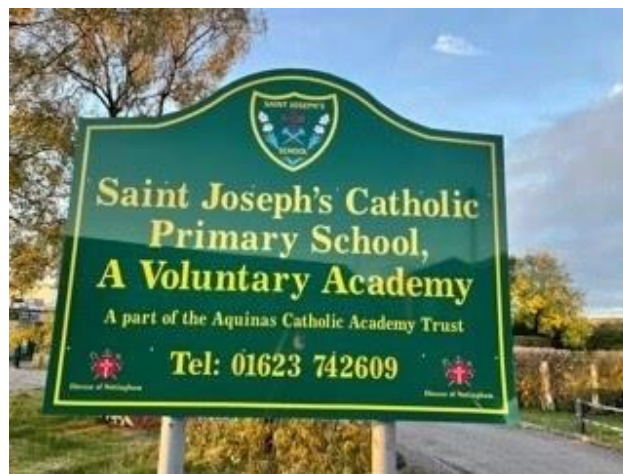


Friday 4th April

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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End of Term

We have come to the end of another wonderful and very successful term at St Joseph's. Since Christmas, we have achieved our OPAL platinum award, CSI graded us as outstanding in all areas, we have been on trips, visits and residentials and have thoroughly enjoyed a term filled with love, laughter and learning. It is hard to believe that we are two thirds of the way through the school year!

On behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their support. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership together next term.

Congratulations!



Miss Turner is getting married during the Easter holidays. When we return to school, she will be Mrs Shutt. We would like to offer her and her future husband a huge congratulations and wish them both a lifetime of happiness together.

This weekend in Mass

John 8:1-11

'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone'

This weekend in Mass, we hear how Jesus was not sent to condemn us and how we should not judge others.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been really busy this week. Mario represented the school at the Trust Eco Team meeting. It was great to think of ways that we can all help care for our common home.



Catholic Life and Mission



A wonderful week living out our Catholic mission this week.

Our classes have taken part in their Big Lent Walk this term. Nursery and Reception did a great job this week. We have collected in sponsor forms and money and will be announcing the winning class after half term.

On Wednesday, year 6 led the school in Celebration of the word.

A big well done to year 4 and 5 who presented the event of Holy Week to parents this week in their Easter Presentation.

What have we been up to this week?

Nursery - the children have been learning about more than and fewer than.

Reception- the children have been making their own gingerbread men and have been painting flowers.

Year 1- the children have been learning about place value to 50 and have been learning about Jesus in the desert.

Year 2- the children have been on an exciting visit to the Tropical House this week.

Year 3- the children have been learning about unit and non unit fractions in maths and have been writing their own newspaper reports.

Year 4- the children have painted their Anglo Saxon tiles that they made from clay.

Year 5- the children have been on a visit to Mansfield Town Football club.

Year 6- the children have been looking at improving their mental arithmetic skills in preparation for their SATs and they have been learning to use protractors to measure angles.

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. After half term, all children must be booked onto breakfast club. Any children not booked on will not be allowed to enter the club.**

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 96.9%

Reception- 98.3%

Year One - 95.5 %

Year Two - 96%

Year Three-98.8%

Year Four- 95.8%

Year Five- 96.3%

Year Six-98.5%

Well done to year 3 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



Well done to Teddie in year one who achieved his half marathon wristband at park run.

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

Dates for next term are attached to this newsletter.

I-venger Internet Safety Tip of the week

Always ask a trusted adult before you click on unknown websites as it could be dangerous.

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

Nursery Applications

Nursery applications for 2025/ 2026 are now closed. All families who applied for a place have been contacted this week. If your child received a place and you would like to accept, 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 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

After half term, our word of the week is 'Alleluia'. Year Two have produced a wonderful video to help us reflect as we celebrate Easter and enter the Season of Eastertide. 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.