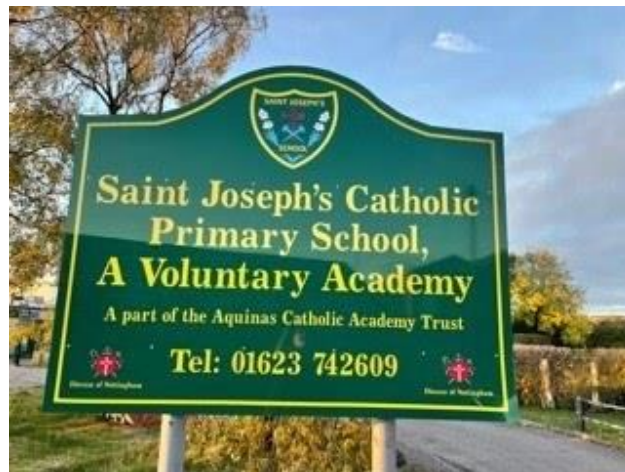


Friday 29th September

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Head Pupils

We are really happy to be St Joseph's Head Pupils. We are looking forward to introducing new activities into school. Next week we are going to go around the classes and speak to the children around school and we will meet with the pupil voice groups.



Catholic Life and Mission

This week we enjoyed a beautiful Whole School Mass to celebrate the beginning of the new school year. From next week, we will be hosting a weekly rosary club as we enter the month of October. Our chaplaincy team will be setting up a rosary display over in church next week.

On Tuesday 3rd October, all parents are welcome to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with year 2 at 9am in church.

Come and See

Next Friday, 6th October, years 1, 3 and 5 will be leading us in a celebration of their RE learning in our Come and See Liturgical Prayer. All parents and parishioners are welcome to join us from 2:45pm in the school hall.

Outdoor Shoes and Boots



Although we will not be launching our OPAL provision until after half term, we are looking at our current play provision in preparation for this.

It is our aim that all children can access outdoor play throughout the year and therefore we need to ensure that all children are dressed appropriately for the weather. In order to access the school field, **all children will need wellingtons or suitable outdoor boots in school**. These must be left in school so that all children can change their shoes and access the field, if they wish, at lunchtime. Please ensure these are clearly labelled. If children do not have suitable footwear, they will not be allowed to use the field in bad weather.

In addition, children will be accessing the outdoors as much as possible, which may include in light rain. Therefore, all children will need a waterproof coat in school each day.

If you have any coats or boots that are no longer used at home and would like to donate these to our 'Welly Library', please bring them to the school office.

Breakfast Club



We are delighted to offer our breakfast club to all children for £2. If you would like your child to attend, please book them in on Arbor. The breakfast club will run from 7:30am.

OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



This year, we are starting a programme called OPAL to improve opportunities or physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play.

In order for OPAL to be the best that it can be, we are asking for the support of our parish, families and local community. Parents have been sent a BINGO board; please look at the items that we will need in school for our OPAL provision. If you are able to donate any of these items, or know of a local business

that could, please bring these into school. If you have something not on the list that you think we might find useful, please contact the school office.

Opal Bingo Challenge!

As a class, gather an item from each section of the bingo board and your class will receive 15 minutes of extra playtime. The class who collects the most will receive 30 minutes extra playtime!

Construction Plastic crates Trays Bread trays Cardboard boxes Plastic tubing e.g. clean pipes/guttering Tarpaulins	Creative Arts Chalks Pens Paper/card Paintbrushes Industrial size clingfilm Ribbon Bubble machine	Wheels Suitcases Prams Bread trays on wheels Scooters Skateboards
Messy Kitchen Pots Pans Utensils Bowls Plastic crockery Plastic or real small appliances (kettle microwave)	Small World Area Animals Dolls Teddy bears Vehicles Fake flowers Fake fruit Soft toys	Role Play Shops – till, food Fabric (duvets, sheets) Dressing up clothes Hats Handbags Normal clothes Accessories

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.54%

Reception- 90.6%

Year One - 96.7%

Year Two - 92.9%

Year Three- 98.1%

Year Four- 96%

Year Five- 98.2%

Year Six- 92.7%

Well done to year 5 who won our attendance award this week!

We are aware that this time of year can be tricky with illness. However, we are confident that we will see improved attendance across school next week.

Attending school every day = 100% attendance

Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = **4 weeks missed per year**

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = **more than half a term missed per year.**

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = **more than a quarter of the school year missed.**

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to **missing a whole 2 years from school.**

Children's Achievements



Well done to Archie C in year 4 who was 'Man of the match' at football this week

Well done to Eva in year 5 who achieved her 50m swimming badge this week

We love celebrating your child's out of school achievements! Please make sure you share these with school so that we can publish them in our newsletter.

Donations

We are always looking for additional resources to supplement the provision we have at St Joseph's. If you have any of the following at home that you could donate, please bring them to the school office.

People - domestic, military, fantasy, mythological

Buildings - houses, schools, churches, castles

Animals - tame, wild, zoo, prehistoric, marine

Vehicles - land, air, water, space, war machines

Vegetation - trees, shrubs, plants, flowers

Structures - bridges, fences, gates, walls

Natural objects - shells, stones, driftwood

Symbolic objects - wishing wells, treasure chests, trophies, jewels, goblets

Thank you for your continued support.

Reading Cafe



We are delighted that we are hosting our weekly reading cafe again this year. This is a fantastic opportunity to share a book with your child, learn more about how we teach reading at St Joseph's and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

This term the reading cafe dates are:

Friday 6th October- year 4

Friday 13th October - year 3

Friday 20th October- year 2

Friday 10th November - year 1

Friday 24th November - year 6

SMILERS

SMILERS is a whole school approach to wellbeing. It is a way of helping children to understand that they can make choices to help them feel better mentally and help them to stay emotionally strong and well.

Mrs Webster has been working hard with our Mental Health Ambassadors to role this out in school. They have received training from Derbyshire County Council and led the whole school in an assembly. A newsletter explaining this further has been sent to parents.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be continuing to introduce this across school this term.

School Facebook Page



A reminder that we have launched our school Facebook page. We have been adding updates of children's work and news for parents onto 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

Next week our word of the week is, 'Equality'. Year 3 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect on the importance of equality as we enter Black History Month next week.