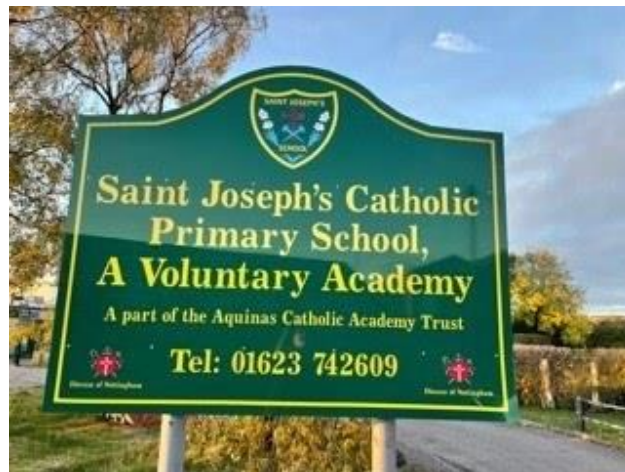


# Friday 27th September

## 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

What a wonderful week at St Joseph's! The children have met in their House groups and have been learning about their saint. Pupil voice groups have been busy meeting and making their action plans for the year ahead and everyone has been busy thinking about how we can live out our mission statement in all that we do.

WOW! What a busy and exciting week!

## This weekend in Mass

**Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year - 29th September 2024**

**In our first reading in Mass this weekend we find Moses, delighted that the gift of God's prophetic word flowing through him, wishing it would flow through a multitude of others, "If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!" Moses is a forerunner of Christ, who wills that his Spirit should be in us all.**

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 run by Miss Queenan and Mrs Seaman.

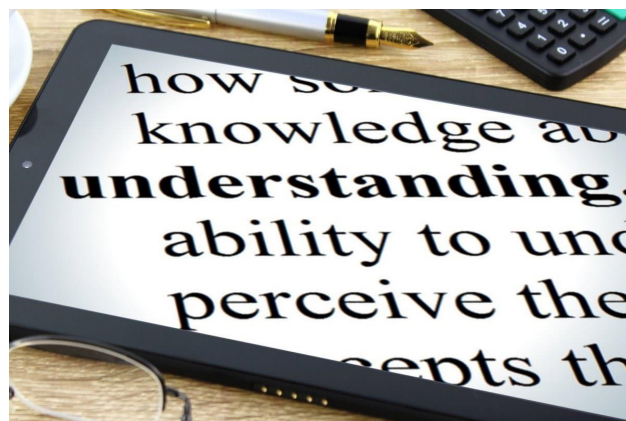
## Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy working with Mrs Riding looking at how we can move forwards as a Rights Respecting School. The children will be working on how we can achieve our Gold award throughout the year.



## Catholic Life and Mission



This week year 3 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the whole school on the theme of Understanding, EYFS led a beautiful celebration using church as our chapel and Key Stage Two enjoyed a beautiful Mass led by Fr John.

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.

Our CAFOD club have been busy thinking of ways that they can raise money for CAFOD throughout the year and have been making beautiful posters to teach others about the great work that CAFOD do.

Our children met in their house groups this week and thought about the qualities of their Saint and how they can live these out.

We had an amazing Coffee Afternoon this week to raise money for Macmillan.

**Next Tuesday, 1st October, is St Teresa's Feast Day. To celebrate, children in St Teresa's house can come dressed in non uniform. It would be wonderful if they could wear something yellow.**

## 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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Coffee Afternoon for Macmillan. It was wonderful to see the school hall so full supporting this fantastic charity.

## What have we been up to this week?

Nursery- The children have been sorting objects by colour and size.

Reception- The children have been reading the Hungry Caterpillar and have been learning about lifecycles of butterflies.

Year One- The children have been finding the UK on a world map and have been learning one more in maths.

Year Two- The children have been busy learning about man made and natural materials in science

Year Three- The children have been locating geographical regions of the UK and have been learning about direct speech in English.

Year Four- The children have been learning about mountains in geography.

Year Five- The children have been learning about place value of numbers to 1 million.

Year Six- The children have been writing sentences using non-finite clauses.

## 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 94%**

Reception- 96 %

Year One - 93.8%

Year Two - 91.7%

Year Three-90.9%

Year Four- 90.9%

Year Five- 95.5%

Year Six-97.4%

**Well done to Year 6 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



Super work Archie in year 2 who got 'Man of the Match' at football last weekend.

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:

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

Monday 7th October- Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 9th October- 11th October- Year 5 Residential Trip

Thursday 10th October- World Porridge Day

Friday 11th October- Year 1 Reading Cafe at 8:50am

## 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 'Solidarity'. Year 3 have produced a wonderful video to help us reflect on how we are all part of God's family and how we have a duty to care for our global family. 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.