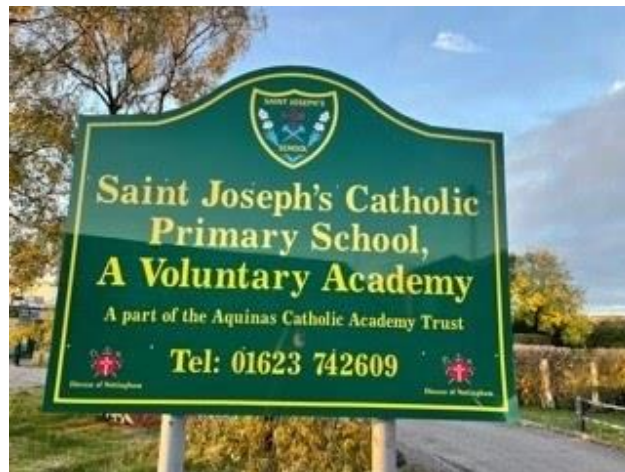


# Friday 10th May

## 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 another successful week at St Joseph's. We have celebrated a Mass for the Feast of Ascension, had some wonderful photographs taken for our website and new prospectus and enjoyed lots of OPAL fun in the sun.

## 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 to see what they have been up to.



## Catholic Life and Mission

Year 4 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the whole school this week.

We are still thinking about our mission to be stewards and care for our common home this week. The children have all been busy making sure our environment is clean and tidy.

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

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

Nursery - The children have been learning about different types of dinosaur and what they ate.

Reception- The children have been practicing their oracy skills when talking about the volcanos around the world.

Year One- The children have been printing London landmarks in their art lessons.

Year Two- The children have been designing maps using keys in geography.

Year Three- The children have been learning about composite and shield volcanos.

Year Four- The children have been learning about coastlines in geography.

Year Five- The children have started their new RE topic, Transformation.

Year Six- The children have been really busy getting ready for SATs next week!

Wow! What a busy week; well done children!

## Dates

Upcoming dates at school:

15th May- 7pm fashion show in school.

17th May- nursery applications for 2024/2025 close.

20th May- Pentecost Birthday Celebration (all children invited to come dressed in their 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.

## SATs

Next week, our year 6 children will sit their SATs tests. The children have worked incredibly hard all year and we are confident that they will shine. Please ensure year 6 children are in school on time and well rested next week. We are all keeping the children in our prayers and can't wait to see how well they all perform.

## Friends of St Joseph

Hi there! We hope you are all well and enjoying the sunshine.

We hope you are all looking forward to next weeks fashion show on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm.

There will be drinks, a raffle and great clothes in a wide range of sizes (6-30) with up to 75% off!

Tickets are £5 and are available on Arbor.

This weeks member bio: Gemma Turner.

I am a general member of FOSJ and I have been a member for few years now.

Children in the school: I have Hugo in Year 5.

Job: I work part time in finance.

Reason for joining FoSJ: I joined the PTA to support the school and children to enhance the learning. It's great to give the children fun things to do along with their learning. We always have a giggle.

Fun fact: You will know me for my rainbow hat!

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!

**Please note that there will be no baby group next week due to SATs in the school hall.**

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 94.2%**

Reception- 97.7%

Year One - 93.9%

Year Two - 88.7%

Year Three- 92.6%

Year Four- 94.4%

Year Five- 97.7%

Year Six- 95.2%

**Well done to year 5 and reception class who have won our attendance award 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 Hugo in year 5 who achieved his 10m butterfly 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.

## 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 year 1 parents at the Reading Cafe this morning. We will be continuing our weekly reading cafes on the following dates:

Year Two- Friday 24th May

Year Three- Friday 7th June

Year Four- Friday 14th June

Year Six- Friday 28th June

Year Five- Friday 5th July



## 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, 'Family', Reception class have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can love and care for our family that we live with and around the world.