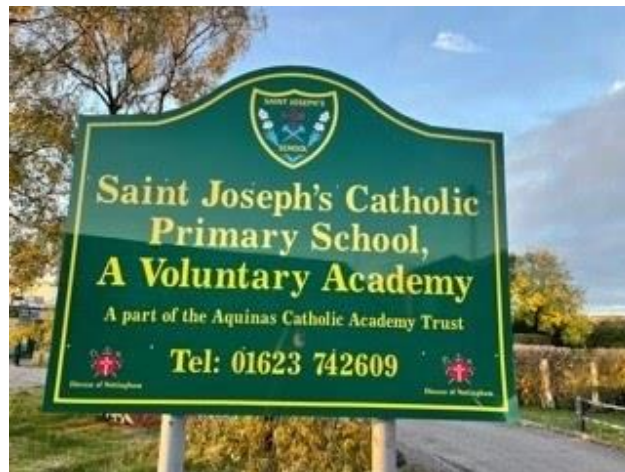


Friday 13th October

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Head Pupils

This week we went around the whole school to introduce ourselves and ask the children what was working well in school and what could be better. It was lovely to see the children all so excited to see us.



Catholic Life and Mission

This week we enjoyed a beautiful liturgical prayer led by year 2. It was on the theme of mindfulness and helped us to reflect on how we can take quiet time for reflection.

Year 1 went over to church this week to celebrate a liturgy of the Word. The children did a wonderful job leading us in prayer.

On Tuesday 17th October, all parents are welcome to celebrate Mass with year 4 at 9am in church.

Parent Voice Survey

We value your feedback immensely and love how we work together to make improvements across our school. In the past, your feedback has resulted in:

A new path around the outside of school

Key dates being shared with parents more regularly across the year

The introduction of reading cafes and parent forest schools

The coat swap initiative

The new competitive sports calendar that launches this year

We would therefore like to seek your voice throughout this academic year so that we can continue to make these changes for the good of all in our community. The following survey is now live and will be open until Friday 20th October. Please take the time to complete this survey and have your say. If you have any immediate concerns, please contact the school office.

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Movie Night

On Thursday 19th October, we will be hosting a Movie Night in school from 3:30-5:30pm. This will be open to all children from Reception class to year 6. If you would like your child to attend, please book a space on Arbor.

Outdoor Clothing



It is great to see that most children in school now have outdoor shoes or boots so that they can access the school field. As the weather turns colder and the mud gets thicker, it is advisable that children have puddle suits or coats to wear outdoors on the field. Please make sure all items of clothing and shoes are clearly labelled.

If you have any spare boots or coats that you no longer use and would like to donate to school, please contact the school office.

THINK and STEPS



Across school we have been thinking about how we show love to others and ensure that everyone is happy and safe in school.

As part of our behaviour curriculum, we have been teaching the children about STEPS and THINK.

STEPS is how we show our manners in school

S Sir or Miss

T Thankyou

E Excuse me

P Please

S Sorry

THINK is an important way to remember to think before we speak to someone

T Is it TRUE?

H Is it HELPFUL?

I Is it INSPIRING?

N Is it NECESSARY?

K is it KIND?

We will be looking out for children demonstrating our school virtues of love, charity and respect by following these so that we can reward them with Dojos. After half term, we will be launching further parts of our behaviour curriculum.

Breakfast Club



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

OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



We are still looking for items to supplement our OPAL play provision. We are particularly looking for dressing up clothes, handbags, bags, unwanted adult clothing or any role play items.

We really appreciate your support with this and are really excited for our OPAL launch after half term.

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 94.2%

Reception- 88.4%

Year One - 94%

Year Two - 99.7%

Year Three- 94.1%

Year Four- 98.3%

Year Five- 95.5%

Year Six- 92.7%

Well done to year 2 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



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.

Christmas Fayre

Although it seems like a very long way away, the Christmas Fayre will soon be upon us on 1st December. Our amazing PTA, Friends of St Joseph, are looking for donations for the Christmas Raffle. If you have any soft toys or have any business links that may like to donate a prize, please contact the school office.

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 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.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors have created a fantastic video on your youtube channel. This can also be viewed on our school website.

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, 'Food' year 1 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect on how we must thank God for giving us everything that we need.