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Spring Term  
April  
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# NEWSLETTER

Sharing the precious moments we spend together at St Joseph's...

Dear Parents,

This half term started with a bang! A two day graded Ofsted inspection on our third day in! The full report is due out soon and I am sure you will look forward to reading what the inspector said. Until then, I'm afraid I have to keep you waiting.

April is coming soon; the clocks have gone forward bringing brighter evenings and hopefully warmer days. It is lovely to see all the signs of Spring: daffodils, blossom on trees, lambs frolicking in the fields, birds chirping etc.

In this newsletter you will see the variety of events and activities that have taken place recently in school and within our Parish. It's wonderful that we are now able to go further afield into the community too to gain new experiences. The children have been working hard in classes and teachers along with support staff continue to provide your child(ren) with a rich and broad curriculum.

As we close for Easter, I wish you all a lovely break and hope the weather is kind to go exploring and see some of the signs of Spring in our area or further afield. I also hope everyone enjoys a very well deserved rest before we embark upon the busy Summer term! Please stay safe and take care.  
Kindest regards

Mrs Wood



HAPPY  
EASTER



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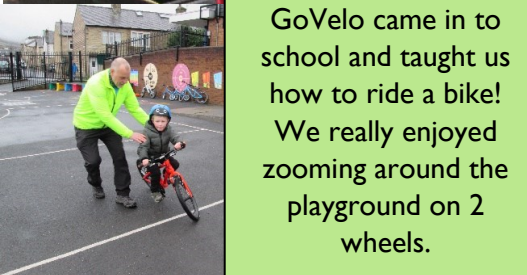
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Class 1 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Commercial Transport Museum in Leyland as part of their transport topic. We saw some fabulous old vehicles - our favourites were the ice cream van and the old fire engine with a very loud bell!



GoVelo came in to school and taught us how to ride a bike! We really enjoyed zooming around the playground on 2 wheels.



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we walked up to our local library. As always, we received a very warm welcome and enjoyed some wonderful stories!



Barnoldswick Brass Band visited and played a number of pieces for KS1 & 2. The children were captivated!



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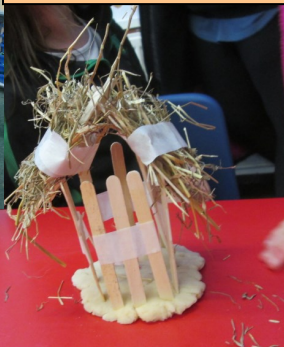
Class 1 enjoyed some quality playing and learning time with our Year 6 Buddies. We did all sorts of activities from writing and drawing to playing games and building.



We have developed a 'deconstructed role play area' in Class 1. We have filled it with boxes and tubes, fabric and a few props. The children are really enjoying using their imaginations. As the sign says 'It may look a bit messy- but we are learning!'



Class 2 learned about The Great Fire of London. We built houses out of lolly stick, straw, playdough and masking tape to learn about why the fire spread so quickly.



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# EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

Five Classes...One Family...Our School...



Big thanks to Wendy & our kitchen staff for all their hard work!



We really enjoyed our creative clay sessions in Class 2...



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# Five Classes...One Family...Our School...

## Pendle Network - Twinning Programme

Class 3 have been lucky to begin developing relationships and friendships with Marsden Class, St.Philip's, Nelson. We have been making bunting, enjoying games together over Microsoft Teams and meeting together at Leisure Box, Nelson, sharing a picnic lunch and playing tea games together. We are all excited as we will be visiting St.Philip's next term and they will also be coming to visit us here at St. Joseph's.



Very well done to our Year 5s who represented St. Joseph's at a maths challenge amongst local schools in Pendle. They worked really well as a team!



KS2 took part in a moving Penitential Service led by our Mini Vinnies. We thank Canon Firth for his prayers,

blessings and providing the opportunity for reconciliation. It was wonderful to have the support of our parish catechists who attended the service. Class 2 and 3 also visited church to learn about the Stations of the Cross. Canon Firth took the children around various areas of church and explained the different stations. The children listened attentively.



