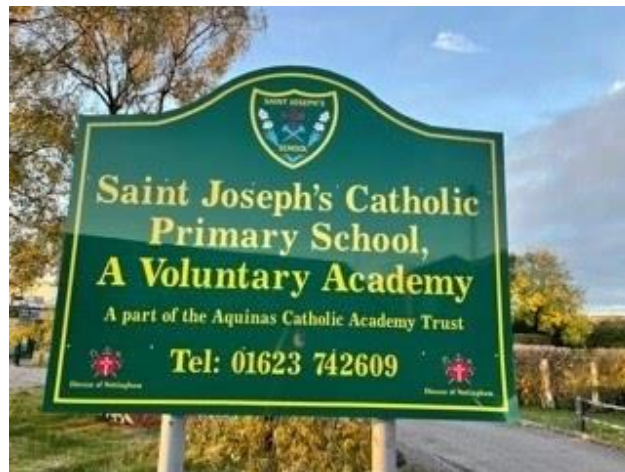


Friday 20th September

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

It has been another very busy week at St Joseph's. Years 1 and 4 had a great session with Mansfield Town Football Club, we welcomed other schools at our Day of Prayer celebrating the Season of Creation and we had a great 'Bright' day for CAFOD. We have been really proud of the children this week. They have really lived out our mission statement!

This week in Mass

This weekend, the Gospel reminds us how we need to welcome Jesus into our hearts by welcoming others around us and treating them with love and kindness.

Mark 9:30-37

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me

Sr Susan will be running the children's liturgy group at 5pm Mass on Saturday. It would be great to see lots of our families there.

Head Pupils





Our brand new head pupils have been working really hard to support the Pupil Voice groups. They have helped them select a Catholic Social Teaching Principle ready for them to think about as they meet and write their actions plan next week.

Catholic Life and Mission

We are currently in the Season of Creation and are thinking about the incredible world that God created and how we can care for it. This week we held a beautiful Day of Prayer for Creation. Our Chaplaincy Team and Eco Committee invited schools from our Trust and local schools to join the celebration. It was a wonderful day and the children did a fantastic job preparing and leading the day.

This week, our children raised £192.50 for CAFOD on our 'Bright Day'. Our CAFOD club are busy thinking of other ideas for us to support the work that they do and have been making posters to teach people about 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>

October is Kindness Month. We are going to be thinking about how we can show kindness in our everyday actions.

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

Nursery - The children have been learning about how they have grown and have been learning about sorting and matching in maths.

Reception- The children have been working really hard in class learning about lifecycles but have been working even harder at home. The staff in class are overwhelmed by the amazing homework the children have been producing. Well done children!

Year One- The children have been learning parts of the UK in Geography and have been learning about how God loves our family in RE.

Year Two- The children have been learning how to write numbers in words and digits in maths and about how we show love to others in RE.

Year Three- The children have been learning how to use reporting verbs in English.

Year Four- The children have been thinking about Jesus' family in RE and have been using adverbials in English.

Year Five- The children have been researching the different climate zones and their characteristics.

Year Six- The children have been learning about rounding in maths.

Wow! What a busy week; well done children!

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.

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.

Dates

Upcoming dates at school:

24th September- KS2 Mass at 2pm

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

1st October- Year 6 Mass

4th October- Year 2 reading cafe

4th October- Years 3 and 4 come and see assembly

7th October- School photographer in school

9th- 11th October- Year 5 Residential Trip to Kingswood

11th October- Year 1 reading cafe

Friends of St Joseph

Friends of St Joseph's here!

If you would like to help out with FOSJ please contact Mrs Fearn in the office.

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.

OPAL- Outdoor play and learning



We are continuing to develop our OPAL provision this year. Please send any donations to the school office.

We would like to thank all parents for their support with OPAL last year and we are very excited to continue this next year.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 95.8%

Reception- 99 %

Year One - 96.9%

Year Two - 95.8%

Year Three-92.7%

Year Four- 94.3%

Year Five- 95.5%

Year Six-95.6%

We will be continuing to monitor attendance closely this year. It is essential that children come to school whenever possible so that they do not miss any learning time.

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.**

Well done to Reception have won the attendance award this week and will get milkshake Monday next week! Well done!

Children's Achievements



Well done to Weston in year 5 who moved to stage 8 swimming this week.

Excellent work Keallan in year 2 who achieved his 10m badge 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.

When our new Mental Health Ambassadors meet, they will be having training to help them deliver this to the whole school.

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

Our word of the week next week is, 'Understanding', Year 5 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can trust in God to develop a greater understanding. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.