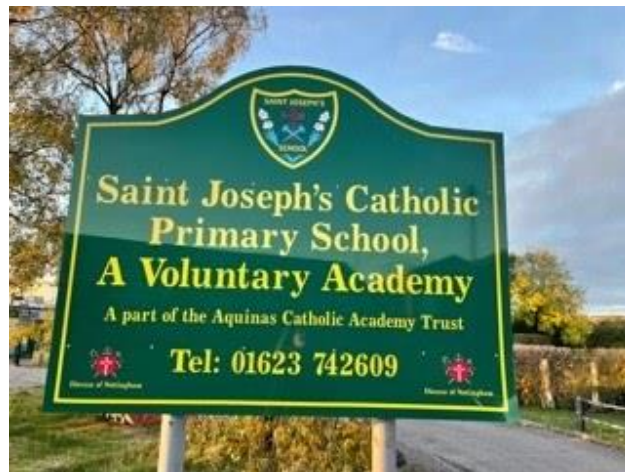


# Friday 2nd December

## 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:** 90.5%

Reception: 86.7%

Year 1: 88%

Year 2: 84.8%

Year 3: 95.4%

Year 4: 88.8%

Year 5: 92.2%

Year 6: 95.3%

Attendance is disappointing again 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 3! 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!

## Staffing

Following Mrs Seaman's return from maternity leave on Monday 19th December, Miss Queenan will take up the role of Deputy Headteacher. I am sure you will all give Mrs Seaman a warm welcome back to school.

Following the information provided last week, we still have vacancies available for teachers and our after school club leaders. The vacancies can be found at

<https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/>

Please share this with anyone you think would be interested!

## Christmas Events

The Christmas season is approaching! This is a very busy time in school and so here are the upcoming dates for events in school over the next few weeks:

- KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity on Wednesday 7th December at 6pm in the hall. For this, please could children return to school for **5.30pm** please.
- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity on Thursday 8th December at 10am.
- Christmas Fayre at 2pm in the school hall on Friday 9th December.
- Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 14th December. This day will also be the day when Santa visits to speak to and give gifts out to the children! If you would like to be a part of this, please see the information on Arbor.
- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity on Wednesday 14th December at 2.30pm
- Christmas Disco on Thursday 15th December after school until 5pm. This will be a free event for children in Year 1 - Year 6.
- Reception & Nursery children will have their own Christmas Disco during the school day in class.
- Awards Assembly on Friday 16th December at 2.30pm. An email will be sent to you if your child is receiving an award to let you know by Wednesday 14th December.
- KS2 (Year 3-6) Carol Concert on Wednesday 21st December at 2pm. This will be in Church.

## Christmas Fayre



The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 9th December from 2pm. For this, there will be stalls run by FOSJ and by the children. You will be able to collect your children from their internal classroom doors and take them around the Christmas Fayre with you.

You will have received some raffle tickets to purchase if you wish to for our Christmas Raffle where the prizes include a Chromebook and family passes to nearby attractions like Gulliver's Kingdom. If you do wish to purchase these, please return the raffle tickets with your contact information on the back and the money necessary.

To have our popular bottle raffle stall, we will be having a 'bring a bottle' non-uniform day on Thursday 8th December!

## Christmas Fayre Hampers

For our Christmas Fayre, each class will be making a hamper which will be won as part of FOSJ's raffle. We are please asking for donations. This year it is going to be on a colour theme.

Reception/Nursery- Pink

Year 1- White/Silver

Year 2- Gold

Year 3- Orange

Year 4- Purple

Year 5- Red

Year 6- Blue

These could be anything that could go into a hamper like food, drink, toys, books or toiletries.

Thank you for your support!

## Nativity

A huge well done to KS1 who put on their first nativity performance for parents today! They did an amazing job and spoke and sang so confidently and told the story beautifully! We are so proud of you!

## 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!

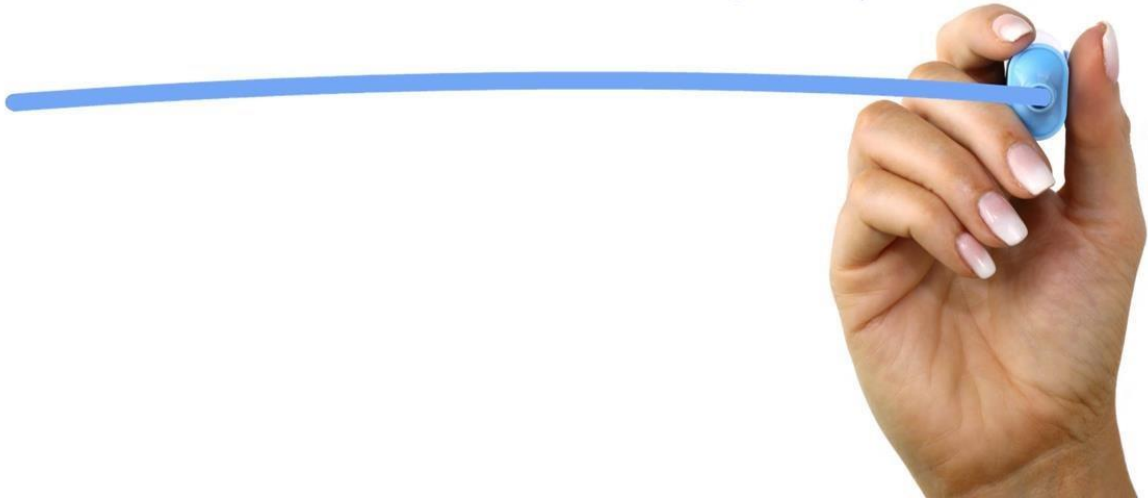
## FOSJ

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 jumble 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.

## Children's Achievements

# CELEBRATE



Well done to Lamin in Year 6 who scored 2 goals for Barlborough Eagles Football Club.

Well done to Beatrix in Year 5 who achieved 5th place on Vault, 2nd place on floor and 1st place overall in her gymnastics competition. Great work!

Great work Bobby L and Bunja in Year 5 whose football team were runners up in the league!

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

Our Word of the Week next week is 'Faith' as this Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. This week's video was created by Reception. You can find this on our school Youtube page:

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

## Masses



The Mass for next week will be a liturgy of the word with Year 1 on Tuesday 6th December at 9am in Church. All are welcome!

## 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.