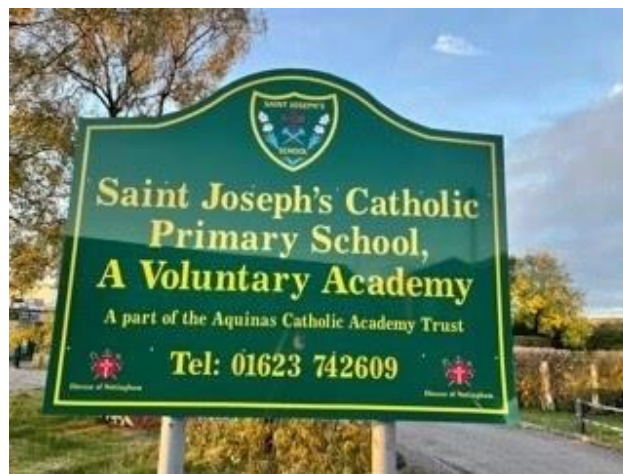


# Friday 10th January

## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

### NEWSLETTER



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## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! It has been great to welcome the children back into school this week. It has been another amazing but very cold week at St Joseph's!

The children have all been busy relaunching our behaviour curriculum and thinking about our Mission Statement as well as starting their new topics and thinking about their hopes for this year.

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

## This weekend in Mass

**Luke 3:15-16,21-22'Someone is coming who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'**

**This weekend, we hear how John the Baptist baptised Jesus in the River Jordan.**

It would be wonderful to see you all in Mass on Saturday at 5pm. There will be a children's liturgy session at the back of church.

## Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been planning their Global Project together ready to launch this to the pupil voice groups this year.



## Catholic Life and Mission



We celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany this week in school and thought about how we can share the gift of Jesus Christ with others.

We have been looking at our Mission Statement, what this means and how we can live this out in our everyday actions, words and decisions.

Year 2 and 4 planned and presented a beautiful Celebration of the Word in church this week.

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

Nursery- The children have been welcoming the new starters into nursery and have started their, 'Once upon a time' topic.

Reception- The children have been reading the story of, Goldilocks and been learning the phase three sounds, ee, igh and ow.

Year One- The children have been reading the story of, Rapunzel and been learning about 3D shapes.

Year Two- The children have been thinking about how reading makes them feel and what and where they like to read.

Year Three- The children have been learning to estimate in maths and about different types of rocks in science.

Year Four- The children have been learning about area in maths and plagiarism in computing.

Year Five- The children have been learning how to order fractions with different denominators in maths.

Year Six- The children have been learning how to simplify fractions.

## 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!

## 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. **Please note that the last entry to Breakfast club is 8:15am. No children will be allowed in after this time.**

## Attendance

**Whole school attendance this week is 97%**

Reception- 98.3%

Year One - 94.6 %

Year Two - 98.9%

Year Three-96%

Year Four- 96.8%

Year Five- 100%

Year Six-94.6%

**Well done to Year 5 who have won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy our attendance reward, Fresh Air Friday. Each child will also achieve a dojo for getting 100% as a class.**

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.**

## **Created and loved by God week**

Next week, we have our annual 'Created and loved by God' week. During the week, we will be thinking about how God made us all in His image and likeness and how we are beautifully unique. We will also be thinking about our aspirations and how we want to make the world a better place and what type of job the children might want.

On Monday, children are invited to come into school dressing in something about them. This may be a hobby, their favourite colour, animal or something about their culture.

On Friday, children are invited to come dressed in what they want to be when they grow up. Please do not feel this needs to be a bought costume, homemade would be great!

We are really looking forward to a wonderful week reflecting on what makes our children unique and how they are going to change the world one day.

## Children's Achievements



Super work Daria in year 5 who passed her stage 7 swimming 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

Key dates for parents have been sent home this week.

We have lots of exciting things coming up:

13th January- All about me day- children come dressed as something about them.

14th January- EYFS classes Celebration of the Word in church- **parents welcome.**

15th January- Year 6 visit to Derby University- please ensure that slips are returned to school.

16th January- Reception class balance bike activity - children come to school in PE kits.

17th January- children come dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up.

17th January- year 4 reading cafe in the school hall- **parents welcome.**

## 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.

## 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 'Baptism'. Year 1 have produced a wonderful video to help us reflect on the baptism of Jesus. 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.