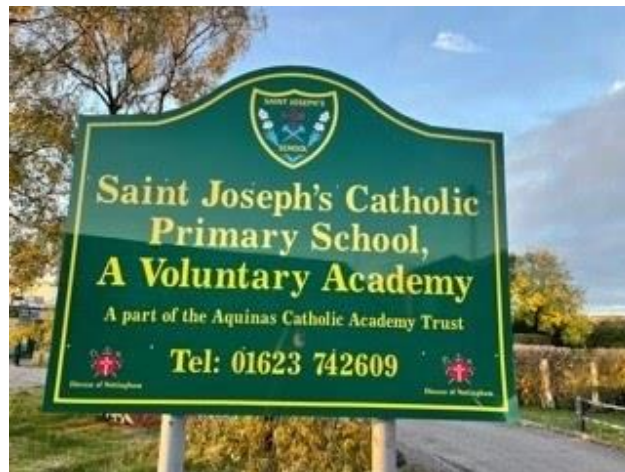


Friday 26th April

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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This week at St Joseph's...

This week has been a great week at St Joseph's and it has been nice to see the sun out at last! We started off the week celebrating Earth Day thinking about how we can care for our common home and Catholic Social Teaching principles. It was great to see the children dressed in earth colours and we raised £98 to put towards developing our school environment. This week we have also had a visitor from Mary's Meals who taught us all about the work the charity does and how we can pray in May and nursery had a wonderful reading cafe. The busy week came to an end at our RE work gallery. It was great to welcome so many parents to our gallery so that the children could showcase their work.

We were also featured in the Chad this week. It is wonderful to see the recognition of our superb children and talented staff team

<https://www.chad.co.uk/education/well-mannered-children-praised-as-langwith-school-retains-outstanding-rating-4605183>

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been working hard to prepare for our Rights Respecting Schools assessment day when we are hoping we will be awarded our Silver Award. The children have also been busy getting ready to meet with the pupil voice groups this term and see what they have been up to.



Catholic Life and Mission

Year 4 led a beautiful Liturgy of the Word in church this week, well done children. Our children preparing for the Sacraments enjoyed a wonderful First Reconciliation service on Tuesday.

We have been really thinking about our mission to be stewards and care for our common home this week. The children have all been busy thinking of small changes that they can make to care for God's creation.

We would love to hear your say on our Catholic Life and Mission. Please complete this short survey to have your say

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-IWFrUUk-NirNGicJQ15yocmR2cDosBg-QRUAJ6kVIUt6Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

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

Nursery - The children have been learning about the Easter story in their RE lessons and have been naming dinosaurs in their history lesson.

Reception- The children did a wonderful job creating their own Easter Garden.

Year One- The children have been thinking about how they can care for our world.

Year Two- The children have been reflecting on their RE learning in their innovate tasks.

Year Three- The children have been using precise nouns in their biography writing.

Year Four- The children have been making clay tiles with their own Anglo Saxon inspired designs.

Year Five- The children have been learning about different forces including gravity, friction and resistance in science lessons.

Year Six- The children have been practicing and developing their painting skills in art.

Wow! What a busy week; well done children!

Dates

Last week, we sent out the key dates for this term. Coming up in the next few weeks, some key dates to note are:

6th May- Bank Holiday (school closed)

8th May at 2pm- Mass to celebrate the Ascension

20th May- Pentecost Birthday Celebration (all children invited to come dressed in own clothes. The kitchen will prepare a party themed lunch)

24th May- last day of the term

3rd June- school reopens to all pupils

11th June- OPAL play afternoon. All parents can join us to learn more about OPAL play and to enjoy hands on play with your children.

Work Gallery

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our RE work gallery today. The children worked very hard to produce the work to showcase the work that they have been doing in their RE lessons.

Friends of St Joseph

Friends of St Joseph PTA group have funded a very special treat for our children next Wednesday to celebrate our Outstanding Ofsted report! We will have a visit from an ice cream van during the school day and all children will be able to enjoy and ice cream or lolly.

If you are available to help out in anyway to support your children and St Joseph's then please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Fearn or one of the team...new volunteers are always welcome!

Breakfast Club



We are delighted to offer our breakfast club to all children from Reception to year 6 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.

Baby and Toddler Groups

We are delighted to announce that we have restarted our under 2s group in the school hall. Mrs Dexter, our Early Years Leader, will be hosting a place to chat with other parents, play and sing with your baby and have a hot drink. **Our free group runs each Wednesday from 9:30- 10:30am** in the school hall. Everyone is welcome!

In addition, we will be hosting Parent and Toddler forest school sessions for over 2s. These will run on:

Thursday 6th June 2:15-3:15pm

Thursday 27th June 2:15-3:15pm

Thursday 18th July 2:15-3:15pm

If anyone has any donations of baby toys or equipment, we would really appreciate your support.

OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



Thank you to the incredible support so far this year with our OPAL provision.

We are always happy to take any donations for loose parts but we are also in need of any parents or volunteers that can donate some time to help us build and set up some of our equipment. If you feel that you are able to support with this, please contact the school office.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 94.5%

Reception- 97.5%

Year One - 95.7%

Year Two - 98.1%

Year Three- 94.1%

Year Four- 97.6%

Year Five- 92.7%

Year Six- 95.2%

Well done to year 2 who have won our attendance award AGAIN this week and have won Milkshake Monday 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 Seren and Freya in year 5 who have been competing in Florida in a cheerleading competition this week!

Alfie in year 2 got Star of the class in kickboxing last Friday, well done!

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 **R REST**

Our Mental Health Ambassadors did a great job introducing this to the children this week. Please find the newsletter attached to this newsletter.

Reading Cafe



It was wonderful to see so many nursery parents at the Reading Cafe this morning. We will be continuing our weekly reading cafes on the following dates:

Reception- 3rd May

Year One- Friday 10th May

Year Two- Friday 24th May

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, 'Rosary', Year 5 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can pray the Rosary as we think about Mary in the month of May.