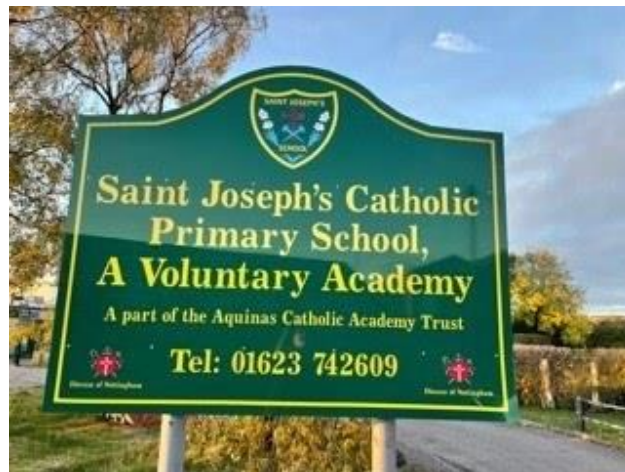


Friday 3rd May

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 with lots of classes enjoying engagement days for their topics. We also enjoyed a 'Feed a family for £5' live cooking event in the school hall. It was great to see so many parents join us for this event. We are hoping to host more of these events next academic year.

We also had a visit from the ice cream van this week as a celebration for our recent Ofsted report. Thank you to Friends of St Joseph for this very exciting treat.

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a fantastic cricket experience this week and took part in many cricket related activities.

The whole school have been learning about Sikhism in their RE lessons this week.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 6th May as it is Bank Holiday Monday. School will reopen to all pupils on Tuesday 7th May.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy collecting evidence for our Silver Rights Respecting school award. We will be trying to get this accreditation in the coming weeks when we are visited by an auditor.



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 3 led a beautiful Mass in Church and year 5 led the whole school in a Celebration of the Word in school. Our Catholic Life and Mission survey is still live.

Next week, we will be having a Mass in church to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. If you would like to share your views, please complete the short survey below.

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

Nursery - The children have been exploring and learning about volcanos and Mary as the mother of Jesus.

Reception- The children have been learning about the different terrain of prehistoric worlds and creating their own maps.

Year One- The children have been reading the Gruffalo in English and have been learning about length and height.

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

Year Three- The children have been learning about how volcanos are formed.

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

Year Five- The children have been learning about decimals in maths.

Year Six- The children have been writing lyrics to their own songs in music.

Wow! What another busy week; well done children!

Friends of St Joseph



Hello Friends of St Joseph's here.

How amazing is it to know that our school maintained its Outstanding Ofsted result!

We hope all the children enjoyed the ice cream van that we funded on Wednesday as a way of saying well done to all children and staff on the result.

We also hope you got to see all the lovely work the children produced at the RE gallery and enjoyed the refreshments provided by FOSJ to help raise funds for the children and the school.

A date for your diary...Wednesday 15th May!

We are hosting an amazing fashion show and would love for you to join us.

We are raising money to fund events and treats for the children throughout the year.

Please note this is an adult only event...come and join us for fun and shopping!

The ticket includes a drink and entry in to a fantastic raffle.

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

We had a fantastic morning at our baby group this week! It was wonderful to greet parents and babies and have 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 - 97.9%

Year Two - 95.5%

Year Three- 95.9%

Year Four- 98.6%

Year Five- 92.7%

Year Six- 97.6%

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



Well done to Bobby and Bunja in year 6 whose football team won the league!

An amazing achievement for Beatrix in year 6 who got her black belt in taekwondo

Well done to Seren and Freya in year 5 who competed in Florida with their cheerleading group and came 3rd! Well done girls.

Excellent work Weston in year 4 who was man of the match at football and won his first match as captain. 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 **E Eat Well**

Reading Cafe

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

Year 1- 10th May

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, 'Ascension', The chaplaincy team have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension next week.