

The St Joseph's Experience

Developing the whole child







Experience for all

St Joseph's mission is to provide outstanding Catholic education for every child. We make great efforts to ensure all our children achieve their academic potential and are successfully prepared for the next stage of their education. This includes the development of their character into virtuous, resilient and successful young people. To achieve this, we believe that the school must provide more than just the opportunity to access outstanding academic lessons. We have therefore carefully planned out the St Joseph's Experience as our promise to deliver an exciting range of activities for our children while they are here.

The St Joseph's Experience details the provision beyond the formal educational curriculum that each and every child can look forward to. This includes residential, visits, sporting events, cultural experiences and visitors into school.

All children, regardless of their circumstances, will access the St Joseph's Experience during their time at school. At St Joseph's we aim to deliver a first class academic opportunity to our children- the St Joseph's Experience is the school's commitment to deliver that same level of opportunity outside the classroom.



Leaders of the future

At St Joseph's we believe that our children are leaders of the future and therefore equip them with the confidence, knowledge and skills to change the world.

As a Voice 21 school, we ensure that oracy is a cornerstone to all that we do and that children have the opportunity to develop their ability to communicate and articulate themselves to a range of audiences.

As future world changers, we want our pupils to feel heard and see how their actions can make changes. To achieve this, we have pupil voice committees and Head Pupils who drive change in school and feel confident to raise ideas and injustices they may discover.

As a Rights Respecting school, we want the children to know that they all have rights that nobody can take away and that they have the power to question if they do not feel these rights are being met.

Our 6 Key Areas



1 Catholic Life

This area is the core of all that we do at St Joseph's. Our children are nurtured in the Catholic Faith throughout their time in school. They develop their relationship with Christ through prayer, liturgy, encounter and the sacraments. The school works closely with the local Parish to ensure that the children's understanding of Catholic Life grows with our communities, CMAT family and the Diocese.



2 Faith in Action

Our school believes that our faith comes alive through our works. Our children are encouraged to use their gifts, enthusiasm and generosity to live the message of Christ and support their less fortunate brothers and sisters. Our school supports three charities each year and our children learn about these organisations and how their acts of charity relate to the Gospel teaching.



3 Sports, clubs and activities

We know the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and being active. enabling pupils to find a sport or activity they enjoy, makes it more likely they will continue to be active in their adult life. We want to encourage healthy competition for children or all sporting abilities.



4 Performance, culture and creativity

Our school provides a rich broad curriculum which enables every child to develop a range of skills and qualities. We want to nurture and develop the individual talents of each child by giving them the opportunity to perform, think and work creatively.



5 Visits, trips and play

Our children will have the opportunity to learn more about their faith and the wider world by engaging in a series of visits, trips, residential and play as they journey through the school. The purpose of this is to develop a greater knowledge of the world, to increase independence and to foster a greater love of learning.



6 Missions, vocations and futures

We encourage our children, throughout the school, to think about their futures and think about their future and consider how they can use their God-given gifts. Our children are taught to work hard and to dream big. Equipping our children with high aspirations is a key part of our mission as a school so that they can 'create a better tomorrow'.

Catholic Life

Actively participating in the Catholic Life of the school



Early Years

In their first years at school, children have the opportunity to be involved in the following:

- Daily acts of worship
- Sharing a class prayer bag
- Reading the Bible
- Learning to meditate



Key Stage One

As the move into Key Stage 1, the children start to take the lead in their worship and have a chance to do the following:

- Attend class and whole school Masses
- Create a class prayer focus
- Plan and lead liturgy, prayer and whole school Celebration of the word
- Pray Lectio Divina



Key Stage Two

Once the children enter key stage two, they prepare for the next stage of their spiritual journey by having the opportunity to take part in the following:

- Preparing for the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- Experience the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Lead Lectio Divina and meditation
- Lead a day of prayer for our school community

Faith in Action



Across school we put our faith into action.

