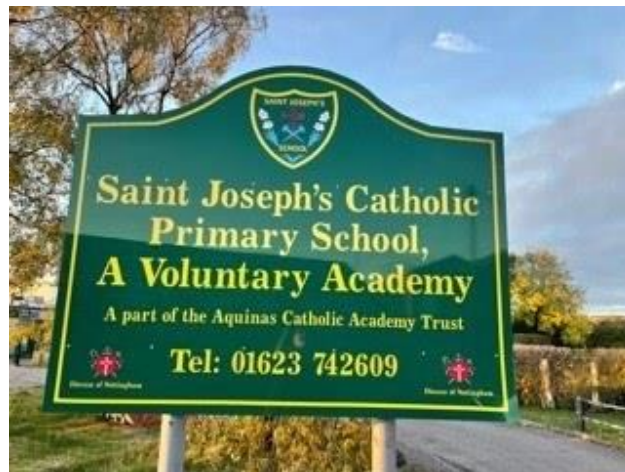


Friday 6th September

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back!

We were delighted to welcome all of the children and families back to school this week. This week, all the children have been looking at our mission statement, 'Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping today'. It has been wonderful to see how the children have responded to this and how they can articulate how they are going to trust in God that they can really create a better tomorrow with their small actions of helping today.

This week in Mass

This weekend, the Church marks the 176th Education Sunday. Bishop Marcus Stock (Chair of the Catholic Education Service) writes, *'it is important we give thanks to Almighty God for all who govern, lead, teach, guide and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities'*.

Some of our children will be reading in Mass and Miss Queenan will be speaking about Catholic education. It would be wonderful to see you all at Mass on Saturday evening at 5pm in St Joseph's church.

Head Pupils





Our brand new head pupils have been settling into year 6 this week. They will be very busy in the coming weeks writing their action plan of how they are going to make St Joseph's even better.

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. The Season began with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation last Sunday and ends on 4 October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi). In school, we will be thinking of ways that we can help our local and global family.

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

Nursery - The children have been getting to know each other this week and learning the routines.

Reception- The children have been exploring their new classroom and settling into life at St Joseph's.

Year One- The children have been learning about our mission statement and settling into their new classroom.

Year Two- The children have been learning about how we can make the world a better place.

Year Three- The children have been thinking about their emotions and feelings and how we can trust that God has a plan for us all.

Year Four- The children have been thinking about people in our family and what makes them special.

Year Five- The children have been thinking about how we can care for God's creation.

Year Six- The children have been writing poems about following in God's footsteps.

Wow! What a busy week; well done children!

Dates

Upcoming dates at school:

10th September- Year 6 trip to Sudbury Hall

12th September- Team Challenge for children in years 1-6. **Children in year 1-6 should come in their PE kit to school**

13th September- Year 6 reading cafe

20th September- Year 5 reading cafe

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

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

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.**

Children's Achievements



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, 'Encounter', Year 4 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can encounter Jesus. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.