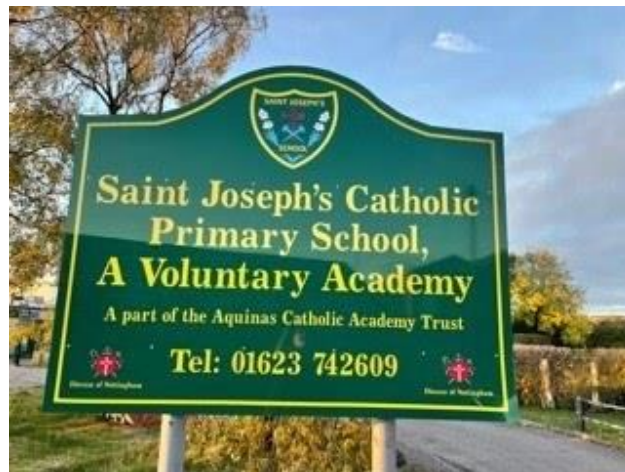


# Friday 24th May

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

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

### NEWSLETTER



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## End of the term...

This week has been another successful week at St Joseph's. We have all been thinking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and enjoyed a Pentecost Birthday celebration on Monday.

We have come to the end of another busy term and we have been incredibly proud of the achievements of all of our children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support this term and hope all of our families have an enjoyable half term break. School will open for our final term of this year on Monday 3rd June.

## Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have done a wonderful job this term. They will be working with year 5 and our local MP, Mark Fletcher, to look at Head Pupil applications for next year.



## Catholic Life and Mission

Year 2 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the whole school this week and year 1 invited parents to church for their Liturgy of the Word.

Today, all children enjoyed our May procession to church to crown Mary. It was a wonderful opportunity for all children to sing and profess their faith. Thank you to year 6 and Sr Susan who led this for everyone.

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

Nursery - The children used bubbles this week to help the children understand that we cannot see the Holy Spirit but that it has great power.

Reception- The children have been using chalks this week to recreate art work of the Holy Spirit.

Year One- The children have been learning about the parts of the human body and our senses.

Year Two- The children have been learning about fractions in maths.

Year Three- The children have been looking at unit and non unit fractions.

Year Four- The children have been learning monoprinting in art this week.

Year Five- The children have been learning about mechanisms in science.

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

Wow! What a busy week; well done children!

## Dates

Upcoming dates at school:

3rd June- school reopens to all pupils.

6th June- Parent meeting for First Holy Communion Candidates at 3:45pm in church.

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.

24th June- Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day

25th June- Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day

26th June- EYFS Sports Day

## Friends of St Joseph

Friends of St Joseph's here!

We hope you all had a great term and are looking forward to a fun half term holiday!

Did you managed to enjoy an ice cream in our pop up shop last week?

Look out for more FoSJ events, including the Summer Fayre and pop up shops, in the summer term 😎

This weeks member's bio: Jenni Collier

Children at St Joseph's : Eva Year 5 and Ivie Year 2.

Day job: Works Co-ordinator

What is your role within FoSJ and how long been member?: I help out where I can mainly at any after school events. I've been a member for a few years.

Why did you joined?: To help raise money for the children and the school and made new friends along the way.

Fun fact: I love everything Harry Potter - I only ever drink out of my HP mug!

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 94.6%**

Reception- 93.4%

Year One - 95.8%

Year Two - 92.3%

Year Three- 93.1%

Year Four- 97.9%

Year Five- 98.8%

Year Six- 96%

**Well done to year 5 who have won our attendance award this week and have won Milkshake Monday 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.**

## Children's Achievements



Well done to Dexter in year 2 who won an award in boxing this week.

Fantastic work Freddie in year one who has shown our Catholic virtues outside of school. While his mum have been recovering, he has been really helpful. From learning how to use the washing machine, to fetching the washing in, taking the bins out and being patient and caring. Wow Freddie! We are so proud of you.

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

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**

After half term, our word of the week is, 'Environment', Year 3 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can care for our Common Home.