebrate all that makes St Joseph's such a caring and faith-filled community. It will be a lovely morning where children, families and staff come together to share in fun, reflection and fellowship.

Throughout the morning, there will be a range of craft activities and creative stalls for children and families to enjoy together. These will link to our values of learning, love, and faith, giving everyone the chance to take part in hands-on experiences. We will also have prayer spaces set up around the school, offering quiet, peaceful areas for reflection. These will provide an opportunity to pause, give thanks and reflect on our faith journey as a community.

The purpose of the day is to celebrate our school family, to recognise how we learn together with love and faith in Jesus and to reflect on how we are growing to become the people God calls us to be. We very much hope you can join us for this special occasion and share in the joy of our St Joseph's family.



Dates For Diary

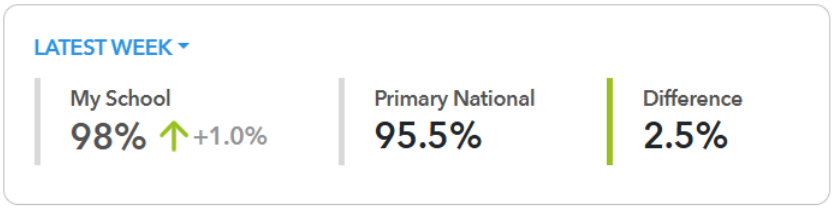
Friday 8th May	**Non-Uniform Day** (Bottle)
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SAT examinations
Friday 22nd May	**Non Uniform Day** (Chocolates)
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	Half Term
Friday 5th June	**Non Uniform Day** – (Wrapped Children's Lucky Dip Gift)
Thursday 11th June	Sports Day 9.15am
Friday 12th June	Summer Fair
Friday 12th June	**Non Uniform Day** Reception–Year 3: Bring cakes (manageable quantity; cakes sold on refreshment stall). Years 4–6: Donate one good-quality second-hand reading book for a book stall.
Thursday 18th June	With Love and Faith in Jesus Celebration 9.15am
Thursday 25th June	Year 6 Catholic Retreat Day
Monday 13th July	KS2 Production 6pm
Tuesday 14th July	KS2 Production 6pm
Monday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Meal/Bowling
Wednesday 22nd July	End of Term – 2pm finish

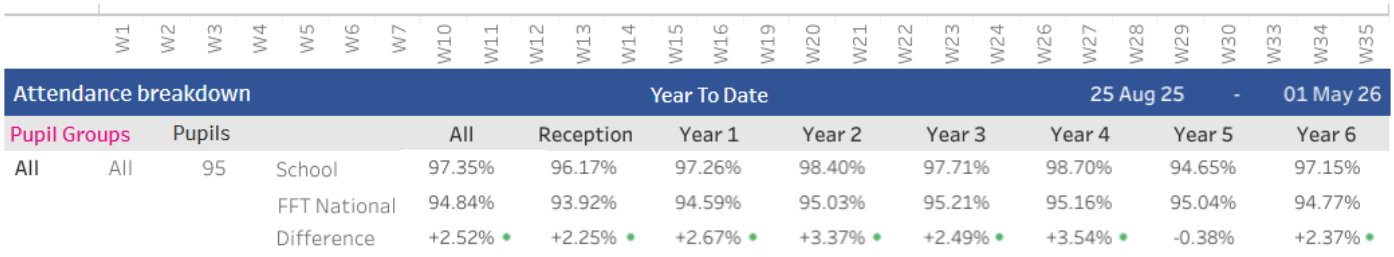
Attendance Matters

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school regularly and on time. Last week, our attendance was 98%, which is above the national average of 95.5%—a fantastic achievement for our school community.

Every day in school counts. Good attendance not only supports children's learning and progress, but also helps them build strong friendships, routines, and a sense of belonging. Even small amounts of missed time can quickly add up and impact a child's confidence and attainment. We kindly ask for your ongoing support in making sure children attend school every day unless they are unwell. Together, we can continue to build positive habits and give every child the very best opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for working in partnership with us.





Attendance breakdown			Year To Date							25 Aug 25 - 01 May 26
Pupil Groups	Pupils		All	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
All	95	School	97.35%	96.17%	97.26%	98.40%	97.71%	98.70%	94.65%	97.15%
		FFT National	94.84%	93.92%	94.59%	95.03%	95.21%	95.16%	95.04%	94.77%
		Difference	+2.52%	+2.25%	+2.67%	+3.37%	+2.49%	+3.54%	-0.38%	+2.37%

Faith in The Community



The One Stop Shop is a drop in where families can access support from different services under one roof.

We offer a warm welcome, refreshments, and an opportunity to get help with:

Housing

Finance

Accessing food banks

Mental health support

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

… & more

BEST START IN LIFE

Get support for your family in Lancashire

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Tel: 01257 516 316

Email:

Chorleyfamilyhub@lancashire.gov.uk

FAMILY HUB CHORLEY

Drop-in at Clayton Brook Community Centre

Tuesday 28th April

09:30am to 11:30am

ONE STOP SHOP ON THE MOVE

lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council

SVP Chorley Buddies

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01257 542 367

BLOOMING BUDDIES GARDENING CLUB

Every Tuesday 2:45-3:15pm

- Sow seeds
- Dig, plant and prune
- Build wildlife habitat
- Learn new skills

FREE TO ATTEND

Clayton Brook Village Hall

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Photography & Art Course

The Coach House, Astley Park

Whether you are a beginner or want to build on your current skills everyone is welcome

Start date Friday 8th May 1-3pm

Contact rachelp@svp.org.uk for more information and to book your place