

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School: Newsletter 07.07.23

## 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:

This Sunday's Gospel seems very apt as Jesus offers his companionship and love when we are "tired and overburdened".

Every year in school, we forget how overwhelming these last few weeks can be! As we race to the end of term, we still have so many things to experience and complete. School reports, assessments, plays, trips, new classes, new schools, next academic year! The list goes on! Therefore, it is always good to be reminded why (despite our exhaustion), we are here and still smiling and that is the children.

As a Catholic school community, we always remember God's love and Jesus' companionship when we need it most.

Regardless of who we are and what we can or cannot do, God loves us. Our children, as always, remind us of this as they live out their Catholic Mission.

As I walked around school this week, our children are smiling, are happy and they always look out for each other. This always reminds me how very special our jobs are and the privilege we have being part of St Joseph's Catholic community.

**Pope Francis:** *Education does not consist in filling heads with ideas, but in accompanying and encouraging students on a journey of human and spiritual growth, showing them how friendship with the risen Jesus enlarges the heart and makes life more human.*



## Award Winners

### CI R/1:

Writer of the Week: **William**  
Mathematician of the Week: **Alice**  
Reader of the Week: **Reuben**  
Citizen of the Week: **Phoebe**  
Dojo Champion: **Darcy**

### CI 2/3:

Writer of the Week: **Layla**  
Mathematician of the Week: **Hektor**  
Reader of the Week: **Sebby**  
Citizen of the Week: **Jamie**  
Dojo Champion: **Eliza**

### CI 4/5:

Writer of the Week: **Niah**  
Mathematician of the Week: **Emily**  
Reader of the Week: **Isla**  
Citizen of the Week: **Niamh**  
Dojo Champion: **Isla**



## This week's winners of our "Spotted" Award is:

**Lois**

For being supportive not only to her friends but to other people in school

## Beginners Guitar: If

your child is in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5, there is an opportunity for them to start learning to play the guitar next year. Miss Galea has sent letters home with pupils this week however, further copies are available in the school office and will be sent out via School Spider next week. If you would like your child to start lessons, please complete the reply slip and return it to school by Monday, 17th July.



## Mindfulness Matters:

*A journey of a thousand miles  
begins with a single step*

**Classroom Catch Up:** We have had a lovely week this week in Class R/1! We had an exciting moving up morning on Wednesday which the children loved! Miss Ollerton and Mrs Wells said how beautifully behaved the children were and we are so unbelievably proud of them all! We have been looking at more living things in science; we have been finding trees, bushes, plants, flowers and vegetables in Forest School and around our school grounds. In English, we have been loving our new story, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' - looking at new vocabulary and discussing our thoughts and feelings about the text. Coach Andy from the South Ribble Sports Partnership was also in school this week to teach tennis skills to Class R/1—and every class in school!



We have had another busy week in Class 2/3! Maths wise, Year 3 have been converting, adding and subtracting money, whilst Year 2 have explored tally charts as part of their statistics topic. In English we are reading "Hansel and Gretel". The children are enjoying exploring the characters and plot patterns. They are looking forward to planning and writing their own traditional tales with a twist! In PSHE, we have explored ways in which we can stay safe in our community with a focus on water safety.

The children in Class 4/5 have started to plan their own chapter of "The Indian in the Cupboard" this week with the title 'Cowboy!' and I am therefore very much looking forward to seeing what they produce next week. In science, the children have now looked at all the stages of the human life cycle and have showcased their knowledge of this unit by producing their own piece of writing explaining the changes we go through as humans during our life. In maths, Year 4 have started the unit of money whereas year 5 have been calculating missing lengths and angles inside shapes. And of course, on Wednesday we had transition morning where the children enjoyed spending time with their new class (Year 4) and new teacher (Year 5).

It's been very quiet this week in Class 6. There have been a lot of high school taster sessions on, and the class has been mostly empty for the majority of the week. What little time we have had, has been jam packed though! Our end of year production is approaching fast, and we are soldiering on, learning lines, trying on costumes, singing and dancing - it's going to be fantastic!



**Sunday Gospel:** Jesus exclaimed, "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."

Matthew 11 v 25-30

**Can you help?:** We are looking to enhance the natural resources in our EYFS area. If you have any woven or wicker baskets that you no longer need, or know anyone who may have old tyres or cable reels of different sizes, please speak to Miss Ollerton. Thank you.

**Canine Visit:** It was lovely to welcome Newfoundland puppy Bandit and author MT Sanders into school recently. Many of you ordered copies of his books which were personally signed. We hope you enjoy reading them!





