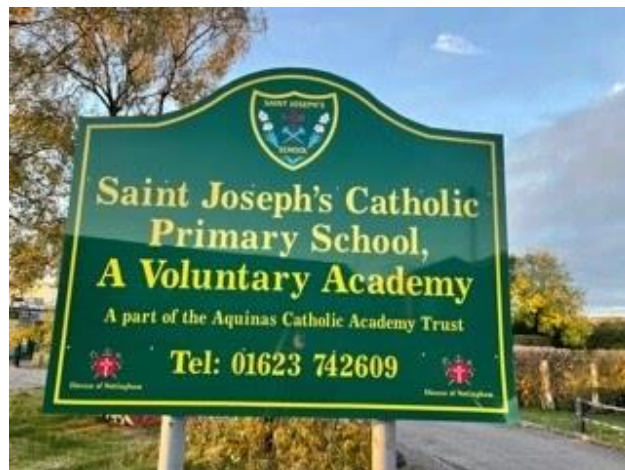




Friday 26th November

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

## NEWSLETTER



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## Advent



This Sunday marks the beginning of the most Holy season of Advent. This season gives us the opportunity to prepare for the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day. Too often, we get caught up in the business of preparing for Christmas, running from shop to shop, buying gifts, decorating the house. Advent provides us with the opportunity to reflect and prepare our hearts in readiness to welcome Jesus on Christmas Day. This year, we will gather everyone together at the end of each day around the Advent Wreath for a period of reflection.

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*Mrs Steele will return from maternity leave on 13th December, teaching in Reception Class alongside Mrs Wilkins.*

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## Phonics Workshop

In January, we will be introducing a new phonics system for teaching reading across school. This programme is called Little Wandle. As a result, we have decided to re-schedule the phonics workshop which was planned for 1st December. This will now take place on 2nd February. This will enable us to give you an insight into the new programme and reading scheme.



## Nativity Dates



Whilst we are delighted to be able to welcome you back into school for our Nativity performances this year, we are still mindful of the number of Covid cases in the local area. Therefore we are limiting tickets to 1 ticket per family, per performance for KS1 and 2 per family for Nursery and Reception. Nativity performances are as follows:

### **Nursery and Reception**

Monday 6th December at 2:00pm

Wednesday 8th December 10:00am

### **KS1**

Thursday 2nd December at 2:00pm

Tuesday 7th December at 6:00pm

Thursday 9th December at 6:00pm

Similarly we also need to restrict numbers attending the KS2 carol service, which takes place in Church. For the first time, we will need you to book a seat for the Carol Service. These seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Anti-bullying survey

Mrs Chawner and Miss Smith are working on a project focusing on inclusion and anti-bullying. Last week, they sent out some questionnaires to ascertain your views. Thank you to those who have returned them. Please do return your completed questionnaires as this gives us important information to enable us to review and strengthen our processes and policies.

## Christmas



Christmas Dinner this year is on 8th December. On this day, children are also welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers.

A reminder that each class is still collecting items for the hamper raffle. It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate an item for your child's class.

Nursery and Reception: Christmas

Year 1: Baking theme

Year 2: Sweet

Year 3: Craft

Year 4: Movie Night

Year 5: Pamper

Year 6: Savoury

## Word of the Week



The Word of the week this week is Hope. Year 2 have created the film this week, which will be available to view on Sunday morning on our YouTube channel and our Twitter feed. Please do watch the video alongside your children and take the opportunity to reflect together.

## Parish News

As a result of feedback to questions posed during the synodal process, each week, will include Parish news in our newsletter.

Mass times each week are as follows:

St. Joseph's, Shirebrook: Saturday at 5:00pm

St. Teresa's, Warsop: Sunday at 9:00am

Parishioners at St. Joseph's support local residents by producing a food hamper which is given to a local food bank. If you would like to donate, there is a box in the entrance of Church, alternatively you can send items to school and we will place them in Church on your behalf.