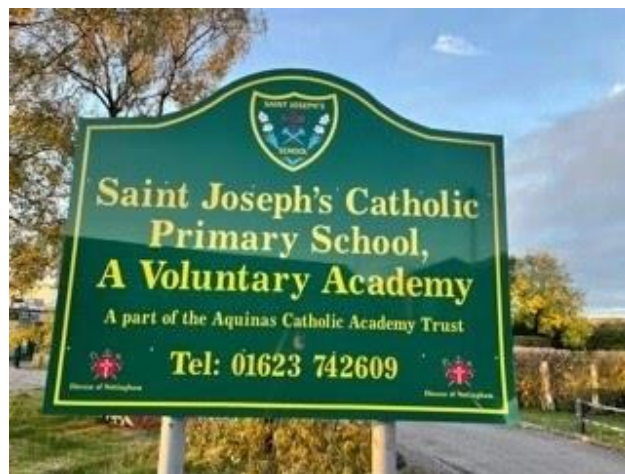


# Friday 22nd November

## 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

We have enjoyed another amazing but very cold week at St Joseph's! It has been Judaism week in school and all of the children have been learning about this religion. It has been great to learn about the similarities and differences of different faiths.

Year 6 had a fantastic day on Tuesday completing their Playmaker training, year 3 travelled to Nottingham to visit a Synagogue, we celebrated the Feast of Nano Nagle with Sr Susan and Sr Mary, we had a feed a family for £5 cooking event and we had an RE work gallery! All of this on top of lots of fun playing in the ice and snow!

A very busy and exciting week at St Joseph's.

## This weekend in Mass

**Christ the King of the Universe- Thirty Fourth Week of the Year - 24thth November 2024**

**This weekend, liturgical year ends with the Celebration of the Kingship of Christ over all. As his loyal subjects we renew our commitment to persevere in building his Kingdom not only through our actions, but also through prayer.**

It would be wonderful to see you all in Mass on Saturday at 5pm. Mrs Seaman and Sr Susan will be helping the children to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

## Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been working very hard to be role models for our children this week, demonstrating how they live out our virtues.

The pupil voice groups have all been busy meeting this week and looking at how they are working towards their action plans for the year and living out their Catholic Social Teaching Principle.



## Catholic Life and Mission



This week year 3 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the whole school on the theme of the youth.

The whole school celebrated the Feast of Nano Nagle with Sr Susan and Sr Mary. Key Stage Two enjoyed a beautiful Mass and the younger children had a Celebration of the word in school.

Our CAFOD club sold cookies at our RE work gallery to raise money for CAFOD.

Our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last year travelled to Holy Trinity in Newark to attend a Mass with other children across the Trust.

### What have we been up to this week?

Nursery- The children have been learning about Judaism and have created a minora.

Reception- The children have been exploring in the snow and have been learning about patterns in maths.

Year One- The children have been writing a non chronological report about Florence Nightingale.

Year Two- The children have been learning about addition in maths and about Shirebrook Colliery in history.

Year Three- The children have been learning about when the Stone Age began and ended and about symbols in a Synagogue.

Year Four- The children have been problem solving in maths and in art have been learning about how to create a colour wash.

Year Five- The children have been learning about Ancient Egyptian pyramids and how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 in maths.

Year Six- The children have been learning about short division in maths and have been learning about trade links between countries in their topic work.

## Parent Workshops



We are delighted that we have been able to secure parent workshops with external professionals to support our families.

Our school nurse, Hayley Swann, has arranged sleep workshops in school. These are aimed at parents who may wish to learn more about how to support their child with sleep. Hayley will also be able to answer any questions that you may have about your child's health or sleep.

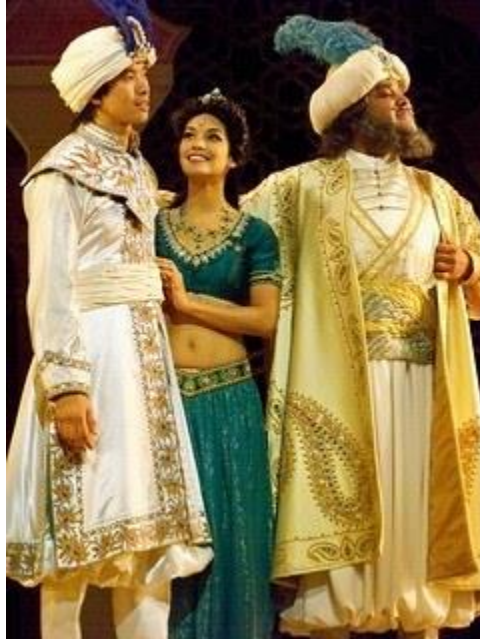
Early Years and Key Stage One Workshop Presentation: Monday 25th November at 9am in the school hall.

