



# NEWSLETTER

'Where minds blossom and love grows'

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026



## School News

### KS2 Dance at Our Lady's

Well done to all the dancers who performed at Our Lady's and to our parents and carers who supported them. A special mention goes to Miss Kelly and Miss Aldred for preparing the children for their performance.

### Playground Whistle Routine

You may have noticed that we now use two whistles in the morning. This change has been introduced to improve health, safety, and behaviour at the end of break times and also applies to the morning drop-off.

On the first whistle, children must stand still; on the second whistle, they should walk to their lines. We appreciate your support with this routine, particularly if you remain on the playground after the gates open at 8:30am.

### Communications to school

At St Joseph's, we always strive to keep your children safe, happy, learning, and feeling valued. While we welcome feedback, both positive and negative, aggression or unacceptable behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated.

At St Joseph's, we operate an open-door policy and welcome direct communication. We ask that any issues are raised with your child's class teacher, in the first instance, so communications can be addressed appropriately. Screenshots of messages and comments often make their way to the school office, or members of our community, from other concerned families.

### Times Table Rockstars

Times tables are a key building block for maths. When children know times tables well, they can work more quickly and confidently and find units of work much easier.

5–10 minutes of daily practice can make a big difference in building fluency and confidence. Please support us in encouraging your child to practice their times tables. Year 4 have a multiplication check in June.

## Diary Dates

13/02/26	School closes for Half Term
23/02/26	School re-opens at 8.45am
25/03/26	Parents' Evening
02/04/26	School closes for Easter

## PTFA

Thank you to the families that have expressed interest in helping to organise events. The PTFA are a small group and are always on the lookout for any volunteers, even if it's just to spare some time to help at an event. If you can support us in any way, please email [ecritchley@st-josephs-lancaster.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ecritchley@st-josephs-lancaster.lancs.sch.uk), or send a Class Dojo message.

## Uniform reminders

We, at St Joseph's, are very proud of our school uniform; we believe it instils a great sense of pride and belonging to our school. Children tell us that their uniform makes them feel safe and proud.

As parents and carers, you agreed to support our school by following the uniform policy.

Our policy states, all children should be wearing:

- a shirt **and** tie,
- a grey V-neck jumper with the school logo,
- grey trousers, or school tartan kilt, skirt or pinafore,
- grey or navy-blue knee-length socks (girls)
- black school shoes, or fully black trainers.

Please support us in the wearing of our full uniform. Our uniform can be bought from Uniform and Leisure shop, or in school.

# Weekly Award Winners

Class	V.I.P.	Star of the Week	Super Scientist	Handwriting	Spelling
Reception	Heavenly	Sadie			
Year 1/2	Umme	Max	Jayden	David	Noel
Year 3	Skyler	Amelia	Everlyn		
Year 4	Daryl	Georgiana	Ashton		
Year 5	Jasmine	Sebastian	Jacob		
Year 6	Bradley	Annalise	Della		

Class	Weekly Recognitions
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Winners
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	



## Tommie-Lee Team Spirit Award



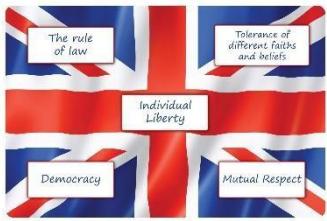
## KS2 dancers

For their bravery and commitment.



Tommie-Lee

## BRITISH VALUES



## BRITISH VALUES AWARD

**Noah**  
in Year 3  
for being caring, respectful and  
showing tolerance to others

