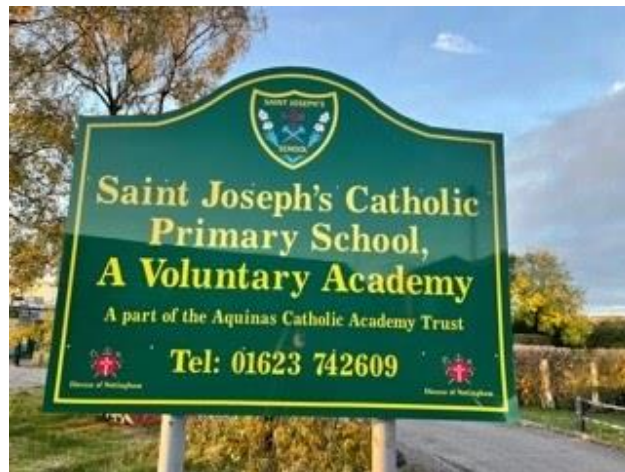


Friday 30th September

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

Newsletter



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Attendance



Attendance this week

Whole School: 96.4%

Reception: 92.8%

Year 1: 95.3%

Year 2: 95.9%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 97.4%

Year 5: 97.5%

Year 6: 96.3%

This year to celebrate great attendance, Joseph Bear will get to stay in the class with the highest attendance from that week. This week it goes to Year 3 again! Well done Year 3!

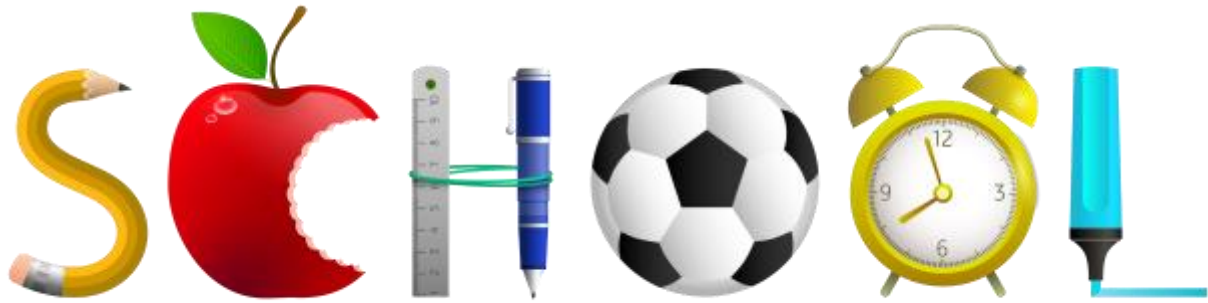
Percentages for the classes especially in KS2 has improved - well done!

A reminder that the school doors open at 8.25am and all children should be in school for 8.45am. There are some children that are arriving after this and so are missing the beginning of their lesson. Please try wherever possible to get your child to school before 8.45am. Thank you for your support!

Staffing

Today is Mrs Valkoczi's, one of our Teaching Assistants in school, last day working at St Joseph's before she moves on to her new adventure. We thank Mrs Valkoczi for all the amazing work she has completed at this school for many years especially surrounding our nurture and ELSA support for children in school. We will miss you!

Come and See Assembly



Today, our Year 1,3 and 5 children took part in the first Come and See Assembly of the year. They presented their learning so articulately and confidently and made us so proud. It was lovely to see so many visitors in attendance. You are more than welcome to all of our events in school!

Little Acts of Kindness



The Our Lady of Lourdes Trust has set up the Little Acts of Kindness fund to offer financial support for all registered pupils attending schools in the trust.

The fund supplements families who need support in paying for:

- Curriculum trips and year group residential (up to 100% of the cost)
- Other educational visits and trips
- School uniform, shoes or sports/PE kit
- School meals
- Educational equipment

- Travel to and from academies
- Expenses to attend seminars, interviews or work experience placements
- Visits to universities

Please read the information on the OLOL website found at the link below to see if you would be eligible and for more information regarding how to apply for this support.

<https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/our-trust/little-acts-of-kindness-fund/>

If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Queenan, Mrs Fearn or Mrs Crew.

Charities

Each year, each class chooses a charity to support throughout the year. They fundraise for these in many different ways and see how much money they can raise as well as raising awareness of the work these charities do. The children, in the spirit of democracy, voted for the charity they wanted to represent this year.

The charities are:

Nursery and Reception: Willow Tree Farm

Year 1: The Children's Hospital Charity

Year 2: ESPA (Endangered Species Protection Agency)

Year 3: RSPCA

Year 4: The Brain Tumour Charity

Year 5: Young Lives vs Cancer

Year 6: Cancer Research UK.