Congratulations to St. Joseph's quiz team who played against other local Catholic primaries on the Knights of St. Columba quiz. They really enjoyed it and were thrilled to win! Thankyou to KSC club organising this wonderful and memorable event.



Thank you to our Parish catechists for preparing our Year 3s for their Reconciliation which took place at St. Joseph's with Canon Firth. It was a very special occasion for them all!



Thanks to all those who managed to attend the Year 3 Maths workshop despite the wintry weather that day!

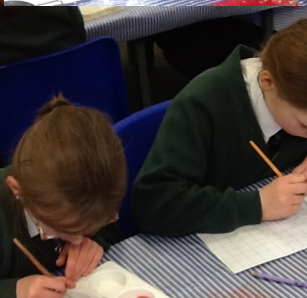
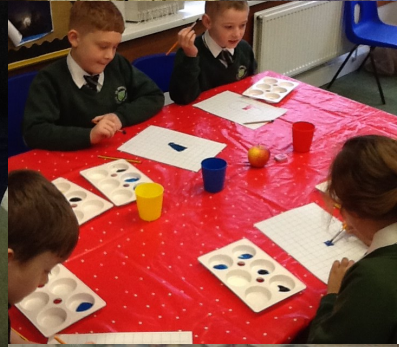
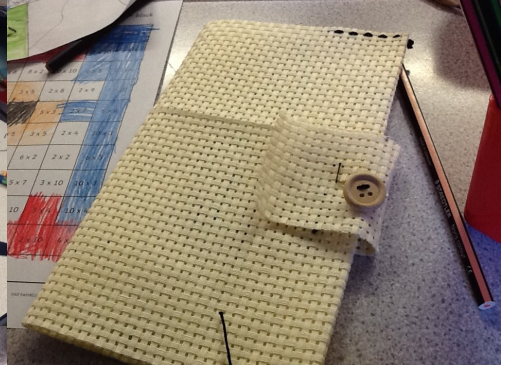
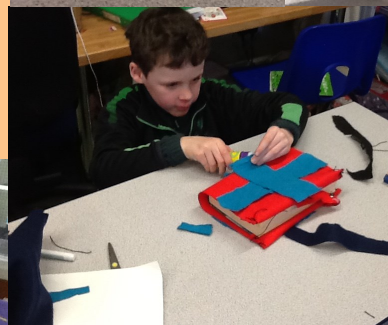


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Class 4 have embraced their inner creativity and explored 3D expression of light and dark using the medium of paint. They have designed and crafted book covers, giving them their own unique signature finishing touches and experimented with different baking techniques to make their tempting biscuits. The children have learned a new scientific concept about sound and light waves and had fun on World Book Day!



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Mr Souter came to work with the Year 5/6 pupils this half-term on the Money Program, this program supports children in their money awareness, including: debt awareness, debit and credit cards and learning about different types of career.



In DT this half term, children in Class 5 have researched their own recipes for a pepper, mince and pineapple this week ready to make a Starter, Main and Desert. They worked in groups to create doughballs with a red pepper sauce; Mexican tacos; and pancakes with pineapple and ice cream. Some excellent teamwork and some future chefs in the making!



Year 5 and 6 have been working with the Coram Shakespeare Foundation to understand and perform 'Macbeth'. Over 6 weeks, they learnt new skills in drama and created scenes from Macbeth. This all came together in a fantastic performance for families and pupils. In Summer 2, this work will continue to create their end of year performance!



Wellbeing Week began with an assembly ran by our wonderful Wellbeing Champions. This was followed by wellbeing activities such as yoga, dancing and walking 142 miles together at playtime. Class 3 had a workshop on Self-Esteem by the Creation Station. And all classes developed their understanding on Mental Health and Wellbeing in their PSHE lessons. Wellbeing Week finished with a Dress to Express non-uniform day and a Friday



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# More about the work of School Governors



## What are School Governors:

Schools governing bodies work together with the headteacher, the local authority and for our school, the bishop, to plan the strategic direction of the school, help oversee spending and support the headteacher, while acting as a critical friend. School governors are local volunteers, aged 18 or over, who play a vital role in helping the school give our children the best possible academic, physical, spiritual, moral and social development.

