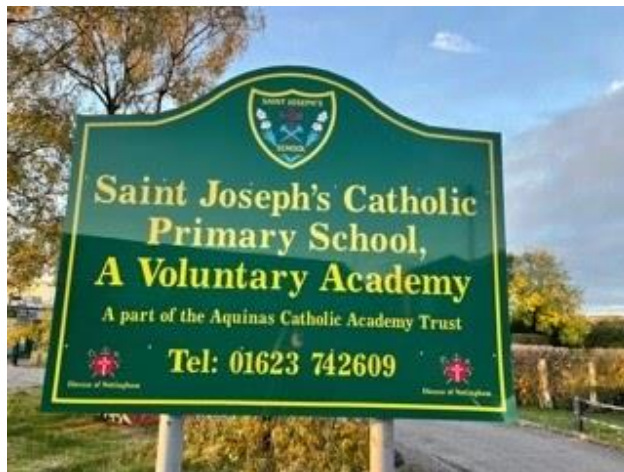


Friday 16th December

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

Newsletter



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New Term

We hope you have a joyful and restful Christmas and get to spend some time with your family! Please take the time to relax and enjoy time together. We also hope you have a happy new year and the new year brings joy and happiness to you and your family.

It has been a very busy term in school. Thank you for all of your continued support with all we have completed this term.

Our last day at school is Wednesday 21st December and we reopen to children on **Thursday 5th January**. We are looking forward to seeing you then!

Attendance



Attendance this week

Whole School: 83.1%

Reception: 83.3%

Year 1: 84.3%

Year 2: 80%

Year 3: 79.6%

Year 4: 88.1%

Year 5: 80.6%

Year 6: 78.1%

Attendance is low this week. However, we understand that there has been a great deal of illness in school this week. 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 4! Well done!

To further support attendance in school and reward good attendance, we will be having an attendance raffle! As seen from the poster attached, if your child attends school every day from Monday 5th December to Tuesday 20th December for the 12 days of Christmas, they will receive a raffle ticket to go into the draw to receive multiple prizes! This will be drawn on Wednesday 21st December! We will complete another one of these in the new year so please don't be disheartened if you don't get your name in the raffle this time!

Attendance Award

Monday 19th December will reward the children for their attendance across the term. You will receive a letter if your child has achieved above 97% attendance for this term. If they have, they can come to school on this day in their non-uniform! There will also be an extra reward for 100% attendance.

Please don't be disheartened if your child doesn't achieve this in this term. We understand there has been a lot of illness around school. There will still be rewards for attendance such as the attendance raffle and the termly attendance award will reset after Christmas so there will be a fresh start for attendance after this.

Carol Concert

Thank you for all of your support regarding our Christmas events in school. Our final event in school is the KS2 Carol Concert. This will take place on Wednesday 21st December at **2pm**. This will be in Church. All are welcome!

Reverse Advent Calendar

As we have done in the past, we would love to be able to help those in need at this time of year. To support this, we are going to complete a reverse advent calendar where we would ask for donations of tinned goods, packet or dried foods that can be donated to food banks and the Salvation Army. There is no obligation to do this so please don't feel pressured to purchase something but if you can, that would be lovely!

The Salvation Army will be coming into school to collect these food items on **Tuesday 20th December at 9am**. They will also do an assembly for us and sing some songs. Please ensure that any donations are into school by this date

FOSJ

Friends of St Joseph's are asking for donations of clothes (nearly new) if you have a clear out of clothes over the Christmas break. These can be brought into school and then will be sold at a gently used sale in the new year to raise money for FOSJ. They would also ask for donations of Christmas jumpers if you have any that you no longer use or are too small!

Thank you for your support.

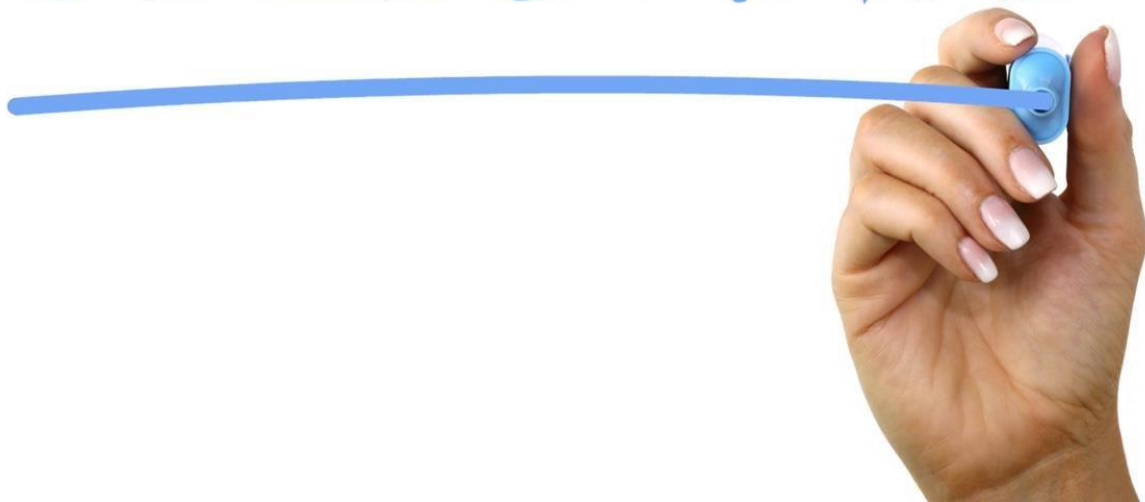
Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Eve Mass will take place at St Joseph's Shirebrook at 5pm. It would be lovely to have some children to complete readings and the children are welcome to come dressed as characters from the Nativity story for example shepherds and angels.

If you are attending this Mass or would like to and would like your child to take part in this Mass, please let Miss Queenan know.

Children's Achievements

CELEBRATE



Well done to Ivie C in Year 1 who came in 5th place at her gymnastics competition at the weekend.

Great work Eva (Year 4) who came in 2nd place in her gymnastics competition!

Congratulations to Maggie in Year 1. She did a brilliant performance as a lost boy on the main stage in the Stagecoach Peter Pan Panto!

Well done Peyton in Year 3 who got 1st place in her gymnastics competition at the weekend!

Brilliant work from Ciara in Year 4 who came 2nd in her gymnastics competition.

Well done Jessica in Year 2 who came 1st in her gymnastics competition and moved up to stage 4 in swimming!

Very proud of you all.

Please remember to send any children's achievements outside of school to Miss Queenan or Mrs Fearn by the Thursday of each week- we love celebrating your achievements.

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

There will be no word of the week next week due to it being a shorter week. Our Word of the Week for the first week back is 'Epiphany' as the Epiphany takes place on Friday 6th January. This video was created by Year 4. You can find this on our school Youtube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR3QaicZnnnGxWYG3sEv-pQ>

Masses



There will be no class mass next week but you are most welcome to the KS2 Carol Concert and to masses at St Joseph's including the Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm.

From the Parish Community

Advent 2022

80 MILES ON A DONKEY. Each Sunday of Advent, at the start of Mass , as well as lighting the Advent candle/s, there will be a short reflection on Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem.

Mary, Joseph and the donkey will be out in the Church to remind us of the 80 miles they travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem. You might like to get the figures of Mary and Joseph and the Donkey from your nativity set and move them around your house. The reflections for the 4 weeks will be on the website.

ON THE 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, known as Bambino Sunday, you are invited to bring the Bambino from your nativity set for a blessing at Mass. This blessing will be at every Mass. You could create a nativity set with your children and bring their bambino to be blessed.