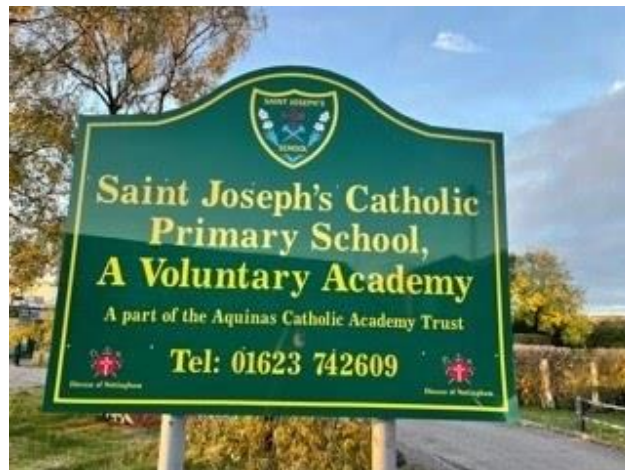


Friday 22nd December

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Happy Christmas!

We have made it to the end of yet another successful and busy term at St Joseph's. The children have worked so hard in their classes as well as fully embracing the extra exciting activities and events this term.

We would like to thank all of our families for your incredible support this term. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you and we look forward to continuing our partnership in January.

On behalf of the whole staff team, we hope that you all have a Happy and Holy Christmas and we are excited to welcome you all back on **4th January**.

Head Pupils



On behalf of the children at St Joseph's, the Head Pupils would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Christmas. Our Head Pupils will be very busy in the new year thinking of ways to further improve our school.



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, year 2 prepared a Liturgical Prayer on the theme of Joy.

Year 2 visited Richmond Care Home this week to perform the songs from the nativity. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to live out their Catholic Mission and share joy with others. Year 2 represented the school superbly!

What have we been up to at St Joseph's?

Wow! What another busy week for our classes! The classes have all been busy with our final Advent preparations.

Nursery and Reception have been learning about the birth of Jesus and the nativity story

Year one have been working really hard in their geography this week.

Year two have been learning about how we can keep our bodies healthy and how we can make good choices which keep us clean and strong.

Year three have been busy making stone age houses.

Year four expressed their knowledge of the Indus Valley to Mrs Seaman this week. This included jewellery making, cooking and more!

Year five have been learning about how we can prepare for the return of Jesus in their RE work.

Year six have been using pastels to recreate some beautiful artwork for their Christmas cards.

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.

Key Stage Two Carol Service



Well done to years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who performed beautifully and confidently in their Carol Service today. Thank you to Mrs Hall who kindly played for us and gave up her time this week to support them in rehearsals and for playing so beautifully this afternoon.

Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip

Year 5 and 6 went to the cinema this week. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed both the train journey and the film, Wish. Thank you to our PTA, Friends of St Joseph's, for funding this special treat for our children. Both classes represented the school perfectly and we even received a phone call from a member of the public to comment on how well behaved and polite our children were on the train.

OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



Our OPAL launch has been amazing and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged at lunchtime. The children all speak highly of the provision and it has been great to get such positive feedback from our parents. A reminder that we are still looking for any toy, book or loose part donations.

After Christmas, we will be open to any donations of clothing, loose parts, role play, small world and kitchen utensils.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is 89.7%

Reception- 85%

Year One - 83.7%

Year Two - 94.8%

Year Three- 88.4%

Year Four- 92.8

Year Five- 93.9%

Year Six- 95.5%

Well done to year 6 who won our attendance award this week! They enjoyed Milkshake Friday today!

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 Beatrix, Lola, James, Noah L, Bobby L, Kaiser, Zitel, Richard and Lewis in year 6 who received a Blue Peter Badge! Well done children.

Fantastic work Luca in Reception who was awarded Player of the match at football this week.

Well done to Nathanael in year 5 who received his brown stripe belt in freestyle karate.

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.

SMILERS



SMILERS is a whole school approach to wellbeing.

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

We will use the SMILERS formula to help us develop healthy habits for life and to look after our own wellbeing.

This month's focus is **I INTEREST.**

When we return after Christmas, our Wellbeing Champions will be introducing the next letter.

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

When we return after Christmas, our word of the week is, 'Baptism', Year 6 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on the Baptism of the Lord.