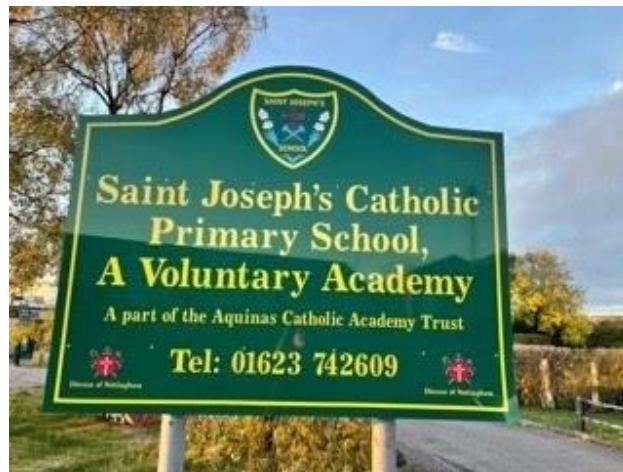


Friday 13th September

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

St Joseph's is back in full swing as we have enjoyed our first full week back this academic year. It has been a really busy week with all classes taking part in at least one activity!

Year 6 went to Sudbury Hall to launch their Victorians topic.

Years 1-6 enjoyed a Team Challenge sporting event on Thursday.

Year 6 had their first reading cafe of the year on Friday.

Ann Neale from CAFOD led a whole school assembly and visited years 3-6 to speak to them about the work that CAFOD do to support our brothers and sisters around the world.

WOW! What a busy and exciting week!

This weekend in Mass

Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year 15th September 2024

It would be wonderful to see you all in Mass on Saturday at 5pm. There will be a children's liturgy that all children are invited to join.

The Gospel for Sunday is Mark 8:27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

When, in Sunday's Gospel, Peter proclaims Jesus as the Christ, but then protests against Jesus' foretelling of his betrayal, suffering and death, it is clear, in retrospect, that his understanding was only partial. He hadn't fully grasped the meaning of Jesus' life. In the reflection attached to the newsletter, Pope Francis encourages meditation to seek meaning.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy working with the pupil voice leads this week to look at how they can promote our Catholic Mission through Catholic Social Teaching throughout the school year.



Catholic Life and Mission



This week year 6 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the whole school on the theme of Encounter. In addition, the children across school have been thinking about how they can consider the human dignity of others as we remember that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God.

Our pupil voice leads and Head Pupils have been thinking about how they can promote Catholic Social Teaching with their work this year.

Our Chaplaincy Team worked with our Lay Chaplain, Clare, to evaluate our prayer spaces around school.

We have been thinking about our mission statement: Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today and how we can live this out in our daily lives.

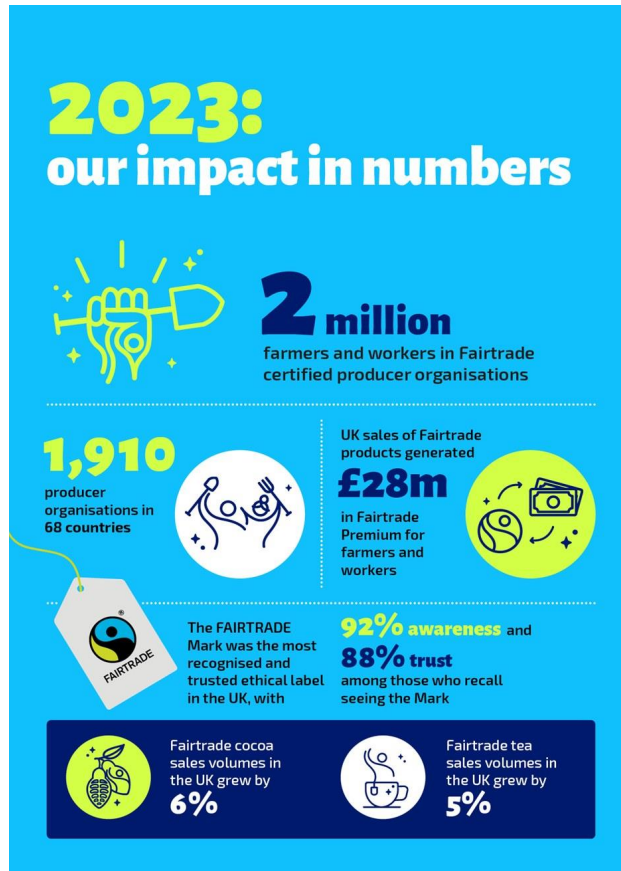
On Friday, Ann Neale from CAFOD came to share the great work CAFOD do for communities around the world. Next Tuesday will be a non uniform day. Children can come dressed in bright colours in exchange for a £1 donation for CAFOD.