## In our school, we have:

Local Authority (Lancashire County Council) Governors - appointed or nominated by the local authority;  
Parent Governors - including carers, of school pupils - elected by other parents if multiple candidates;  
Staff Governors - teaching or support staff employed at the school and elected by their colleagues; and  
Foundation Governors - appointed by the Bishop of Leeds, the Right Reverend Marcus Stock, to work with the headteacher and other governors to develop the quality of education, as well as preserving and developing St Joseph's Catholic character as a school).

## Vacancy:

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Two nominations were received and a ballot is presently taking place. We hope to announce our new parent governor before the Easter break.

If you ever consider being a parent governor:

- You don't need any formal qualifications to be a governor, you'll get full training and support, to make sure you are fully equipped to carry out the role successfully. What you need is:
- A willingness to bring in your experience or skills to put something into your local community and help make a positive difference to the education of our children;
- An ability to represent the school community, get on with other people and work as part of a team;
- Are ready to learn and be open to new ideas; and
- Have some time to spare to attend meetings and to read necessary papers.
- Key to the work of School Governors work, in the best interest of your children, is the interaction with school, family, home and Church.

## New Appointments:

St Joseph's are pleased to announce the appointment of Judith Southern and Bernard Swarbrick as Foundation Governors and Lorene Haas Pieters as a Local Authority Governor.

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## MORE IMPORTANT NEWS...



Congratulations to Miss Gill who has achieved an excellent award for all her work on mental health and well being in our school. She has achieved great recognition of all she co-ordinates. Well done!



Congratulations to Miss Naylor for all her hard work leading music in school. St. Joseph's School has achieved the School Music Mark. Well done Miss Naylor!

## EASTER MASS TIMES

Tuesday: 2.00pm, School Mass with the parents.

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday: 10.30am (St. Joseph's) Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick's. 3.00pm

Holy Saturday: 11.00am, blessing of food (Polish). Easter Vigil 7.00pm.

Easter Sunday: 9.00am (St. Patrick's); 10.30am (St. Joseph's)

# DIARY DATES

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Noon) - Parental governor election ballot closes

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - School closes at 1.30pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - School Re-opens at 8.50am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April NEW Jam Coding club starts at 3.20pm for KS2

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 10-3pm—Bag Packing at Morrisons Skipton

26th-28<sup>th</sup> April - Winmarleigh Hall residential trip for Years 4-6

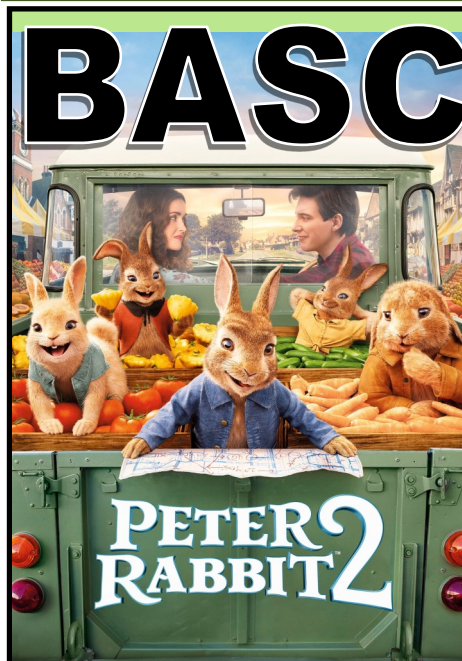
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Bank Holiday) - school is closed

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Class Photographs

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday) - school is closed

9th-12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS week

Reminder: To keep up to date at forthcoming events please view the school calendar at <https://www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk/parents/>



**TUESDAY 4th APRIL**

**£7.00 (inc snack)**

**3.20pm TO 6.00pm**

**PLEASE BOOK VIA PARENTPAY BY MONDAY 3rd APRIL IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT NORMALLY ATTEND BASC.**

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO**

If you have queries regarding items on the newsletter please get in touch with Mrs Wood (Head Teacher) or the school office on 01282-813045



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