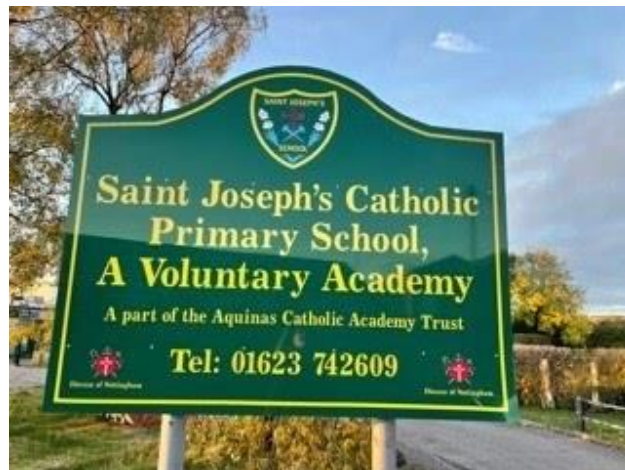


Friday 8th November

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 are very pleased to be back at school and we hope that you all enjoyed a restful half term break. This week has been very busy in school with lots of exciting things happening.

On Monday, we celebrated our 'Shine your Light' day where we thought about ways that we could be a light to others in the darkness as well as learning about the Hindu festival, Diwali. We also had an OPAL non uniform day to collect extra loose parts for our OPAL provision, Year Three enjoyed a trip to Creswell Craggs, Early Years visited church to baptise their baby doll and we had a very exciting coding workshop in school.

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

This weekend in Mass

Thirty Second Sunday of the Year - 10th November 2024

Mark 12:38-44- This poor widow has put in more than all

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

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 selling poppies around school this week and checking in with all of the children after half term.



Catholic Life and Mission



This week year 4 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the whole school on the theme of the Rosary, Year 5 led a beautiful celebration using church as our chapel and Year 4 led a Liturgy of the Word in church.

We celebrated how we can be a light to others in the darkness in our, 'Shine your light day.

We visited the graveyard and prayed for those who are with Our Father in Heaven.

Reception and Nursery went over to church to baptise their baby doll. Thank you to Sr Susan who supported our children with this.

Our CAFOD club met to write up an action plan of how we can support this fantastic charity and do God's work.

What have we been up to this week?

Nursery- The children have been learning about baptism this week and what happens during a baptism.

Reception- The children have been learning about the signs and symbols in baptism and have been doing lots of phonics!

Year One- The children have been learning about addition in maths this week.

Year Two- The children have been learning about different technology around us.

Year Three- The children have been learning about settlements in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Year Four- The children have been learning about the characteristics of living things in science.

Year Five- The children have been learning about the sacrament of marriage in RE.

Year Six- The children have been learning about long and short multiplication methods.

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.

Movie Night

Next Wednesday, 13th November, Friends of St Joseph will be hosting a 'Movie Night' after school for children in Reception class- year 6. Tickets are available in Arbor. All places must be booked before the Movie Night. Unfortunately this is not open to nursery children.

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!

Children in Need



On Friday 15th November, we will be supporting Children in Need in school. All children are invited to come to school dressed in non uniform in exchange for a donation that we will send to Children in Need. Our kitchen are also making us some special themed cakes as part of our school lunch for the day.

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 95.8%

Reception- 92.1%

Year One - 95.3 %

Year Two - 96%

Year Three-93.8%

Year Four- 95.2%

Year Five- 100%

Year Six-97.5%

Well done to Year 5 who have won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy our new reward for this term, Fresh Air Friday. As they got 100% they will also all get a pride dojo.

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.

Children's Achievements



Super work Philip in year 4 who achieved his stage 5 in swimming this week!

Well done to Rugile in year 5 who achieved level 2 in ice skating!

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:

Wednesday 20th November- Synagogue Visit- **more information to follow**

Thursday 21st November- Key Stage Two Mass at 9:30am - **parents welcome**

Friday 22nd November- Feed a family for £5 event- **more information to follow**

Friday 22nd November- RE Work Gallery at 2:45pm - **all parents welcome**

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**

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 'Remembrance'. Year 5 have produced a wonderful video to help us pray for those who have lost their lives in war and how we can remember all those who have died during November. 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.