Key Stage Two Workshop Presentation: Monday 25th November at 2:30pm in the school hall.

In addition, we are also pleased to announce that our CAMHS Specialist Community Adviser will be leading a workshop to help parents support children with anxiety. This will take place in the school hall on Monday 2nd December at 2:30pm.

We are really excited for these workshops. Refreshments will be available.

## Key Stage Two Pantomime



Next week we are very excited that key stage two have the opportunity to attend Mansfield Palace Theatre to watch the Pantomime Aladdin. If you wish for your child to attend, payments must be made on Arbor by Monday 25th November.

Later in the term, on Wednesday 5th December, there will be a pantomime in school for key stage one and EYFS children to enjoy.

## Friends of St Joseph

Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching! Our PTA, Friends of St Joseph, are looking for donations of soft toys for their soft toy tombola stall. All donations can be taken to the school office.

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 90.9%**

Reception- 88.3%

Year One - 90.3 %

Year Two - 89.6%

Year Three-95.3%

Year Four- 91%

Year Five- 92.9%

Year Six-90.9%

**Well done to Year 3 who have won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy our new reward for this term, Fresh Air Friday.**

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.**

## Advent Art Evening

We are really excited to have an Advent Art evening booked in school on Wednesday 18th December from 3:45- 5:45. This is open to all pupils in key stage 2 (years 3-6). The evening will be led by an artist, Jo Bell, who has worked in school before painting a mural in the corridor and canvases for classrooms. During the evening, Jo will teach the children step by step how to create an advent picture on an individual canvas. At the end of the session, each child will be able to take their art work home.

This is an amazing opportunity for our children to learn from a real artist and create a beautiful canvas to take home.

The cost for the evening is £10 per child. This includes the cost of their painting materials and canvas as well as juice and biscuits during the evening.

If you would like your child to attend, please make payment on Arbor.



## Christmas Jumper Stall



Our OPAL pupil voice group have decided to host a Christmas jumper stall on Thursday 28th November. Please can any donations of Christmas jumpers be sent to school before Thursday. The stall will be open at the end of the school day where people can buy a Christmas jumper for £2.

## Children's Achievements



Super work James in year 3 who got a red belt un judo.

Well done to Harry in year 5 who got man of the match in football.

Excellent work Ivy and Ivie in year 3 and Eva in year 5 who passed their dance exams 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:

Tuesday 26th November- Year 3 and 6 Pantomime Visit- **please make payments on Arbor to secure your ticket**

Wednesday 27th November- Year 4 and 5 Pantomime Visit- **please make payments on Arbor to secure your ticket**

Friday 29th November- year 6 reading cafe- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 4th December 4-5pm- Open Evening for new parents thinking of applying to St Joseph's

Friday 6th December- Awards Assembly- **parents will be contacted to inform them if their child is receiving an award**

Tuesday 10th December- Years 1-3 Nativity performance at 9:30am- **more information regarding tickets to follow.**

Wednesday 11th December- non uniform day for all pupils in exchange for a new, unopened bottle for the bottle tombola.

Thursday 12th December- Years 1-3 Nativity performance at 2pm - **more regarding tickets to follow.**

Friday 13th December- Christmas Fayre in the school hall at 2:30pm- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day- all children are welcome to come dressed in non uniform with a Christmas jumper.

Wednesday 18th December- EYFS Christmas songs at 9:30am and 2:30pm in church - **parents welcome**

Friday 20th December- Years 4-6 Carol Service at 2pm in church- **parents welcome**

**Friday 20th December- last day of term**

## Primary School Applications

The window for primary school applications is now open for September 2025 starters. If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you should apply for their infant or primary school place by 15 January 2025. You'll be able to apply from 11 November 2024. 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-primary-school-place>

If you are applying for St Joseph's or any other Catholic School, you will also need to complete a supplementary form and return to your chosen school.

**We will be having an open evening for potential parents to visit the school on Wednesday 4th December from 4pm- 5pm.**

## 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 'Kingdom'. Year 3 have produced a wonderful video to help us reflect on the Feast of Christ the King and how we can care for God's Kingdom. 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.