



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

Newsletter

17th April 2026

We found out this week that we have been recognised as a 'Centre of Excellence' for inclusion! We applied for an inclusion quality mark award and we did so well that we have also been awarded **Centre of Excellence** – please read the report on the website and join us in celebrating! Thank you to the parents who were interviewed by the assessor!

#onefamilyinchrist

© Mrs Campbell



<https://www.stjohnthebaptist.stoccat.org.uk/key-information/iqm-inclusive-school-award/>

Head-teacher awards	Qualities of the class 'woman of the Bible'	Celebration of Talent spotting
Nursery (Jochabed)	Ella	Dua
Reception (Miriam)	Nikol	Stella Teddy
Y1 (Elizabeth)	Adam	Nevaeh Abeeha
Y2 (Prisca)	George	Manhil Moria
Y3 (Sheba)	Rosa-May	Racheal Jason
Y4 (Deborah)	Azaan	Sophia Hassan
Y5 (Esther)	Gael	Zak Kenny
Y6 (Lydia)	Nimra	Aryaan Ra'ees

Class	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance: week beg 13.4.26	99.2	93.5	92.9	98.8	97.6	97.7	97.6

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.stjohnsrc.rochdale.sch.uk>

01706 647 195



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

Catholic Life



HAPPY EASTER!

HALLELUJAH HE IS RISEN!

Love of learning and playing together. One community, aiming high, helping each other and praying together. On our journey with Christ.

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.stjohnsrc.rochdale.sch.uk>

01706 647 195



St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

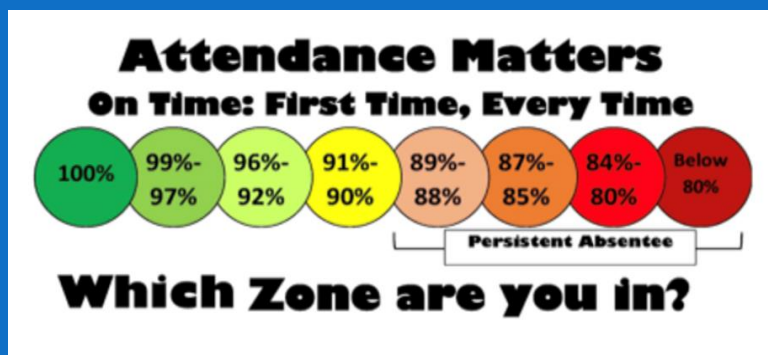
The Importance of Attendance

Our attendance this week is **96.1%** which is fantastic!

Spring term awards

77 children achieved 100% attendance in Spring term and received a certificate in assembly today!

142 children received a star badge for excellent attendance and punctuality – 96% or above with less than 3 late marks since January!



Love of learning and playing together. One community, aiming high, helping each other and praying together. On our journey with Christ.

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.stjohnsrc.rochdale.sch.uk>

01706 647 195



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

Parental support: encouraging reading

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://www.nationalcollege.com).

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

- #### 1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.
- #### 2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and bookshops, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.
- #### 3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.
- #### 4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as [Authors Live](https://www.authorslive.com) and [Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live](https://www.justimagine.org.uk).
- #### 5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.
- #### 6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the conversation.
- #### 7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.
- #### 8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like Polyvin and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.
- #### 9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that speaks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.
- #### 10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

Meet Our Expert
 Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.

www.nationalcollege.com
 @wake_up_weds | www.thenationalcollege | @wake.up.wednesday | @wake.up.weds

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 04.03.2026

We are "One family in Christ"

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.stjohnthebaptist.stoccat.org.uk>

01706 647 195



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

Parental support: Neurodiversity

Neurodiversity Hub Workshop Timetable for Parents and Carers - April-July 2026



Tools for Emotional Regulation (primary and secondary aged children)

We will look at how the STAR tool and the Hand-Brain Model can help you understand what might be happening for your child and explore supportive ways to help them feel safe and regulated.

30th April 9:30-11:30 at Milnrow Parish Primary School, James St, Rochdale OL16 3JT
8th June 9.30-11.30 at Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU

Join us for a shorter, online session designed to help you better understand your child's emotional and sensory responses.

7th May 6-7pm **29th June 10-11am** **16th July 12-1pm**

Managing Anger and Meltdowns (primary and secondary)

We will look at understanding and managing anger, anxiety, distressed behaviours and meltdowns.

27th April 9.30 - 11.30am at Bowlee Park Primary School, Windermere Rd, M24 4LA
20th May 5pm - 7pm at Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU
22nd June 9.30-11.30 at Floor 2, Spottland Bridge Mill, Mellor Street, Rochdale OL11 5BU

SEND Transition coffee mornings for Year 6 parents and carers

Join the Neurodiversity Hub and RANS NOTES to discuss your child's transition to high school and discuss any challenges with the team and other parents/carers. Please book on both dates.

21st April 10-11:30 at All Souls CE Primary School, Healey Ave, Heywood OL10 4DE
27th April 10-11:30 at Castleton Primary, Hillcrest Road, Rochdale OL11 2QD
1st May 10-11:30 at St Peter's RC Primary School, Middleton, M24 1FL

The workshops below will be delivered by the Occupational Therapy Team and the Neurodiversity Hub

Sensory Processing Difficulties Webinar

To access the Sensory Webinar scan the QR code:



Please watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' Webinar before attending any of the workshops below.

Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective (age 3-19)

We will look at how sensory needs impact self-care and discuss practical day to day strategies.

22nd April 9:30-11:30 at Norden Family Hub, Shawfield Lane Rochdale, OL12 7RQ

Sensory Processing and Anxiety (primary/secondary)

We will look at how anxiety and sensory needs interlink and to recognise triggers. We will share ideas that you can try.

13th May 9:30-11:30 Boarshaw Family Hub, Stanycliffe Lane, Middleton, M24 2PB

Proprioception / vestibular practical workshop (primary/secondary)

We will demonstrate practical, hands-on activities you can try with your child.

24th June 9.30-11.30 Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU

How to book:

Email: hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk - Please include the workshop you want to attend, your child's name and date of birth in the email

Phone: 0161 206 0606

Please note - it is not appropriate to bring children to the session as we do not have childcare facilities available.

How to access the Neurodiversity Hub - Support for parents and carers - April-July 2026



Information and Advice Sessions

What to expect: You will have the opportunity to access advice and signposting from a range of local support services.

Services available:



23rd April 9:30am - 11am at St Mary's CE Primary School, Oldham Road, OL11 2HB

30th April 6pm-8pm at St George's Hall, Oakenrod, Bury Road, OL11 4EB

21st May 9:30am-11am at St Peter's RC Primary School, Kirkway, M24 1FL

18th June 9:30am - 11am at Deepthi Primary Academy, Derby Street, OL11 1LT

25th June 6pm-8pm at St George's Hall, Oakenrod, Bury Road, OL11 4EB

9th July 9:30am - 11am at Oak Haven SEMH School, Sutherland Road, OL10 3PY

Advice Line

What to expect: We will discuss your concerns and support available.

Tuesday Advice Line

To book: Call 0161 206 0606 between 8am-12pm on a Tuesday morning. You will then be added to a 'call back' list and a member of the team will return your call between 1pm-5.30pm.

1st April **Wednesday Evening Advice Line (once a month)**
20th May **3rd June** **1st July**

To book: Call 0161 206 0606 between 8am-12pm on the Wednesday morning. You will then be added to a 'call back' list and a member of the team will return your call between 5-7pm.

Drop in sessions

What to expect: We attend Home Start RAASS Parent Support Group. During these sessions a member of the Neurodiversity Hub and the RAASS team will be available to offer signposting and support.

Middleton - Burnside Community Centre, 36 Burnside Crescent Langley Middleton, M24 5NN, 9.30-11.30am

Friday 8th May **Friday 5th June** **Friday 3rd July**

Milnrow - Butterworth Hall, New St, Milnrow OL16 3PQ, 9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 12th May **Tuesday 9th June** **Tuesday 7th July**

Heywood - Heywood Baptist Church, Rochdale Road, Heywood, OL10 1LE, 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday 22nd April **Wednesday 20th May** **Wednesday 17th June**

We are "One family in Christ"

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.stjohnthebaptist.stoccat.org.uk>

01706 647 195



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

Refereeing and Leadership

It is great to see some of our older children officiating the younger age groups football matches at dinnertime. Lots of leadership skills being learnt whilst setting the right example.



Year 1 PE



Year 1 have been learning how to improve their aim when throwing at a target. We talked about stance, grip and release point to help us be more consistent when trying to hit a skittle from different distances.

We are "One family in Christ"

Visit our website for more information:
<https://www.stjohnsrc.rochdale.sch.uk>



@StJohnsRCRoch

01706 647 195



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

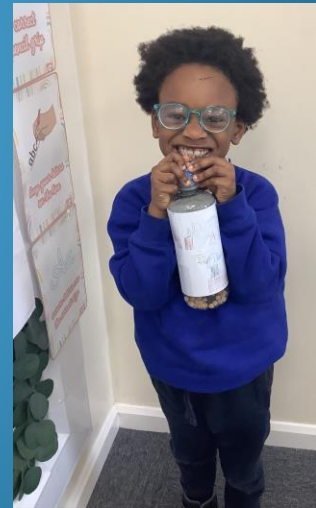
Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



The Nursery children have been doing lots of self-initiated exploring and noticing this week. Some children noticed the sound of an aeroplane and spotted it in the sky, some children noticed that they could make handprints on the wall with their wet hands, and some children went exploring with the magnifying glasses.

Year One worked really hard to make their very own maracas as part of their DT topic.

They used sustainable recycled materials such as plastic bottles and paper and added rice or pasta to create different sounds. They also created their own stickers for their own designs.



“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.stjohnsrc.rochdale.sch.uk>

01706 647 195



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

LKS2



Year 3 have been busy planting their own seed in the Laudato Si centre. They are very excited to watch it grow and observe the changes that happen over this half term. We can't wait to see how tall they grow!

This week, as part of their work on area and perimeter, year 5 have been using the cubes and geoboards to create different shaped gardens with a specific area. They are investigating whether the perimeter is always the same length when the shape of the garden changes.



Love of learning and playing together. One community, aiming high, helping each other and praying together. On our journey with Christ.

Visit our website for more information:
<https://www.stjohnsrc.rochdale.sch.uk>



@StJohnsRCRoch

01706 647 195