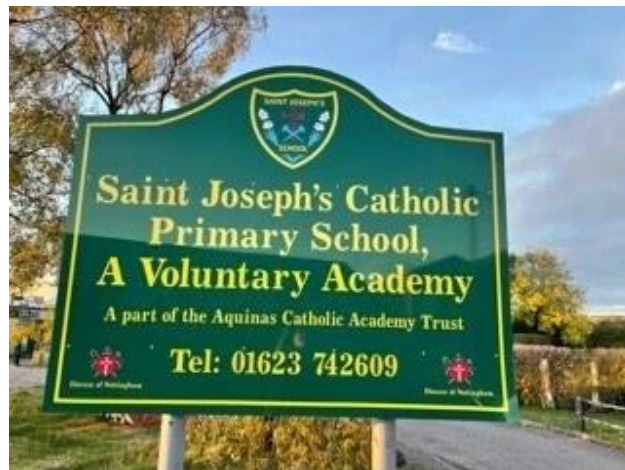


# Friday 4th October

## 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

It has been another very busy week at St Joseph's. All of the children have been thinking of ways that they can show kindness during October, year 6 worked with the school nurse looking at sleep, year 2 had a wonderful reading cafe and St Teresa's house enjoyed their Feast Day. Well done children!

## This week in Mass

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

Mark 10:2-16

*'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'*

**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 Head Pupils have written a very ambitious action plan this week and have been thinking of ways that they can make our school even better. They have also done some extra training on how we can ensure that our school truly respects the rights of every child.

## Catholic Life and Mission

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

As today is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we have come to the end of the Season of Creation. During this month, we will be dedicating time to the Holy Rosary. Each class has a travelling rosary that children can bring home to pray with their family. On Monday, we will be asking Mary to pray for peace around the world. The children will all take part in a peace prayer in school and will be thinking of ways that they can live out our Catholic Social Teaching Principle, Promoting Peace.

October is also Kindness Month. This week we launched a kindness challenge across school and considered ways that we can show kindness in our everyday actions.

This week year 6 celebrated a beautiful Mass in church to mark the Feast of St Teresa while the rest of the school enjoyed a celebration of the word to mark this day. Year 5 led a whole school celebration of the word in school and year 1 also led an amazing celebration of the word for parents in church today.

On Thursday, Key Stage Two spend time in church with the Blessed Sacrament. This Adoration helped them to encounter God and to spend time speaking to Him in their hearts.

Year 3 and 4 did a wonderful job today sharing their learning from RE to parents in their Come and See Assembly. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us.

Our CAFOD club did a fantastic job organising our cookie and cake sale after school today. They have been thinking of some incredible ideas to raise money for the charity. Well done children!

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

Nursery - The children have been creating their own autumn trees and have been exploring weight and shapes.

Reception- The children have been exploring the changes around us as we come into Autumn. They went on a lovely Autumn walk to see what they could find.

Year One- The children have been working hard in RE to answer their big question, 'Why do we have a family and who is in my family?'

Year Two- The children have been writing their own version of 'Where the Wild things are.'

Year Three- The children have been learning about how plants transport water and took part in a very interesting investigation to see this in action.

Year Four- The children have been writing their own version of, 'The girl who stole an elephant' book.

Year Five- The children have been identifying different biomes around the world and in RE have been creating their own videos to answer their big question.

Year Six- The children have been learning about crime and punishment in Victorian times.

Wow! What another 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.

So far we have had some fantastic entries! We cannot wait to see even more creative responses.

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who donated and attended our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. We raised over £400 for this wonderful charity which we are sure will make a difference to the fantastic work that they do.

## 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

Upcoming dates at school:

7th October- School photographer in school

8th October- year 5 Liturgy of the Word in church at 9am- **parents welcome**

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

11th October- year 1 reading cafe - **parents welcome**

11th October- year 2 celebration of the word in church - **parents welcome**

11th October- year 3 and 4 pizza workshop in school

15th October- year 3 Mass in church- **parents welcome**

16th October- Harvest Festival at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

16th October- EYFS visit to Sherwood Pines

18th October- year 3 reading cafe- **parents welcome**

18th October- year 4 celebration of the word in church- **parents welcome**

**18th October- last day of term**

## 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 95.1%**

Reception- 97.3 %

Year One - 91.9%

Year Two - 92.4%

Year Three-92.8%

Year Four- 96.5%

Year Five- 98.7%

Year Six-97.1%

Well done to year 5 who won our attendance award this week and will enjoy milkshake Monday next week!

**Letters have been sent home today regarding attendance. 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 Quinn in year 1 who ran 2km at park run at the weekend!

Excellent work James in year 3 who won a bronze and a gold in Judo!

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, 'Rosary', Year 2 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on the Rosary during this month of October. 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>