



All Saints' Roman Catholic High School

Newsletter

December 2025

Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of this remarkable term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a historic period for our school community. Saying goodbye to our old building—a place filled with memories for so many—was undoubtedly emotional. Yet stepping into our fantastic new, state-of-the-art school building has been nothing short of transformational. The fresh opportunities it provides for teaching, learning, and personal growth are already being felt across the school, and I am immensely proud of how our community has embraced this new chapter.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every one of you—students, parents, carers and staff—for your patience, encouragement, and practical support throughout the move. Transitions of this scale are never simple, yet our students have approached their new surroundings with confidence, excitement, and maturity. Their adaptability is a credit to them, and to you.

As we look ahead, it is vital that we all work together to maintain the highest standards, ensuring our new environment remains a place of excellence for generations of Catholic families in the Valley. This building is not just a school—it is a legacy—and I know our community will treat it with the respect and pride it deserves.

A special mention must go to our Year 11 students, who have now completed their mock examinations. Their resilience, determination and commitment have shone through, and I am confident their hard work will bear fruit when the real exams begin in May. Keep going—you are on the right path.

I would also like to congratulate our newest members of the All Saints' family—our wonderful Year 7 cohort. They have settled into secondary school life brilliantly. It is a delight to see their enthusiasm in lessons, the impressive number of SHINE points they are achieving, and their willingness to participate in the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer. They are already making their mark on our community.

This term has been filled with success and celebration beyond the classroom too. As you will see in our PE pages, there have been numerous sporting triumphs across all year groups, along with exciting opportunities that our students have embraced with passion and positivity. Their teamwork, sportsmanship and dedication have been exemplary.

During Advent, our students have once again demonstrated the true spirit of service. They have been collecting items for the Caritas 'Stars in their Eyes' appeal, with each form group donating new socks as a practical gift for individuals and families across our diocese. Our 'School of Sock' collection has been a tremendous success—we are delighted to be delivering 16 sacks full of socks thanks to the generosity of our community. Not to be outdone, our staff have also contributed by preparing and donating three large hampers for the RAFT Foundation, our local charity. Thank you all for living out the values of compassion, dignity and love for our neighbours.

As we now approach the Christmas break, I would like to wish all our families a peaceful, blessed and joyful Christmas. May it be a time of rest, renewal and togetherness.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 5th January at 8:30am, ready for a positive start to the new term and dressed proudly in their correct uniform.

Thank you once again for your continued support. It is a privilege to serve this wonderful community.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Lord
Headteacher



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Catholic Life and Mission

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This term has been a busy and joyful one for Catholic Life and Mission across our school community. Pupils have had many opportunities to deepen their faith, live out Gospel values and strengthen links within our parish family.

One highlight was the Year 9 retreat to Castlerigg, where students took time away from everyday pressures to reflect, pray and grow together in faith. The retreat offered a valuable chance for spiritual renewal and strengthened friendships through shared experiences.



Our student leaders also represented the school with pride during the Prefect visit to London. This visit helped develop leadership skills while encouraging pupils to consider how faith and service can shape their role as young Catholic leaders in the wider world.



We were delighted to hold Welcome Assemblies in our new building, marking an important milestone for the school. These assemblies focused on gratitude, community and the exciting opportunities this new space brings for learning and worship.

In preparation for Advent, pupils engaged thoughtfully with CAFOD resources, exploring themes of hope, generosity and global solidarity. We would like to thank students and staff for their generous support of the Salford Diocese Caritas Campaign, particularly through the collection of socks to help keep people in need warm this winter. We are also grateful for the continued support shown to RAFT, our local food bank, demonstrating our commitment to serving others in practical and compassionate ways.

A particularly meaningful moment was the pilgrimage of the Jubilee Anchor from St Mary's to All Saints' to St James the Less Primary School. This symbol of hope strengthened our links with local primary schools and reminded us of our shared journey of faith.

As always, we are extremely grateful to Father Chris McGrain and Father Simon Stamp for their continued support.



As we look ahead, we are excited to be preparing for the Bishop's visit next term, which will be a significant and celebratory moment in the life of our school.



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As newly selected prefects we have really enjoyed our rewards trip to London last week. We got the opportunity to go sightseeing, watch an iconic show and experience the bustling city.

It all began at the crack of dawn on Thursday morning when everyone arrived at school half asleep! Once we arrived at the station via our school minibus, we boarded our swift two-hour train transporting us to London. We then took the tube into the city centre where we were welcomed into our hostel at around 12 o'clock.