**Recent Correspondence:** Please find below a list of information that has been sent out this week in addition to the Weekly School Newsletter:

Theatre Club: Performance  
Cl 4/5: Visit to Preston Magistrates Court  
After school events: 07/07  
Year 6 reminders  
Summer book fair  
Wednesday Word  
Online Safety Newsletter  
School Meals w/c 17/07

Please ensure you read all correspondence that is sent from school.

**School Attendance:** Here are our weekly attendance figures.

Week commencing 03.07.23	
Yr R	90.8%
Yr 1	90%
Yr 2	91.8%
Yr 3	97.1%
Yr 4	99.3%
Yr 5	97.7%
Yr 6	98.9%
TOTAL	95.9%

**Diary Dates:** Just a quick reminder of some of the events taking place over coming weeks:

- Tuesday, 11th July Yr 6 production at 6pm
- Wednesday, 12th July Rock Steady concert
- Friday, 14th July Reports sent home to parents
- Wednesday, 19th July Cl 4/5 Visit to Preston
- Thursday, 20th Theatre Club showcase at 4pm
- Whole School Mass at 10am
- School closes at 1.15pm

**Summer Fair:** Thank you so much to all the parents and families for supporting the Family Funday last Saturday. It was a great day and brilliant to see so many people from school, church and the Scout group joining together. The event raised an amazing £1800! Thank you so much for all your contributions to the non-uniform days. Also thanks to Old Oak Nurseries, Deelux Happiness, Hazel Crystal Beauty and Fred Coupe for donating raffle prizes.



**New app:** Glurbs is a game-based learning app that children will love to play which will improve and expand their foreign language learning too. It provides an entertaining and stimulating combination of learning and gameplay to ensure children enjoy learning foreign languages in their free time. No previous language skills are necessary. **The children will need to setup their own username and password when they first access the app. NB: These are not linked to any Language Angels login they may have used in the past.** For more details, refer to the poster on the next page.

# GLURBS

THE FUN AND  
UNIQUE WAY TO  
LEARN A FOREIGN  
LANGUAGE

Ages  
4-12



- Fun, interactive lessons
- Consolidating challenges
- Exciting reward games
- Create and customise your own character
- No previous language skills necessary
- Plenty of extra learning resources available
- Complements the language teaching taking place in your school



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about RUMBLE

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

on the App Store;  
"Teen" on Google Play

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

### PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

### INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

### CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

### SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

### CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

### RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

### DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared for some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2022/10/06/prominent-accounts-on-alternative-social-media-sites-mostly-are-individuals-not-organizations/>



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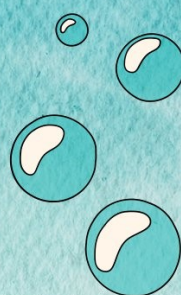
HOLIDAY CLUB  
for children aged 4-11

Monday 21st to Friday 25th August  
10am-12pm

@ Higher Walton Primary School  
and Sunday 27th August  
4pm @ Holy Trinity Church Hall

fun - games - drama - stories -  
crafts - messy challenges - songs

Free admission - to book a place please  
e-mail [ashw1864@gmail.com](mailto:ashw1864@gmail.com)  
or phone 01772 335138







# SUMMER SESSIONS

6 Grange Drive Hoghton PR5 0LP



Starting 1st August

Tuesdays

Yoga Club 9.30-12.30

Sing & Play 2.00-3.30

Wednesdays

Sing & Play 10.00-11.30

Baby Massage 1.00-2.00

Baby Yoga 2.30-3.30

Thursdays

Yoga 5-11 years 9.30-10.30

Pre School Yoga 2-4 years 11.00-11.45



Summer Holiday Yoga Club

Tuesdays 9.30 - 12.30

Primary School Children

Further details of all sessions at:

<https://www.jellypose.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/jellyposeyoga/>

<https://www.instagram.com/jellypose/>

<https://bookwhen.com/jellypose>

Lots of CLASSES  
coming up in September



JELLYPOSE




# SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Ages 5 - 11 years

**£70 FOUR DAYS  
£20 SINGLE DAY**

**WEEK 1 - 31 JUL**  
**WEEK 2 - 7 AUG**  
**WEEK 3 - 14 AUG**  
**WEEK 4 - 21 AUG**

**CHORLEY ST PETERS**  
 EAVES LANE, PR6 0DX  
**CLAYTON LE WOODS**  
 Back Lane, PR6 7EU  
**HESKIN PEMBERTONS**  
 Withington Lane, PR7 5LU

**9.30AM-3.00PM**

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# ATHLETICS SUMMER CAMP

Ages 5 - 15 years

**£70 FOUR DAYS  
£20 SINGLE DAY**

**MONDAY 14TH AUGUST - THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST**

**WESTWAY SPORTS HUB**  
 Westway  
 PR7 1FG

**9.30AM-3.00PM**

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