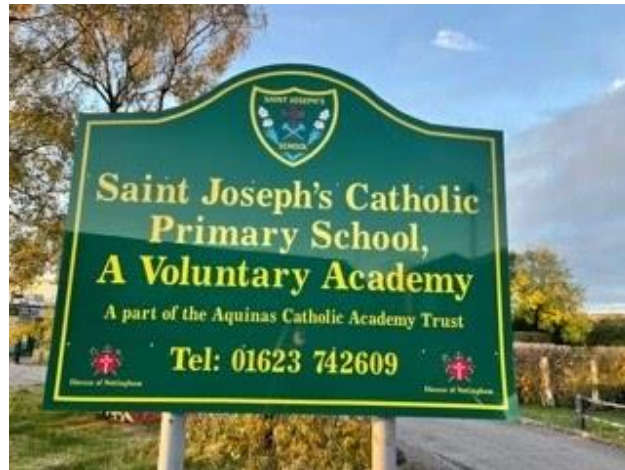


Friday 9th December

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: 89.3%

Reception: 81.3%

Year 1: 83%

Year 2: 87.9%

Year 3: 94.6%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 91.9%

Year 6: 89.7%

Attendance is disappointing again 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!

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.

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:

- 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 purchase through Arbor in the **Accounts** section.
- 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 Reception to Year 6. 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



Thank you for all your support regarding the Christmas Fayre including with your donations before and during the event. It was so lovely to see everyone back together in the hall after a few years of not being able to celebrate together! We really appreciate all of your support.

Nativity

A huge well done to EYFS who put on their first nativity performance for parents yesterday! They did an amazing job and sang so beautifully to tell this story!

Well done again to KS1 who completed their evening performance and again did a brilliant job of telling this story!

We are proud of you all!

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.

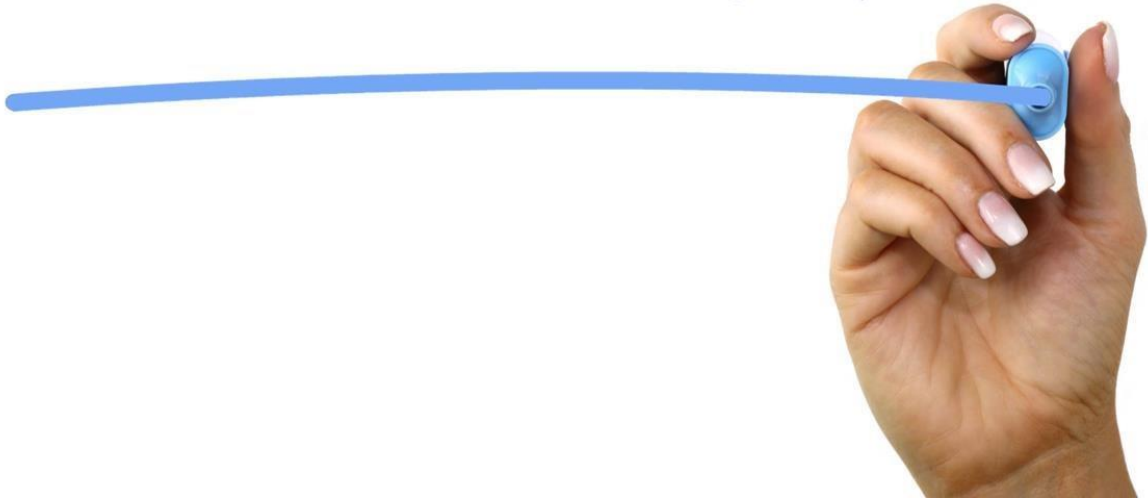
Christmas Eve Mass

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 Abi in Year 5 who was 'gymnast of the month' and achieved her Level 7 and 8 Gymnastics awards.

Well done to Freddie in Reception who achieved his 5 metre swimming badge this week! Well done Freddie!

Great work Seth who is part of the local choir Voices Of The Vale, and at their Awards Evening won Most Positive Person and received a lovely trophy and medal.

Brilliant work from Hugo in Year 4 who achieved his 10m rainbow distance at swimming this week. Well done!

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 'Joy' as this Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. This week's video was created by Year 5. 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 Class Mass with Year 5 on Tuesday 13th 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.