We then made a quick turnaround; we dropped our bags here and headed to the underground station to travel to the Victoria Palace Theatre. It was now time for the show - Hamilton; everyone thoroughly enjoyed it from the exquisite set and costumes to the phenomenal song and dance. It was Incredible! Next we visited the grand Buckingham Palace; here there were lots of opportunities for photos, many beautiful statues and we even saw the guards change!

Now that everyone had worked up an appetite we headed to the Camden Markets for food. We ate a range of expensive but unique London specialities such as roast dinner stuffed Yorkshire puddings. Delicious! Our fabulous teachers then surprised us with a visit to M&M world, we saw many M&M themed items like clothing, mugs, bags and even crocs. You could even get a picture of your choice on any colour M&M there !!

Our next visit was to a huge Lego shop which had a plethora of Lego for sale. It also had some amazing features like a huge Lego Big Ben, Lego Harry Potter characters and a popular element was the life-size Lego car which you could sit in; it also had a working horn! Our final destination of the night was Leicester Square where we went to the Christmas markets. Everything was beautifully decorated. There were Christmas songs playing and amazing food sold, it was truly magical. However, some students did learn the important life lesson of not to pay sixteen pounds for a small dessert! After this, it was time to get the tube back to the hostel for a very well-earned night's sleep after a very busy and exciting day.

Day two began with a fantastic continental breakfast provided by our hostel: all the staff were really friendly there and the food was super. It built us up, so we were ready to start another packed day including lots of walking. Once again, we left our bags at the hostel and headed out. First, we got the tube to Tate Modern and visited an enormous art museum with ten floors. Here we got to experience some amazing modern art sculptures, paintings, immersive rooms and videos. Also the view from the top was absolutely incredible; you could see the city perfectly. Next we got the tube back to the hostel for lunch provided by them. After eating, we collected our luggage and took the tube to Westminster for a trip to The Houses of Parliament.

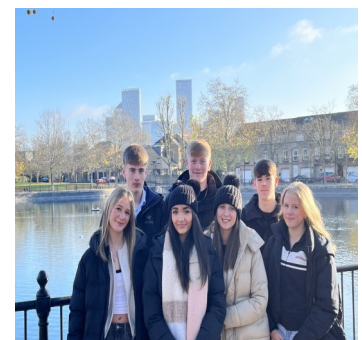
After a quick stop at the gift shop we started our experience. We had an extremely knowledgeable tour guide who gave us a live audio tour of the building. It was very engaging, and everyone learnt so much about past rulers and the history of the building. We were able to go in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The building was magnificent and the attention to detail was so unique and beautiful.

Unfortunately, our trip was now coming to an end, so we headed to the train station for a final time. Although, on the walk there we did get the opportunity for some pictures of the iconic landmarks lit up for the evening including Big Ben and The London Eye.

Incredible!

Although a complication occurred when the whole of Euston train Station was out of action and our train got cancelled, our fantastic teachers worked together to create a new plan for the journey home. This included two brilliant teachers giving up their evening to drive from school to Leeds to pick us up. Shout out to Mrs Laverty and Miss Starkie!

All in all, the trip was remarkable! We learnt, saw and did so much. Everyone had the best experience, and it was a truly wonderful experience!





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Girls PE Department

Year 9 Netball Team!

Our **Year 9 netball team** showed fantastic skill, effort, and teamwork at the **Rossendale Schools Netball Tournament**, securing a strong 4th place against some very competitive sides.

Throughout the evening, the girls played with great enthusiasm and determination, demonstrating clear progress in their play and excellent understanding of team tactics. Their communication, energy, and commitment on court were outstanding, and they represented the school with pride and positivity. We were especially impressed with the team's resilience and the way they supported one another in every match — a true reflection of their growing confidence and team spirit.



Molle McLean, Eva Williams, Eva Withey, Poppy Jones, Alexia Connolly, Ruby Monks and Poppy Gregson.

Another special mention to Maddie Smith in Year 11 who gave up another evening to come along and Umpire!



Year 10 Netball Team Take 4th Place at Rossendale Tournament!

Our talented **Year 10 netball team** delivered a brilliant performance at this year's **Rossendale Schools Netball Tournament**, finishing in 4th place after a series of competitive and hard-fought matches.