The children across school learn how to love their neighbour and take their faith out into the community by:

- Fundraising for charities
- Learning about the work of charities
- Visiting local care homes
- Making cards and gifts for the parish and care homes
- Planning and delivering charity events
- Caring for our common home



Sports, clubs and activities

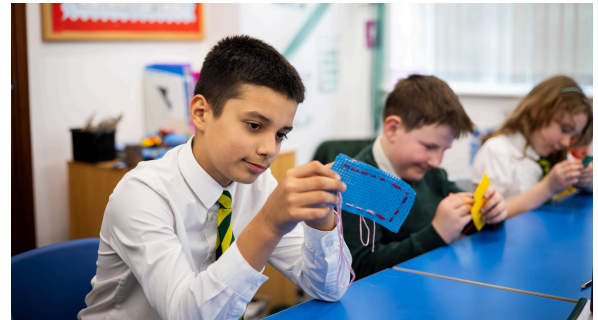
We encourage all of our children to live a healthy life through learning new sports and hobbies . All children have the opportunity to take part in a range of extra curricular clubs and activities throughout their time at school.



Early Years

Our children are active from the very beginning of their school journey as they have the opportunity to:

- Learn how to ride a balance bike
- Experience a new sport each term
- Work with Mansfield Town Football Club



Key Stage One

The children continue to work as a team, develop skills and discover new hobbies by:

- Attend after school sports club
- Take part in sports competitions
- Work with and visit Mansfield Town Football Club



Key Stage Two

Our children are inspired their fitness journey by:

- Learning how to swim
- Learning how to ride a bike safely
- Meet a professional sports person
- Represent the school at a sporting event
- Become a sports leader
- Learn an alternative sport

Performance, culture and creativity

We want all of our children to have the opportunity to develop their creative and artistic talents. Whole school galleries and competitions allow the children to create for a purpose and showcase for an audience.



Early Years

Our children share their god given talents from an early age as they:

- Perform for their families
 - Display their artwork at a gallery
 - Watch live music
 - Work with an artist
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Key Stage One

The children widen their cultural experience with the opportunity to do the following:

- Perform for members of the public
 - Create a piece of collaborative art work
 - Go to a pantomime
 - Hear from an author
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Key Stage Two

The children continue to develop their creativity as well as beginning to understand and exercise their democratic rights:

- Learn to play a musical instrument
- Perform a carol service
- Interview a local politician
- Campaign for an election
- Visit an art gallery



Visits, trips, residentials and play



The opportunity to learn through experiences and play

All children across school are able to access our Forest School and OPAL play provision. These enable the children to learn through play, embrace the outdoors and manage their own risks effectively.



Early Years

Our youngest children investigate the world around them as they:

- Walk around the local area
 - Be a farmer for the day
 - Go on a bus
 - Meet a community helper
 - Visit the local library
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Key Stage One

The children venture further afield as they have the opportunity to:

- Go on a train
 - Visit the theatre
 - Visit the beach
 - Visit a city
 - Visit a museum
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Key Stage Two

As their independence and confidence grow, our children have the chance to:

- Go on residential away from home
- Visit other places of worship
- Visit the cinema
- Take part in an adventurous activity





Missions, vocations and futures

Chances for children to consider how they can use their God-given talents in their future careers.



Early Years

The children start to consider their place in the outside world by:

- Meeting members of the emergency services
- Considering what they would like to be when they grow up



Key Stage One

Through our aspirations curriculum, the children have the chance to:

- Meet people from a range of careers
- Meet fire fighters and police officers

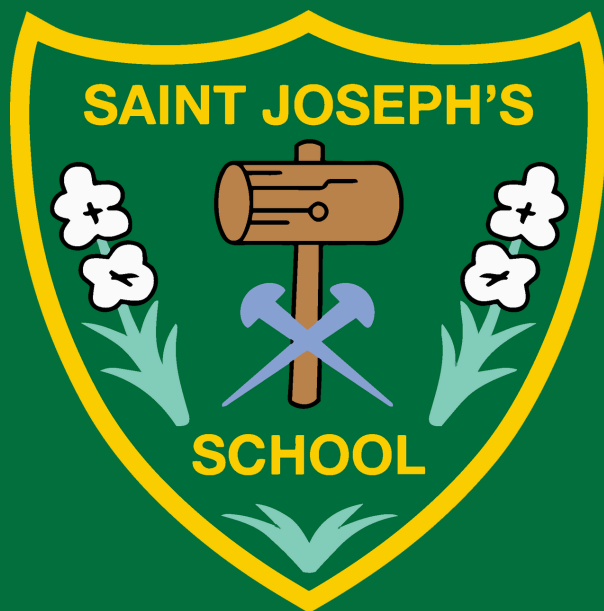


Key Stage Two

As their time at school comes to an end, they consider their futures by:

- Visiting a higher education setting
- Met with and interviewed a wide range of industries and careers





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