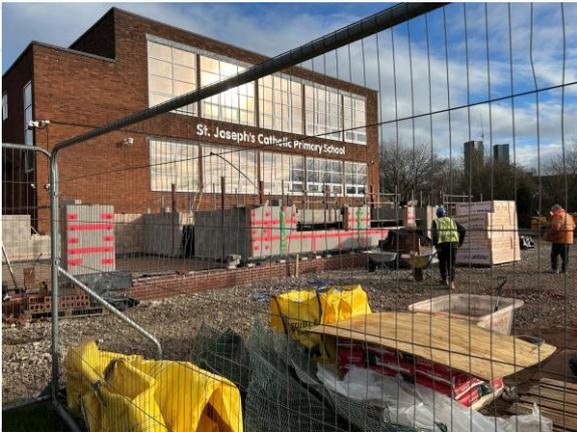


St Joseph's Newsletter

30/01/2026

Buildings – the work is moving along quickly despite the rain!



And He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

Matthew 4:19-20



In this week's Gospel, Jesus meets some fishermen and asks them to do something really important, and they answer straight away. Simon, Andrew, James and John were born to fish. They belonged to families of fishermen and were skilled at their trade. This was going to be how they would spend their lives. When Jesus said, "Follow me..." He was calling the fishermen to a life of 'more'. They would have a deeper purpose, to be followers of Jesus - the first disciples. The men responded immediately and said 'yes' to God's plans, giving up everything to follow Jesus. How can we say yes to Jesus this week?

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

This week, nursery have been enjoying the story of "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". The children have made trolls, bridges and loved acting out the story. For our snack we made baguette bridges with cheese on and green grass(lettuce). They used the scissors to chop the lettuce and spread the cheese on the baguette by themselves. We watched the musical storyland show of the billy goats gruff and the children have been learning the names of the instruments, violin, cello and double bass.



Reception

This week reception have been learning all about the phases of the moon.

We learnt the different names for the phases such as new moon (when it is all black), full moon and half moon.

The children then painted amazing pictures of the different phases.



Year 1

This week in year one, we had a very naughty visitor. A small toy bus came in and made a big mess of our classroom. We will be reading Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oak. In the story, there are many types of punctuation. As we read this story, we will introduce exclamation marks and discuss when they are appropriate to use.

In DT, we designed the chassis for our wheel-and-axle mechanisms. The children made some lovely designs for their race cars.

In history, we played with old toys and new toys. The children were then asked which type of toys they preferred.



Year 2

This week year 2 have had a great week. In art and design the children have been looking at the work of Mark Quinn and created a salt dough sculpture of their hand. They looked very closely at the features of their hand, including their finger nails and knuckles. We continued our story of Lost and Found and retold the story in our own words. In maths we have been learning our ten times tables and how to represent them in different ways. On Tuesday we had a lovely English lesson when we had a visit from the author Jane Riorden and she read us her story of Winnie the Pooh, Tales from the Forest. After listening to the story we were shown how to draw the characters and illustrate the story.

Year 3

As well as all the other interesting things, year 3 had a real treat this week. We were very lucky to have a visual artist visit our class and spend the whole day with the children exploring the work of L.S. Lowry and experimenting with some of his techniques. We attempted an oil pastel transfer which almost seemed like a magic trick which wowed the children. They also have all been entered into a competition so let's cross our fingers that someone from our class may win. The children were ever so polite and welcoming and were good representatives of St Joseph's. A lovely day where we could celebrate all the talent hiding away within our class. Well done Year 3, let's hope we get another treat like this one.



Year 4

Year 4 have continued to work extremely hard across the curriculum this week, showing great enthusiasm for their learning.

In English, the children have completed and published their information leaflets about Brazil. They took great pride in presenting their work, carefully using headings, facts, and clear language to share what they have learned.

In Geography, we focused on the people and settlements of the rainforest. The children were particularly fascinated by the lives of traditional tribes and how they use the rainforest sustainably to survive. This sparked thoughtful discussions and lots of curiosity.

Well done, Year 4, for another excellent week of learning!



Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard this week progressing further with our Hamlet preparations. The pupils have not only worked hard practising their scenes but have also been creating brilliant diary entries as Hamlet. We have continued working on converting different units in Maths and started to plan our investigation into the thermal conductivity of different cup materials in Science ready to investigate next week. The pupils have worked well in PE improving their football and fencing skills. They also got creative in Art by creating their own drawings in the style of Andy Warhol. Finally, the class developed a better understanding of our Salford Diocese in RE, and we discussed the importance of spreading the good news through the gospel.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great week.

In English, they have been publishing persuasive letters to the Local Authority to request additional funding to support primary schools to experience residential trips just like they did a few weeks ago. Some great use of formal and persuasive writing features.

In R.E, the children created PowerPoints and presented them to the class with fascinating discoveries about the 'Dead Sea Scrolls' found in a cave in 1946. They showed great teamwork, creativity and computer literacy.

In Maths we have been perfecting our long division techniques.

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 2 nd February	Y6 B Safe workshops at Bury Fire Safety Centre, all day
Monday 23 rd February	School opens
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	School opens
Monday 4 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday

STAR OF THE WEEK

	R	Mila Faith	
Y1	Luca Respect	Y2	Zahyan Confidence
Y3	Ruby Faith	Y4	Poppy Resilience
Y5	Adalia Respect	Y6	Asia Confidence

This Week's Attendance

Nursery	86.4%
Reception	84.8%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	99.6%
Year 5	92.4%
Year 6	95.5%
School Total	93.4%

Happy Birthday To...

Kobi

JJ

WORK OF THE WEEK

	R	Ari	
Y1	Borys	Y2	Oyin
Y3	Riyaan	Y4	Delight
Y5	Mia	Y6	Riley & Michael