

27th February 2026

Newsletter

“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into our Spring Term. The days are becoming brighter, and it is lovely to see Spring flowers appearing in our gardens, parks and fields — a welcome sign of the new season.

During the half-term break, we marked **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of our Lenten journey. At this time, we remember how Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, facing temptation yet remaining faithful to the Father. Lent is a special season of **almsgiving, fasting and prayer**, and an opportunity to reflect on God's great love for us through Jesus Christ. This year, we are inviting our school community to journey with us under the theme **“Follow Me”**. Each Lent Jesus tells us to rise up and follow Him. He has not given up on us; nor should we give up on ourselves or on each other, no matter what catastrophes have befallen us. St. John reminds us...

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”.

John 8:12

Own Clothes Day – Friday 13th March

Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes on **Friday 13th March** in exchange for:

- Donations for our **Spring Bingo**, such as Easter eggs.

Thank you for supporting this event and helping us prepare for a wonderful community celebration.

Your support makes a real difference — thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless,

Mrs Freeman

Dates for the Year:


Monday 23 rd Feb	School reopens to pupils
Monday 2 nd March	Mad Science Assembly
Monday 2 nd March	Rowling Class – Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	Cafod Assembly with whole school workshops
Wednesday 4 th March	Morpurgo Class at Mass
Wednesday 4 th March	Morpurgo Class – Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Dahl Class - Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day with Special Lunch
Friday 13 th March	Own Clothes day in return for prizes for the Spring Bingo
Friday 20 th March	Spring Bingo
Thursday 2 nd April	School Breaks for Easter
Friday 17 th April	School closed to pupils INSET Day
Monday 20 th April	School reopens to pupils
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATS week!
Monday - Tuesday 18-19 th May	Rowling Class outward bound trip to Borwick Hall
Friday 22 nd May	Break for half term
Monday 1 st June	School reopens to pupils
Friday 5 th June	School closed to pupils INSET day
Thursday 11 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 19 th June	Own Clothes Day in return for donations for the Summer Fair
Friday 26 th June	Summer Fair – more details to follow
Friday 17 th July	Break for Summer Holidays

Forthcoming PTFA Events for your Diary!

- ♥ 13.03.2026 Non-uniform day (donations of prizes for Bingo night)
- ♥ 20.03.2026 Spring Bingo
- ♥ 19.06.2026 Non-uniform day donations for Summer Fair
- ♥ 26.06.2026 Summer Fair

Support us While You Shop

We are pleased to share that our school has joined **Easy Fundraising** — a simple and completely free way to raise money for the school while you shop online. Donations are made by retailers, not by you.

 Join here:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjosephcpcswesham/YE14TF/c2s/AEWwwwvJ/CE058/facebook/>

World Book Day Information - Thursday 4th March



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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

Information for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day** on **Thursday 5th March 2026**. This year, each class will spend the day exploring the work of the author their class is named after:

- **Donaldson Class – Julia Donaldson**
- **Dahl Class – Roald Dahl**
- **Rowling Class – J.K. Rowling**
- **Morpurgo Class – Michael Morpurgo**

Throughout the day, children will enjoy a range of fun, creative and age appropriate activities linked to their author, including storytelling, art, writing, drama and book-inspired challenges. Our aim is to develop a love of reading and celebrate the joy that books bring.

What the children will be doing

Each class will be immersed in their author's stories and characters. Activities may include:

- Creative writing
- Character and setting design
- Drama and performance
- Outdoor storytelling trails
- Book-themed art
- Vocabulary games
- Mini reading challenges

You may hear lots of excitement afterwards!

Dressing Up (Optional)



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Children are welcome—but **not required**—to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Home-made and simple costumes are absolutely fine. No pressure! They can bring in a prop linked to a book the author has written rather than wear a costume. Alternatively come in their pyjamas, ready to snuggle down with a good book!

Afternoon Activity – Mystery Readers

At the end of the day, staff members will visit a different class as "**mystery readers.**"

The children won't know who is coming to read to them until the member of staff appears at the door! This is always a lovely, calm way to end our celebration of books.

We would also like to extend this to the whole week with parents coming in at the end of the day to read a story to the children. If you are able to come to school for a 3pm start to read to the class please let the school office know or their class teacher.

Book Tokens

All children will receive their **World Book Day £1 book token**, which can be used in bookshops or supermarkets to claim a free £1 World Book Day book or to put towards any other book.

How You Can Help at Home

- Talk to your child about their class author.
 - Share a favourite book together in the evening.
 - Encourage them to bring in their favourite book for "show and tell" (optional).
 - Visit a library or swap books with a friend.
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If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We look forward to a fantastic World Book Day full of imagination, stories and reading for pleasure!

