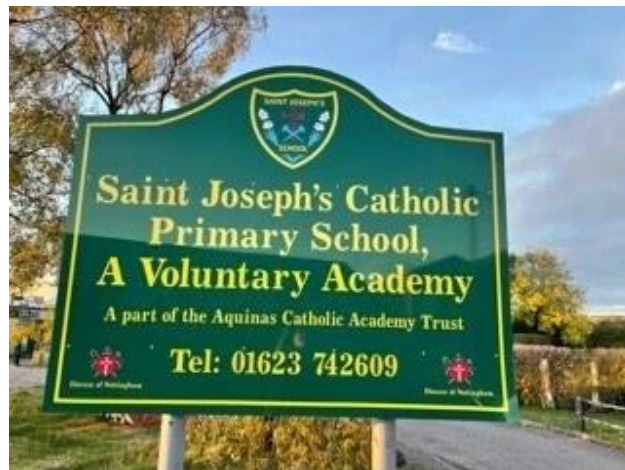


Friday 11th October

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 been busy coming to the end of their topic units and have been thinking about how they can answer their catholic social teaching big question. Year 5 have been on their two night residential visit to Kingswood, year 1 had a successful reading cafe, we have all been thinking about how we can use SMILERS to support our mental health, we had a visit from Mary's Meals and years 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in their pizza workshops!

Another busy week!

This weekend in Mass

Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year - 13th October 2024

Mark 10:17-30- Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me

In the Gospel this weekend we hear about the importance of giving up our riches to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

This links beautifully to what our Parish Ambassadors are going to speak about in Mass this weekend as we are thinking about our Harvest Collection for the local foodbanks.

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 and our Parish Ambassadors will be speaking in Mass.

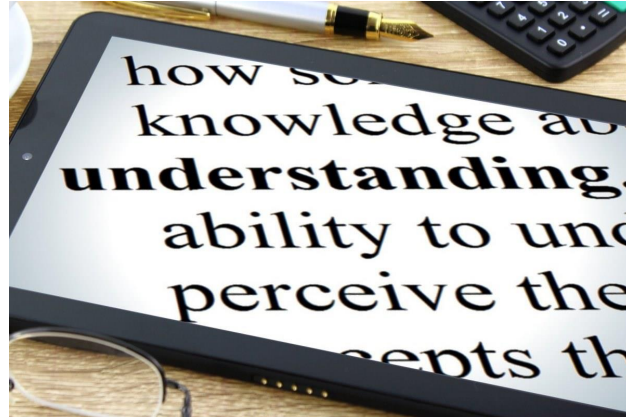
Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy working with Mrs Riding again looking at how we can move forwards as a Rights Respecting School. The children have written a detailed action plan of what they want to achieve this year and how they want to promote Catholic Social Teaching principles across the school.



Catholic Life and Mission



This week year 6 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the whole school on the theme of the Rosary, Year 2 led a beautiful celebration using church as our chapel and Year 5 led a Liturgy of the Word in church.

Our Chaplaincy Team worked to change our prayer spaces around school to reflect our theme of growth during Ordinary Time.

We had a visit from Jane at Mary's Meals who taught us all about the great work that the charity does. The children all have a collection box to take home and raise money for the charity.

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.

We had a wonderful prayer service on Monday where the whole school came together to pray for peace. The children each made doves which were used to make a focal point in St Philip's church.

In all classes we have been praying the Rosary.

Next week, we will be having a collection of dried food goods, tins and toiletries that we are going to donate to the local food bank. Throughout the week, children can bring in an item to add to the collection. These will be added to the collections in the parish.

Creative for Climate Change



Our art competition is still 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.

CAFOD Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our CAFOD cake sale. We raised £177 for the charity. Well done to our CAFOD club who organised and ran this event.

What have we been up to this week?

Nursery- The children have been reading, 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and learning about the lifecycles of caterpillars.

Reception- The children have been learning about the lifecycle of a sunflower and have been reading, 'We found a seed'.

Year One- The children have been writing their own stories based on, 'The Gruffalo' and have been comparing numbers to 10.

Year Two- The children have been learning about Lowry in art and have been learning about Muhammad Ali for Black History month.

Year Three- The children have been writing their independent writing based on the book, 'The Worst Witch'.

Year Four- The children have been learning how to sew and have been learning about how to stay safe online.

Year Five- The children have been on a really exciting residential visit to Kingswood!

Year Six- The children have been adding and subtracting numbers up to 10 million.

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 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 94.9%

Reception- 99.3%

Year One - 95.3%

Year Two - 85.2%

Year Three-92.2%

Year Four- 96.5%

Year Five- 98.7%

Year Six-99.4%

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 Joseph in year 2 who got 'Man of the Match' at football last weekend.

Well done to Adelyn in Reception who was star of the week in gymnastics.

Excellent work Robyn in Reception class who won three medals in gymnastics this week!

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:

Monday 14th October- Day of the Rosary prayer day in school

Wednesday 16th October- EYFS visit to Sherwood Pines

Wednesday 16th October- years 1, 2, 4 and 6 STAGS Penalty Session- **children in these classes wear their PE kit to school**

Thursday 17th October- Nursery, Reception, years 3 and 5 Penalty Session- **children in these classes wear their PE kit to school**

Friday 18th October- Year 3 Reading Cafe- **parents welcome**

Friday 18th October- **Last day of term**

Monday 4th November- **School open for all pupils**

Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th November- Parents' Evening. **Letters will be sent out next week with more information.**

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.

Arbor Consents

Could we please ask you to check you have no outstanding **CONSENTS** in the **NOTICES** section of Arbor for your children. We have added a new consent titled - **Photographs/Videos - for use in Social Media** such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X etc for you to either accept or decline.

This would also be a good time to check all your details are correct, in particular any emergency contacts you have provided. If you are unable to amend or add any details to Arbor please email the school office with your information and we will amend it on your behalf. Thank you to all who have already actioned this.

Word of the Week



Next week, our word of the week is 'Poverty'. Year 1 have produced a wonderful video to help us reflect on how we can all care for the poor. This links to our Catholic Social Teaching Principle, Preferential option for the poor. 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.