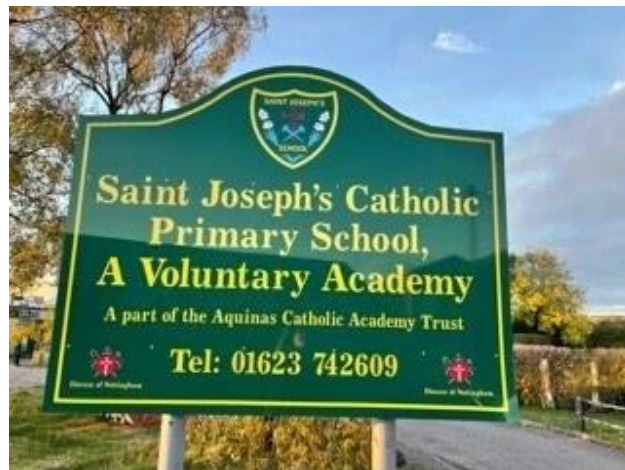


# Friday 18th October

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

### NEWSLETTER



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## End of the term

We have enjoyed a very busy and successful term at St Joseph's. The children have all settled well into their new classes and have taken part in lots of exciting activities.

School closes today for a two week break and will reopen for all pupils on Monday 4th November.

## This week in Mass

This weekend, the Gospel reminds us how we must welcome the Kingdom of God like a little child.

Mark 10:35-45

*'For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'*

**Miss Queenan and Mrs Seaman 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 Head Pupils welcomed children from Brookfield Primary School this week. They gave them a tour of our church and added their harvest collections to our food bank collection on the altar.

## Catholic Life and Mission

**What a busy week for Catholic Life and Mission this week!**

On Monday, we had a wonderful Day of Prayer based on the Rosary. The children took part in different activities in class and spent time with Sr Susan in church praying the Rosary.

This week the children have been thinking about how they can live out our virtue of love and charity. They have been thinking about poverty and how they can support those who are less fortunate than themselves.

The children celebrated a beautiful Harvest Festival this week and have shared videos and pictures on our Facebook page. Part of the collection included children donating food items and toiletries which will be given to our local food bank. The school also worked with our local school, Brookfield and the Parish who added more to the collection. It has been wonderful to work with the community to raise awareness and donations to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Year 5 led a wonderful whole school Celebration of the Word on poverty, our Mental Health Ambassadors led a whole school Celebration of the Word on how they help the Common Good, year 3 celebrated a beautiful Mass in church and year 4 used church as a chapel.

The children have been bringing in their collection boxes to support Mary's Meals. We have been overwhelmed with how the children have responded to this and raised £461.39 to send to Mary's Meals. **That is enough to pay for 23 children to eat everyday for a whole school year!**

Another wonderful week for Catholic Life and Mission at St Joseph's.

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

The children in nursery and reception have been thinking about how things change in autumn and enjoyed a fabulous trip to Sherwood Pines this week as part of their topic, "Growing".

Year One- The children have been answering their big question, 'Do we have everything we need in every season?'

Year Two- The children have been learning about signs and symbols in baptism.

Year Three- The children have been looking at different types of settlements.

Year Four- The children have been learning about how mountains are formed.

Year Five- The children have been looking at climate change in Geography.

Year Six- The children have been looking at a timeline of events in the Victorian era.

Wow! What another busy week; well done children!

## Creative for Climate Change

We had a fantastic response to the art competition. It was great to see so many creative ideas! Our judges in school selected our key stage winners and runner ups:

Key Stage One

Runner up: Sara

Winner: Ilyas

Key Stage Two:

Runner up: Ella Rose

Winner: Ivy

The winners and runner ups were taken to the Trust where Tracy Lane judged them alongside other schools in our Trust. Tracy was very impressed with our entries and how creative our children are.

Well done children!

## Recycling Challenge



**RECYLING COMPETITION**

**YOUR CHALLENGE**

We would like you to create a piece of art or a sculpture from recyclable materials. This can be absolutely anything but should be made completely out of things that we can recycle. It could be made from plastic bottles, milk bottle tops, cardboard etc.

**RECYCLING**

Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as rubbish and turning them into new products.



**STEWARDS**

As stewards of God's creation, we have a duty to care for our Common Home. Recycling is one of the many ways we can help care for our planet and live our our Catholic Social Teaching.



Sofia the Sloth

Caring for God's gifts

CAF: ID

Our Eco Committee have launched a recycling challenge in school. Over half term, they have asked people to use recyclable materials to make a picture or sculpture. The closing date is Wednesday 6th November when the committee will judge them and award a prize to the winners.

## Consents in Arbor

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.

## 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 for next term

Dates for the whole of next term have been sent home this week.

Upcoming dates after half term:

Monday 4th November- Shine your Light Diwali Celebration Day- Children can come dressed in bright colours- **non uniform**

Tuesday 5th November- Year 4 Mass in church at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 6th November- Year 3 trip to Cresswell Crag

Thursday 7th November- non uniform in exchange for an OPAL loose part- **non uniform**

Friday 8th November- Year 4 reading cafe - **parents welcome**

## 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.

After half term, on 7th November, we will have a non uniform day in exchange for a loose part. Although we are grateful for any loose parts, in particular we are looking for:

\*Sand and water toys

\*Pots and Pans

\*Kitchen utensils

\*Small world toys (animals, dinosaurs etc)

\*Suitcases

We would like to thank all parents for their support with OPAL.

## Attendance

**Whole school attendance this week is 92.4%**

Reception- 95.7 %

Year One - 85.3%

Year Two - 92.1%

Year Three-91.6%

Year Four- 89%

Year Five- 98.1%

Year Six-96.8%

Well done to year 5 who won our attendance award this week and will enjoy milkshake Monday after half term.

**Attendance across school has not been strong this week. Children will all receive a letter after half term detailing their attendance. This is something we will continue to monitor next term.**

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 Philip in year 4 who achieved his 25m swimming badge 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.

## SMILERS



**SMILERS is a whole school approach to wellbeing.**

Our Mental Health Ambassadors have completed their training with Mrs Webster and will be teaching the school about SMILERS after half term.

## 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 after half term is, 'Accompaniment' have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can walk with others in their lives so that they can encounter Jesus through us. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.

## Kitchen Vacancy

We are looking for a kitchen assistant to work in the school kitchen from January 2025. If you would like to apply, please follow the link.

<https://apply.pineapple-recruitment.co.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=4092>