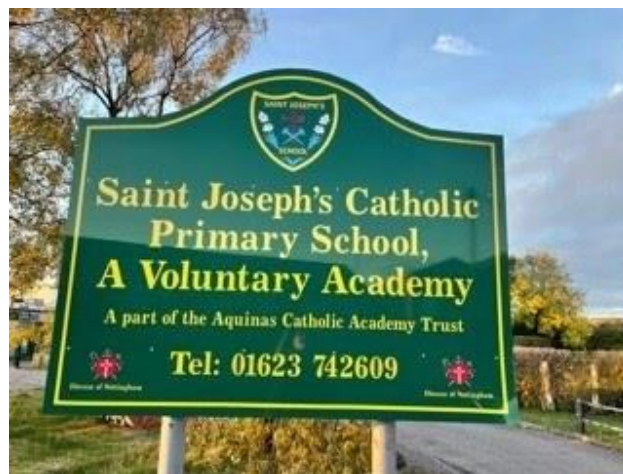


# Friday 13th December

## 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!

Years 1-3 performed a beautiful Nativity in school this week. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, friends and children from Brookfield School. Year 6 also walked to Brookfield School to watch their Nativity.

We have even managed to squeeze in a Christmas Fayre and a very special visit from Father Christmas!

We have also been really busy in school preparing for Christmas during this most Holy Season of Advent.

## This weekend in Mass

### **Third Sunday of Advent- 15th December 2024.**

This Sunday's readings start with a passage from the prophet Isaiah. Here the prophet says, "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me", and he goes on to show how this spirit has brought purpose and direction to his life in a way which builds up God's kingdom. As we prepare for Christ's coming it is a good time to look at how the Holy Spirit moves our own lives.

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. They have had some amazing ideas. They are now going to select one that they are moving forwards with.

## Catholic Life and Mission

Another wonderful week for Catholic Life and Mission at St Joseph's. On Tuesday, Year 4 planned and led a Liturgy of the Word, on Wednesday Year 5 planned and led a Celebration of the word for the whole school and we have been looking at the family tree of Jesus in our Jesse Tree Celebration of the Word.

All classes learned about Christingles this week and each class made their own for their prayer area.

Sister Susan also visited our Year 4 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 their Christmas songs and have been busy making Christmas cards.

Reception- The children have been learning about the birth of Jesus in RE and have been making beautiful Christmas cards.

Year One- The children have been problem solving in subtraction and have been looking at the Annunciation in RE.

Year Two- The children have been learning about how they can prepare themselves for Jesus in RE.

Year Three- The children have been learning about addition crossing 100 in maths.

Year Four- The children have been writing German Christmas cards and have been writing a non chronological report.

Year Five- The children have been learning about how Mary and Joseph showed great courage in Matthew and Luke's Gospel.

Year Six- The children have been learning about the causes of climate change and how we can reduce this.

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.

## Upcoming Dates

We have lots of exciting things coming up:

Wednesday 18th December- Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

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

Thursday 19th December- non uniform for children with 97% and above attendance- **parents will be contacted if their child should come dressed in non uniform.**

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

Thank you for your support with the Christmas Fayre.

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 with last entry being at 8:15am.

## Attendance

**Whole school attendance this week is 97.4%**

Reception- 98.6 %

Year One - 98.4%

Year Two - 96.8%

Year Three-97.2%

Year Four- 93.9%

Year Five- 98.1%

Year Six-97.6%

Well done to Reception class 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.**

**All children will be sent home with a letter detailing their current attendance next week.**

## Children's Achievements



Well done to Wiktoria F in year 5 who achieved a gold medal in dancing last weekend!

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, 'Joy'. Reception class have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on the joy we feel in Advent. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.