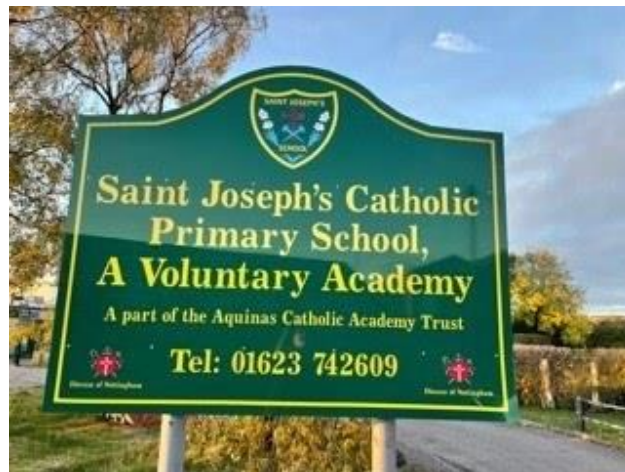


# Friday 20th October

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

### NEWSLETTER



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## End of Term

We have come to the end of a busy and successful term at St Joseph's. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the term and look forward to continuing working with you next term. We have been so lucky this term that we have had such wonderful support from families and local businesses. If you feel that you have a particular skill or know a business that can help, please contact the school office.

A reminder that today is the last day of term and the children will return to school on Tuesday 7th November.

After half term, we will be following a new homework format which we will share with all children and families after the break. Over half term, we would like the children to relax and hopefully enjoy the outdoors.

## Head Pupils



This week, some of our Head Pupils attended a Synod Event in Lincoln. It was great to take the views of our school community and share them with other schools across the Trust.



## Catholic Life and Mission

This week we enjoyed a beautiful liturgical prayer led by year 2. It was on the theme of food. For our mission, we were all trying to donate an item of food to a local food bank. After half term, there will be a food bank box in the school entrance that children can donate to.

Year 4 went over to church this week to celebrate Mass. The children did a wonderful job leading us in prayer.

On Tuesday 7th November, all parents are welcome to celebrate Mass with year 6 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 close at midnight tonight. Please take the time to complete this survey and have your say. If you have any immediate concerns, please contact the school office. All results will be shared with parents after half term.

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## 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 really excited to launch our OPAL play provision after half term. Please ensure that all children have outdoor boots and coats in school so that they can access the full provision.

## Attendance

Letters have been sent home this week to all parents sharing their child's attendance for this year so far. Those with concerning attendance will be invited to an attendance panel meeting after the half term

break. Following half term, the winning class for attendance will be rewarded with a milkshake Monday each week!

**Whole School Attendance this week is 94.35%**

Reception- 89.4%

Year One - 95.3%

Year Two - 97.4%

Year Three- 90%

Year Four- 98.3%

Year Five- 97.3%

Year Six- 95.2%

Well done to year 4 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 after half term.

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.**

## Sweet Bags



After school on Tuesday 7th November, Friends of St Joseph will be selling sweet bags after school. If you would like to buy a bag outside the school office, please bring in some small change.

## 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 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





After half term, 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 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



After half term, our word of the week is, 'Remember', year 4 have worked hard to produce our video to help us reflect as we approach Remembrance Day on 11th November. In school, we will be making our own poppies that we will use to decorate areas of our local area.