The girls showed great teamwork, determination, and resilience throughout the evening — working tirelessly in defence and linking up beautifully in attack. Despite some tough opposition, the team's commitment never wavered, and they demonstrated real progress and potential for the future. Their positive attitude, sportsmanship, and support for one another were a credit to our school, and the experience will no doubt serve them well as they continue to develop their skills next season.

Isla Hampson, Rosie Bacon, Erin Skillings, Alice Carr, Maddie Abraham, Poppy Thomson, Lyla Duffy, Keevi Talbot, Ava Jefferson, Emily Clarkson and Maddie Court-Stanton.

A special thanks goes to Maddie Smith in Year 11 for Umpiring.

Year 11 Netball Team Shine at Rossendale Tournament!

Our Year 11 netball team put on an outstanding display of skill, teamwork, and determination at the recent **Rossendale Schools Netball Tournament**. The girls played with fantastic energy throughout the tournament, winning all but one of their matches, securing second place, in a highly competitive event.

Their only narrow defeat came against a strong **BRGS** side, but the team showed real resilience and spirit, bouncing back to secure impressive victories in every other game against Haslingden, Whitworth, Alder Grange and TVLA. From sharp shooting in the circle to rock-solid defence, every player contributed to an excellent team performance. We are incredibly proud of the team's attitude and sportsmanship both on and off the court over the years. They have been brilliant ambassadors for our school and are real role models to the younger years.



Ellie Brierley, Lois Cowking, Romilly Ashworth, Annabel Butterworth, Ava Lynch, Faye Hawke and Lilly-May Ashworth.



Subtitle

Girls' PE Update

This term in Girls' PE has been full of energy, skill-building, and plenty of fun. The students began by learning table tennis, focusing on hand-eye coordination, control, and the key techniques needed to rally with confidence. They enjoyed practising serves, perfecting their spins, and taking part in friendly matches that built both skill and sportsmanship.

More recently, the girls have moved on to dodgeball, a fast-paced activity that encourages teamwork, agility, and quick thinking. They have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, showing great communication and strategic play during group games.

It's been fantastic to see their progress and engagement, and we look forward to introducing more exciting activities throughout the year!

Miss C Hill

Curriculum Leader of PE



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Under-13 Girls' Football Team – Rossendale Schools League Update

Our Under-13 girls' football team has had a determined start to their Rossendale Schools Football League campaign, playing 3 of their 5 scheduled matches so far. Although the results have not gone our way, with losses against strong sides from **BRGS**, **Whitworth**, and **Haslingden**, the team has shown fantastic resilience, commitment, and sportsmanship throughout.

Each match has seen clear improvement, with the girls working hard on their positioning, passing, and communication. Their teamwork has grown with every game, and they have demonstrated a brilliant attitude—never giving up, supporting one another, and always striving to learn from each experience.

Despite the challenging start, the team remains positive and motivated as they prepare for their final two fixtures. We are proud of their effort, enthusiasm, and willingness to keep developing their skills. Well done to all involved—keep going, girls!

Under-15 Girls' Football Team – League Update

The Under-15 girls' team has kicked off their Rossendale Schools Football League fixtures with a determined performance in their opening match against Haslingden. Although the game ended in a loss, the team showed real promise, battling from start to finish and demonstrating plenty of individual skill and collective effort.

Throughout the match, the girls displayed strong defensive organisation, creative attacking play, and a willingness to take risks in possession. Their positive attitude on the pitch was matched by great teamwork and encouragement for one another, reflecting the spirit we are proud to see in our players.

With several fixtures still to come, the U15s are focused on building from this first performance, taking what they've learned and applying it to their upcoming games. The team remains upbeat, motivated, and ready to push for stronger results as the season continues.

Well done to all the girls—your hard work and commitment are greatly appreciated!

Miss C Hill

Curriculum Leader of PE



Girls PE Department

Rossendale Rising Star Alert! 🏃‍♀️

We're thrilled to announce that Alice Carr from Rossendale Harriers has been selected for the Rossendale Rising Stars Scheme! Alice competes at national level in athletics and has an incredible record: representing Lancashire at the Cross Country Championships, finishing 2nd overall at the FRA English Junior Championships, and currently ranked #2 in Great Britain in her age category!