We will let you know of any fundraising events that will take place and how you can support these!

Head Boy and Girl

Last Friday, Year 6 had the opportunity to read a speech to the whole school about why they would be a good Head Boy or Head Girl for this school. In line with the British value of democracy, each child from Year 1 to Year 5 voted for the child they wanted to be Head Boy or Head Girl.

The votes were counted and our new Head Boy is Seth Lewis and our new Head Girl is Miley-Rose Briggs.

To support these children, there is a Deputy Head Boy and Girl who will help the Head Boy and Girl complete their duties. These were voted and are Jacob Massingham and Scarlett Laing. Well done to the successful children!

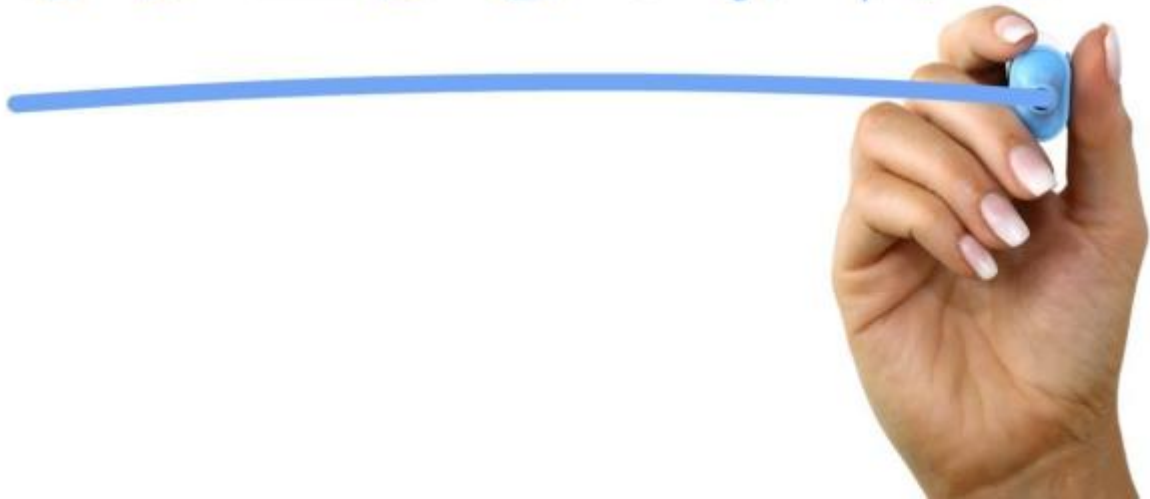
I was very proud to see the courage of all the children who got up to read their speech and the respect shown when the announcements were made- they showed our school virtues beautifully! Well done Year 6!





Children's Achievements

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We love to celebrate the achievements of our children in school but also love to hear about the amazing things they do out of school! Whether this is a dance competition, a new karate belt or a swimming badge, we would love to hear about it and write about it in our newsletter. Please email your child's achievements or tell Miss Queenan by the Thursday of each week and we will try to include them in that week's newsletter!

School Photographs

Our individual school photographs will take place on Wednesday 12th October in school.

For this, children will need to be in winter uniform including a jumper or cardigan.

If you would like your child to have a photograph with their younger sibling who is not at school yet, please bring them at 8.15am to complete this. This does not include nursery children as they will have their photo taken as part of the school day.

School Facebook Page



It is wonderful to see so many new followers on our school Facebook page. We have been adding updates of children's work and news for parents to the page regularly. Please follow us at 'St. Joseph's Shirebrook' to keep up to date with our latest class news and school events.

Word of the Week

Our Word of the Week next week is 'Teacher' for World Teacher's Day on Wednesday 5th October. This week's video was created by Year 1. You can find this on our school Youtube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR3QaicZnnnGxWXG3sEv-pQ>

Masses



Due to a live-streamed Our Lady of Lourdes mass on Tuesday 4th October, there will be no class mass this week. The next class mass will be Tuesday 11th October at 9am for Year 5. All are welcome!

From the Parish Community

St. Joseph's Church is open on Friday mornings from 8.15 – if you wish to pop in a bit of peace, quiet and prayer. Opportunity to chat to one of the Sisters – if you wish. Mass is at 8.45a.m.

Mass is the Vigil Mass every Saturday - at 5p.m. Please come and join us.

If you wish to contribute to the Foodbank – please leave any items in the Church (or the school). If you need help, contact Sr Susan in confidence.

We hope to plant more crocus bulbs in the graveyard this year. If you would like to donate a few, please bring them either to Church or to school.