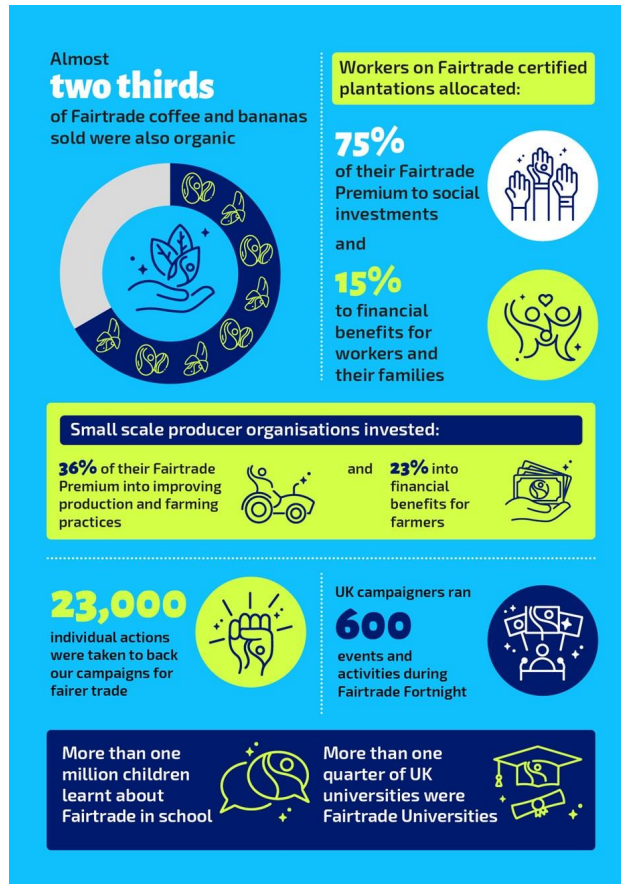
It is not too late to have your say on our parent survey. We would love to know how you would like to see our Catholic Life and Mission strengthened.

<https://forms.office.com/e/wd00euDrkR>

Next week, we will be learning about Fairtrade and how we can support others around the world by choosing products that promote fairness and sustainability.

Facts and Figures about Fairtrade





Creative for Climate Change



Our art competition is open to all children across school. This term, we are thinking about Climate Change. All entries need to be in school for Monday 14th October. This time, we will be selecting a winner and runner up from this school and then selecting an overall winner from a number of other schools in our locality and Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

As part of our Catholic Life and Mission, we constantly consider how we can support those in need. One of the ways we do this is to support a range of charities across the year.

On Friday 27th September at 2:30pm, we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. All money raised will be donated to Macmillan, an amazing charity who support the 3 million people in the UK living with cancer.

To make this event a real success, we need the support of our parents. If anyone is able to donate cakes, please take these to the office in the morning on Friday 27th. If anyone is able to volunteer to serve cakes and drinks, please contact the school office.

Day of Prayer for Creation



On Thursday 19th September, the children will be taking part in a day of prayer in school. The Eco Committee and Chaplaincy Team have done a fantastic job planning this. We will be joined by other schools throughout the day and would also like to invite parents to come and enjoy the prayer stations from 2:45 in the school hall. The hall will be set up with a number of quiet, reflective prayer stations. We ask that any parents wishing to join enter the hall quietly and move around the prayer stations at their own pace.

What have we been up to this week?

Nursery- The children have been learning about who lives in our house and the Creation Story.

Reception- The children started their new topic all about growing this week and have been drawing members of their family.

Year One- The children have been looking at Andy Goldsworthy sculptures in art and have been thinking about their families.

Year Two- The children have been learning about place value in maths and about their local area in geography.

Year Three- The children have been learning about what makes a house a home in RE and about commands in English.

Year Four- The children have been learning about Native American Art and about adverbials in English.

Year Five- The children have been learning about non- finite clauses in English and about Roman numerals in maths.

Year Six- The children have been learning about the Beatitudes in RE and have launched their new history topic about the Victorians.

Friends of St Joseph

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 that we will continue 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.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 95.7%

Reception- 99.3 %

Year One - 98.4%

Year Two - 86.4%

Year Three-93.9%

Year Four- 94.8%

Year Five- 97.4%

Year Six-98.5%

Well done to Reception who have won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy 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 Ivy and Ivie in year 3 who achieved their 25m this week and moved to stage 5 swimming!

Excellent work Teddie and Rory in year 1 who completed their first Park Run last weekend running an impressive 2km!

Super work Archie in year 2 who completed Shirebrook Rangers Fun Run last weekend. He only needed to do one lap but he ran two!

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.

Upcoming Dates

We have lots of exciting things coming up this term:

Tuesday 17th September- Children to come dressed in bright colours in exchange for £1 to raise money for CAFOD.

Thursday 19th September- Season of Creation Day of Prayer- parents welcome from 2:45pm

Friday 20th September- Year 5 reading cafe at 8:50am

Monday 23rd September- Year 5 Residential Parents Meeting at 4pm

Tuesday 24th September- Key Stage 2 Mass in church at 2pm

Friday 27th September- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at 2:30pm

1st October- Year 6 Mass in church at 9:10am

Friday 4th October- Year 2 Reading cafe at 8:50am

Friday 4th October- Year 3 and 4 Come and See Assembly at 2:45pm

Friday 4th October- donut sale after school to support CAFOD

Secondary School Applications

The window for secondary school applications is now open for our year 6 pupils. The deadline for secondary school applications for 2025 is 31 October 2024. This applies to children who were born between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2014, and are in their final year of primary school. To apply for your place you need to apply via your home council.

For more information see the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-secondary-school-place>

If you are applying for a Catholic Secondary school (All Saints or St Mary's) you will also need to complete a supplementary form and return to your chosen school.

Word of the Week



Next week, our word of the week is 'Identity'. Year 6 have produced a wonderful video to help us reflect on how God made us all in His image and likeness. We would love to hear your feedback on our new and improved video which can be seen on our Youtube page. The link for the video will also be shared on our Facebook page.

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.