Alice trains 3–4 times a week and is aiming to represent England in the next two years. With support from the Rising Stars Scheme and access to Rossendale Leisure Trust's facilities, she's set to take her training to the next level. 💪

Want to follow in Alice's footsteps? Applications for aspiring athletes are now open! Apply here: <https://rltrust.co.uk/young-person-talented-athlete-scheme/>



PE Department

Dance Team Rehearsals Underway

We're excited to announce that rehearsals have now begun for both our Upper School and Lower School dance teams as they prepare for this year's upcoming Rossendale Dance competition on 15th March at Blackburn Empire Theatre. The students have shown fantastic enthusiasm from the very first session, and it's wonderful to see their creativity, teamwork, and commitment shining through.

Rehearsals will take place every Monday after school until 4pm, giving the dancers time to refine their routines, build confidence, and work together towards a polished final performance. Both teams are already making excellent progress, and their dedication is clear.

We look forward to seeing their hard work come to life on stage and wish all our dancers the best of luck as they continue their preparations.

Miss Hill
Curriculum Leader of PE



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PE Department—Boys

Y7 - After a very positive turnout for two trial nights, the team played and won their first ever fixture for school. The team travelled to Whitworth and won the match 2-1 thanks to goals from Declan Taylor and William Tunstall. Reuben Love was player of the match. The team were then defeated at Haslingden against a very strong team but fought well until the end! Their season will resume after Christmas.



Y8 - The Y8s also battled hard before losing 3-0 at Haslingden and were also defeated in the English Schools Cup away to Golborne High School in Wigan. A Y8 B-Team enjoyed their fixture at TVLA and played well in very wet conditions!

Y9 - The Y9 football team lost their season opener to Haslingden but will look for more positive results and performances when their season resumes in the new year.

Y10 - The Y10/11 mixed team followed up a 2-0 defeat to Haslingden with an entertaining 4-2 win at Valley thanks to goals from Charlie Rea, Hussain Webster, Prince Kalu-Obasi and Elliot Molyneux.

Y11 - The Y11 A Team received a bye in the first round of the English Schools Cup and travelled to face Oakhill College in Whalley in Round 2. A superb all round performance led to an incredible scoreline of 23-0 to the Saints'. Striker Oscar Barker led the way scoring 9 goals.

If half term one has been busy with football, then half term two has been dominated by basketball with the U14s and U16s teams once again in Lancashire Cup action. Both teams have played extremely well against tough opposition and both look set to qualify to the knockout stages in the new year. The U14s started their campaign with a thrilling game against Haslingden which saw the Saints' lead by 9 points late on, only to lose by a single point. The team then lost 25-18 to BRGS in another close game before recording an emphatic 45-20 win over Alder Grange; Henry Templar weighed in with an impressive 30 points.

The U16s have also had some closely fought encounters, losing 29-19 to a strong BRGS team, 43-36 to Alder Grange and to a last minute three pointer 19-18 to Tauheedul School in Blackburn. The lads finished strongly with a 59-12 win over old rivals Haslingden meaning they should finish as the strongest third placed pool team. A huge well done to everyone who has played basketball for school this term.



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PE Department

This year school has continued our partnership with Burnley FC in the community. We have three mentors: Darcie, Hayley and Chris who work with our pupils every week. Over 150 pupils have benefited from the programme so far this year. The highlight has been taking a group of students to Turf Moor to experience a day in the life at a Premier League football club. Pupils met a range of staff and employees of the club and loved meeting two of the star players; Florentino and Max Weiss.



As part of the partnership a group of pupils participated in a friendly football event at Burnley Leisure Box against other schools involved in the 'It's Your Turf' programme with one of the All Saints' teams being crowned the champions! Congratulations to Hussain Webster, Kayden Hall, Levi Pohrebienyk and Jayden Mcathey.



Also, as part of the partnership a group of nine pupils enjoyed a day at Accrington Stanley Sports Hub, taking part in a Safer Communities Event. The pupils behaved well and engaged in some interesting sessions.



This term, a group of KS3 pupils participated in the Rossendale Inclusion Ten Pin Bowling Event held in Burnley. Both teams performed exceptionally and finished in 2nd and 3rd place out of six schools. Another group of KS3 pupils also participated in a fun inclusion indoor athletics event where they experienced a range of indoor track and field events; a thoroughly enjoyable morning!



The All Saints' table tennis club has once again proved hugely popular with pupils this term. Our very own table tennis guru Mr. Young has been glowing about the standard of play and attitudes of pupils. Just a reminder, the club is on every Thursday in the sports hall.