Warm regards,

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

New Lunch Menu

F4 Autumn & Winter 2025-2026	WEEK ONE					
	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	
WEEK ONE Week Commencing: 3rd & 24th November 15th December 5th & 26th January 16th February 9 & 30th March 20th April	Traditional Choice	Big Brunch Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Free Range Omelette Crispy Potatoes & Baked Beans	Loaded Mild Beef or Vegetable Chili Nachos with Mixed Rice & Salad Selection	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	British Beef or Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges, Sweetcorn & Tomato Ketchup	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Alternative Choice	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Lancashire Butter Pie with Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Desserts	Toffee Traybake & Custard Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Marble Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Brownie Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
	MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	
WEEK TWO Week Commencing: 10th November 1st & 22nd December 12th January 2nd & 23rd February 16th March 6th April	Traditional Choice	Loaded Pizza Panini with Paprika Wedges & Garden Peas (v)	Crispy Chicken or Vegetable Goujons & Katsu Curry Sauce with Rainbow Vegetable Rice	Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
	Alternative Choice	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)	Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Cooks Choice of filled Free Range Egg Omelette with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Desserts	Rice Pudding & Fruit Jam Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Mousse Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cocoa Krispie Cake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES	
WEEK THREE Week Commencing: 17th November 8th & 29th December 19th January 09th February 2nd & 23rd March 13th April	Traditional Choice	Pork & Carrot or Vegetarian Meatballs with Mild Chili & Sweet Pepper Sauce Mixed Rice & Salad Selection	Savoury Mince & Dumplings with Mashed Potatoes Green Beans & Carrot Batons	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cooks Choice of Chicken or Vegetarian Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Alternative Choice	Harry Ramsden's Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake with Herby Potatoes & Vegetable Medley	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Paprika Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
	Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
	Desserts	Chocolate Traybake & Custard Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Oaty Flapjack Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lemon Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Cupcake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

Please Note....

From the 1st April'26 there will be an increase in school dinners from £2.90 to £3.00.

This increase has been solely enforced from the catering department of L.C.C.

Thank you

Some useful information below



School Nursing Monthly DROP-IN

Speak to a member of our school nursing team about various health topics including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour

10th March
7th April
5th May
2nd June and 7th July

Kirkham Hub, Chapel Walks. Kirkham

9.30-11.30am

For more information about our service scan the QR code to our website, for general enquires or to make a referral, please contact our Single Point of Access Tel: 0300 247 0040 Email: vcl.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net



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Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.



This is a 6 week course, full time, intensive course, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Get advice and support

Someone to talk to
Problems at home/school
Jobs and training
Apprenticeships
Staying safe online
Sex and health
Relationships

Mental Health
Self Harm
Bullying
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Things to do
Housing, rights and money
What age can I?



Age 0-19
(up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities)

talk zone
Text 07786 51 11 11
Talk online lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone
Call 0800 51 11 11

lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council

Lancashire SEND Roadshow

2025/2026

The roadshows are for families and practitioners to find out more about support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers.

These Roadshows are happening across Lancashire bringing the SEND Local Offer to your area.

The SEND Local Offer brings together all services in Lancashire for children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND, and their families.





Lancashire SEND Roadshow

Dates across Lancashire are:

25th Sept 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Kirkham Family Hub
22nd Oct 2025 9:30 – 1 pm	Skelmersdale Family Hub and The Zone
3rd Dec 2025 9:30 – 1pm	Pendle and Burnley 1882 Lounge Burnley Football Club
28th January 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	The Park Family Hub Accrington
4th February 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Inspire Youth Zone Chorley
26th March 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Ciitheroe Family Hub
15th April 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Lune Park Family Hub Lancaster
6th May 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Rawtenstall Family Hub and the Zone
16th June 2026 9:30 – 1 pm	Fleetwood Library
1st July 2026 1:30 – 4:30 pm	Moor Nook Ribbleson Family Hub

Please scan the following QR codes for more information:

 Local Offer  Family Hubs





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School Term Dates 2026/ 2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET Day 1 **Tuesday 1st September**
INSET Day 2 **Wednesday 2nd September**
Starts Thursday 3rd September
Ends Friday 23rd October
TRUST INSET Day **Monday 2nd November**
Starts Tuesday 3rd November
INSET Day 3 **Friday 27th November**
Ends Friday 18th December
Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Spring Term 2026

Starts Monday 4th January
Ends Thursday 11th February
TRUST INSET Day **Friday 12th February**
Starts Monday 23rd February
Ends Thursday 25th March
Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2026

Starts Monday 12th April
Ends Friday 28th May
INSET day 4 **Monday 7th June**
Starts Tuesday 8th June
INSET Day 5 **Friday 9th July**
Ends Wednesday 21st July
Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Pupils in school 188 days

Staff will be in school 195 days

5 INSET Days are allocated

2 BEBCMAT INSET days allocated