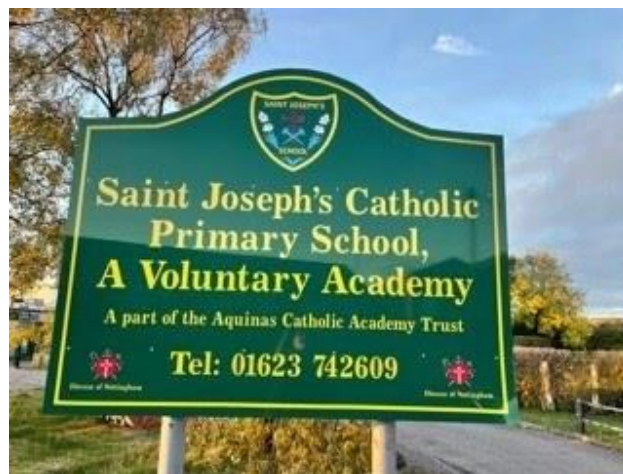


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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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This week at St Joseph's

We have come to the end of another wonderful but extremely busy week at St Joseph's!

Year 3 and 4 have been on their Big Lent Walk, we have celebrated our Patron Saint on St Joseph's day, year 5 went on a pilgrimage to St Philip Neri church in Mansfield and we enjoyed a lovely celebration of our children's achievements at the Awards Assembly.

This weekend in Mass

Luke 13:1-9

'Leave the fig tree one more year'

This weekend in Mass, our children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be enrolled into the programme this weekend. It will be wonderful to see the children reading in Mass at 5pm.

This weekend, as we celebrate Mass on the first Sunday of Lent, we hear how Jesus was tempted in the desert.

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 speaking to children around school to see how they are caring for the Common Good. They will be awarding prizes around school to those children who have completed their chart.



Catholic Life and Mission



A wonderful week living out our Catholic mission this week.

Our classes have been taking part in their Big Lent Walk this term. Year 3 and 4 did a great job this week. We will be collecting in sponsor forms and money on Thursday 3rd April and the class with the most sponsorships and money raised will be awarded a prize.

This week, we also celebrated St Joseph's Day with a beautiful Mass and prayer reflections throughout the day.

On Wednesday, we were joined by CAFOD who worked with every class to look at how we can celebrate the Jubilee year and how we can all be pilgrims of hope.

Year 5 went on pilgrimage to St Philip Neri church this week. The children were very respectful during their visit and were great ambassadors for the school showing the St Joseph's Way.

What have we been up to this week?

Nursery - the children have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk and have been learning about tall and short.

Reception- the children have been reading Noah's Ark to help them learn about pairs and odd and even numbers.

Year 1- the children have been learning about how we celebrate the Last Supper in the Eucharist in Mass.

Year 2- the children have been learning about multiplication in maths and about Arctic explorers in history.

Year 3- the children have been learning about perimeter in maths and have been learning about Ancient Greek warfare in history.

Year 4- the children have started their work on factors in maths and have been thinking about the parts of Mass in RE.

Year 5- the children have been learning about the story of Zacchaeus in their RSHE work.

Year 6- the children have been looking at ratio in maths and have started to look at different styles of questions in SATs.

Friends of St Joseph

'Parents of St Joseph's, we need your help!

As you may know the '**Friends of St Joseph's**' are a group of parents that volunteer their time to arrange events throughout the year, such as:

- Movie night
- Coffee afternoon
- Discos
- Leavers' Tea
- Summer Fayre
- Christmas Fayre
- Pop up shops for donuts, ice creams, sweet bags
- And much more.....

These events are predominantly planned for the enjoyment of the children and parents, but it also helps raise funds for extras for the children.

- We have fully funded a new garden Pod for the children to be used as an outdoor classroom in the summer months.
- Part funded the forest school
- Paid for ice creams for the whole school as part of the recent Ofsted celebration
- Paid for the Christmas Pantomime for KS1
- Paid for the leavers' celebrations
- Arranged the Santa visit and paid for the treat bag

As of this summer we will have several members of the group leaving and really need new parent members to help. We want this fun to continue in the future! However, it may not be possible if we don't add more to the amazing team of FOSJ. We ask you only commit time that you have and this is flexible, this can be helping out at the events or helping out behind the scenes, all help matters. If you would like more information please pass on your details to Mrs Fearn and one of the members will be in touch, or you can speak to one of the members directly. Thank you for your support!

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 94.7%

Reception- 98.6%

Year One - 92.3 %

Year Two - 92.7%

Year Three-94.7%

Year Four- 95.2%

Year Five- 94.4%

Year Six-98.5%

Well done to Reception class who have won our attendance award this week! They will enjoy our attendance reward, 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.**

Children's Achievements



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

22nd March- First Holy Communion Enrollment Mass- children to be in church at 4:50pm in preparation for 5pm Mass.

25th March- Year 5 and 6 Big Lent Walk- more information to follow.

26th March- Year 5 visit to All Saints Pantomime- letters to be sent with more information.

27th- 28th March- Year 4 residential visit to Whitby.

27th March - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea in the hall- more information to follow.

27th March- Nursery Applications 25/26 closing date.

28th March- RE Gallery in school at 2:45pm- all children will have work displayed.

31st March- St Bernadette's Celebration- children in St Bernadette's House can come dressed in non uniform.

1st April- EYFS Big Lent Walk- more information to follow.

2nd April- Year 5 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club- more information to follow.

3rd April- Year 2 visit to the Tropical House- more information to follow.

3rd April- Deadline for Big Lent Walk sponsorship forms and money.

4th April- Year 4 and 5 Easter Presentation at 2pm- parents welcome.

4th April- Last day of the school term.

22nd April- School open to all pupils- earth day- children come dressed in earth colours or their favourite thing about earth.

I-venger Internet Safety Tip of the week

Make sure to think about your digital footprint. Don't cyberbully others as this could harm your future.

Our I-Vengers have also set the whole school a challenge to reduce their screen time during Lent.

Nursery Applications

If you would like your 3-4 year old to attend our school nursery next academic year, please complete a nursery application form and return to the school office before **27th March**. Places will be allocated using our admissions policy. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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 'Almsgiving'. Year Four have produced a wonderful video to help us reflect on how we can give time and money to help others during the Season of Lent. 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.