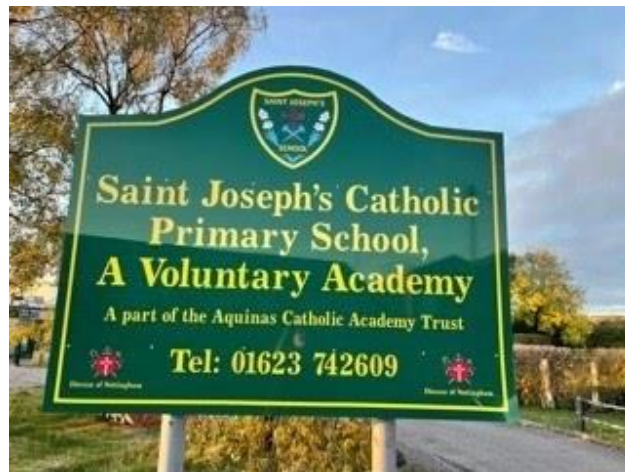


Friday 17th May

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

We have had another busy week at St Joseph's. Year 6 have all worked exceptionally hard this week completing their SATs papers. The children all conducted themselves well and demonstrated a very mature attitude when completing the papers. Other children in school were very considerate and adapted well to the changes in the school day. We were very proud of all the children this week. Well done!

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy with their tests this week but are preparing to speak to visitors from the Trust next week and for our Rights Respecting School Award accreditation day in the coming weeks.



Catholic Life and Mission



This term we are going to be looking at the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how we can use these when making decisions and acting so that we are caring for our brothers and sisters around the world.

This week year 2 led a beautiful Liturgy of the Word in church.

On Monday, we will be celebrating the birthday of the Church with our Pentecost Party. The kitchen are preparing a birthday party themed lunch and all children are invited to come to school in their own clothes. All classes will be taking part in activities to celebrate this very special day.

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

Nursery - The children have been working with clay to create volcanoes and have been learning about the Holy Spirit in RE.

Reception- The children all enjoyed a sports festival this week and have been learning about volcanos in class.

Year One- The children have been learning about holidays and Holy days in RE.

Year Two- The children have been completing their independent writing based on 'Where the Wild Things Are.'

Year Three- The children have been learning about the Ascension in RE.

Year Four- The children have been learning the digestive system in Science.

Year Five- The children have been learning about the affects of resistance and water resistance.

Year Six- The children have had a really busy week completing their SATs papers.

Wow! What another busy week; well done children!

Upcoming Dates

A reminder of some of the upcoming dates:

Monday 20th May- Pentecost Party- Children are invited to come dressed in their own clothes to celebrate the birthday of the church.

Tuesday 21st May at 9am - Year one Liturgy of the Word in church. All welcome.

Friday 24th May- Year two reading cafe in school

Friday 24th May- Last day of the term

Monday 3rd June - School open for all children

Tuesday 4th June at 9am - Year six Liturgy of the Word in church. All welcome.

Thursday 6th June at 2:15pm - Parent and Toddler Forest School

Friday 7th June- year three reading cafe

Tuesday 11th June- Parents are invited to come into school and enjoy our OPAL play provision

Friends of St Joseph



Thank you to everyone who attended the fashion show! The event was a great success.

Didn't the models (our school mums and helpers) look fantastic!

The clothes were amazing and great value and we hope you were able to purchase a bargain!

All funds raised will go towards an exciting treat for the children later in the year.

This weeks member bio is: Katie Cassidy

Year groups of child/children: Olivia in Year 1.

Day job: Hairdresser

Role within FoSJ and how long been member?:

I am a general member and support with events put on within school.

Why did you join?: To help the kids get that little more from school with the extra fun things that are put on offer from FOSJ.

No more enjoyment than seeing happy, smiley children.

Fun fact: I love to go walking and exploring to clear the mind.

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 class upwards 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

Apologies that baby group did not run this week. The groups are an opportunity to chat with other parents, play and sing with your baby and have a hot drink. These classes will continue to run **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 have lots of fantastic equipment for our children to use. We are looking for any handy helpers who may be able to help us build some of our new storage and equipment. If you are able to offer your services, please contact the school office.

During this term, we will have some exciting new additions to our OPAL provision. A reminder that any donations are gratefully received at the school office.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 96.5%

Reception- 98.1%

Year One - 96.6%

Year Two - 91.9%

Year Three- 93.8%

Year Four- 99%

Year Five- 97%

Year Six- 95.8%

Well done to year 4 who have won our attendance award this week and have won Milkshake Monday next week. Well done children!

Attendance in school has improved this week and we would like to thank you for your support with this.

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



Excellent work Weston in year 4 who got nominated as the Parent's Player in football and achieved his 400m in swimming.

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 **E Eat Well**

Reading Cafe

We are delighted to be continuing our weekly reading cafes on the following dates:

Year 2- 24th May

Year 3- 7th June

Year 4- 14th June

Year 6 - 28th June

Year 5- 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, 'Hoy Spirit', year 4 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on the Feast of Pentecost.