Mr M Parkes
Assistant Headteacher and Teacher of Boys PE



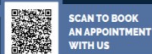
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MEET THE SCHOOLS TEAM

Our Schools Team is led by Melanie and our Academic and Technical Education Mentors are a dedicated team who will support school staff, pupils, parents and guardians by offering a range of activities including:

- ✓ School classroom sessions, assemblies and interactive activities to inspire pupils career choices
- ✓ Parents evening attendance in school
- ✓ College campus visits
- ✓ On campus taster sessions
- ✓ Application help and support
- ✓ Personalised campus tours
- ✓ 11 appointments in school or on campus to support with college course and careers information



SCAN TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH US

01282 440288

schools@eastlanclearning.ac.uk

Message from Accrington and Rossendale College

We are pleased to invite Year 10 and Year 11 All Saints 'pupils to sign up to our next after school academies for Jan - **with more just added!**

We now have **4 free twilight academies** running at both our colleges to help pupils get engaged in subjects and have a taster of college life.

Each academy has an interactive activity, info on careers and apprenticeships and certificates and goodie bags given out too.

Future Engineers Academy

Next one: 13 Jan 26 NCC only

Book here: [Booking Form Future Engineers #1](#)

Future Construction Professional Academy

Next one: 21 Jan 26 ARC only

Book here: [Booking Form ARC Future - Construction Professional](#)

Future Digital/IT/Cyber Analyst

Next one: 21 Jan 26 NCC and ARC

Book here: [Future Digital Analyst Academy – Fill out form](#)

Future Engineers Academy #2. 13 Jan- 24 Feb 2026. Nelson & Colne College



Future Construction Professionals Academy #1. Jan 2026. Accrington & Rossendale College



Future Digital Analyst Academy



Service List- Christmas 2025/26

Merry Christmas



Children and Family Wellbeing Christmas Opening Times

Rawtenstall Family Hub

The Old Fire Station, Rawtenstall, BB4 8EW
Only Open— 22nd, 23rd Dec 29th, 30th and 31st Dec then closed till 5th Jan

Haslingden Family Hub

Bury Road, Haslingden, BB4 5PG
Only Open— 22nd, 23rd Dec then closed till 5th Jan

The Maden Family Hub

Rochdale Road, Bacup, OL13 9NZ
Only Open— 22nd, 23rd Dec 29th, 30th then closed till 5th Jan

Burnley General Teaching Hospital

Lancashire Women and Newborn Centre, Casterton Ave, Burnley, BB10 2PQ
24 hours
01282 425071
Burnley Birth Centre- 01282 803434

Maternity Services

Rossendale Birth Centre
Rossendale Primary Health Care Centre, Bacup Road, Rossendale, BB4 7PL
24 hours
01282 803434

Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital

Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital, Haslingden Road, Blackburn, BB2 3HR.
24 hour
01254 263555
Blackburn birth centre - 01254 733434

Asda Pharmacy

Christmas Eve: 10.00am— 4.00pm
Christmas Day: All Stores Closed
Boxing Day: 9.00am— 6.00pm
01706 242410

Bacup Pharmacy

Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm
Closed Bank holidays and weekends
01706 876201

Rowlands Pharmacy

Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm
Closed Christmas bank holidays
01706 215654

Cohens Chemist

Monday to Friday 9-5.30
Closed bank holidays
01706 873155



Nixx
Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm
Closed Bank holidays.
Online Doctor Care

A J Nuttall
Christmas day / Boxing Day/
New Years Day – CLOSED



Emergency call 999 (Ambulance/Fire/police)

Non-emergency police need 101

Non-emergency medical need, including dental 111

Doctors/Emergency

Social Services
Out of Hours
Emergencies—0300 123 6722

Domestic Abuse Helpline

24 Hours
08082000247

Salvation Army

01282 415840
<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/>

Trinity Baptist church

01706 597376

The Lighthouse

lighthousefoodshare@gmail.com
07922951096

Positive Start

Only contactable through Facebook
[Positive Start | Facebook](#)



Together Housing
Our phone lines are open 24/7 for emergency repairs and calling us is the fastest way to get a response in an emergency.
0300 555 560

Mental health Crisis

Crisis Team— Night and Bank Holidays
5.00pm-9.00pm
01254226074

Housing

Be - with- us
Most of our Partner Organisations will be closed over the Festive period, and reopening on January 2025.
0300 123 2200

Shelter
Lancashire County Council – Crisis Support Scheme
0344 515 1831



Rossendale Borough Council
Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB
0300 222 5946