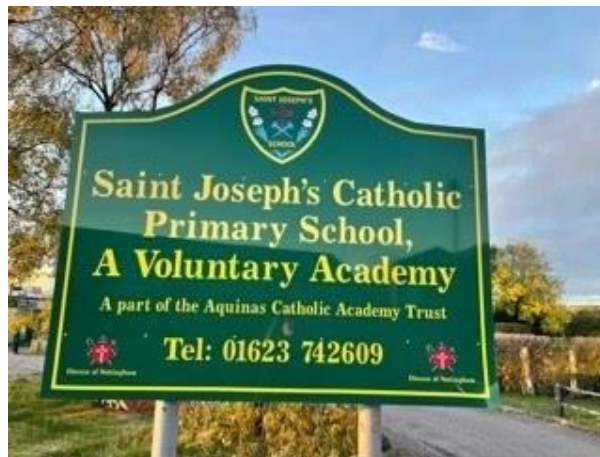


# Friday 29th November

## 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 had another busy week in school!

Key Stage Two visited Mansfield Palace Theatre to see Aladdin, some of our children went to St Philip's school to join in their Advent Prayer Fayre, year 6 had a reading cafe and our chaplaincy team decorated church and made an Advent Wreath in preparation for the start of Advent this weekend.

## This weekend in Mass

### First Sunday of Advent- 1st December 2024.

The children have helped Sr Susan decorate the church and have made an Advent Wreath which will be lit this weekend. This week, we will be thinking about HOPE.

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 have been working hard with Mrs Riding to think of a Global project that will make the world a better place.

## Catholic Life and Mission

Another wonderful week for Catholic Life and Mission at St Joseph's. On Tuesday, Year 6 planned and attended Mass, on Wednesday Year 1 planned and led a Celebration of the word for the whole school and EYFS attended their Church as a Chapel celebration and did a beautiful job.

Sister Susan also visited our Year 6 class to support them with a type of prayer that involves meditation. Thank you to Sr Susan for supporting us with this.

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

The children in Nursery have been learning about different parts of a tree and the four seasons.

Reception- The children have been learning about birthdays in RE and have been reading 'Pumpkin Soup' as their focus text.

Year One- The children have been learning about subtraction in maths.

Year Two- The children have been learning about subtraction and what school was like in the past.

Year Three- The children have been learning about linking adverbs and addition using the column method.

Year Four- The children have been learning about Georgia O Keefe in art.

Year Five- The children have been learning about the Ancient Egyptian education system.

Year Six- The children have been learning about how to use a colon to introduce a list.

Wow! What another busy week; well done children!

## 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.

## Parent Workshops

Apologies for the cancellation of the sleep workshops this week. We are hopeful that the school nurse will reschedule.

We are 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 this workshop. Refreshments will be available.

## Upcoming Dates

We have lots of exciting things coming up:

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 9:30- Years 1 -3 Nativity in school- **Parents welcome**

Wednesday 11th December- children come dressed in non uniform in exchange for a new unopened bottle

**Thursday 12th December at 2pm - Years 1 -3 Nativity in school- Parents welcome**

Friday 13th December at 2pm- Christmas Fayre in school- **Parents welcome**

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

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

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

Friday 20th December- Last day of term

Tuesday 7th January- school reopens for all pupils

## Friends of St Joseph

We are looking forward to the Christmas Fayre on 13th December. We are collecting soft toys for the teddy tombola. All donations gratefully received at the school office.

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.

## Attendance

**Whole school attendance this week is 94.6%**

Reception- 96 %

Year One - 93.5%

Year Two - 92%

Year Three-94.1%

Year Four- 93.7%

Year Five- 97%

Year Six-96.9%

Well done to year 5 who won our attendance award this week and enjoyed an extra playtime.

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 Rugile in year 5 who achieved her level 2 in ice skating 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 been busy working with the play team to ensure that SMILERS and OPAL work together to promote mental health and wellbeing in 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, 'Hope'. Year 2 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect as we enter the season of Advent. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.