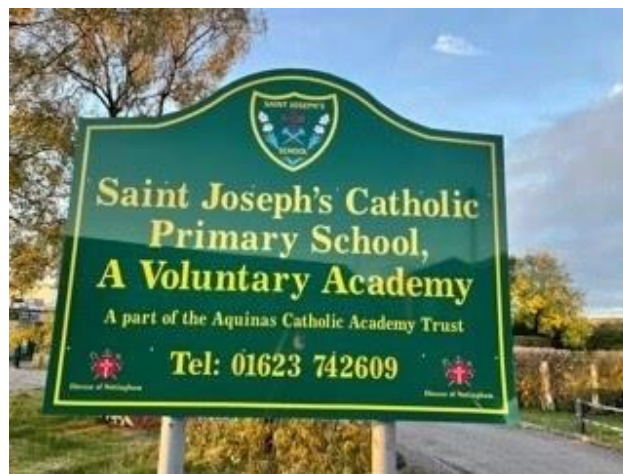


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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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End of Term

We have enjoyed a wonderful term at St Joseph's school. It has been a very short but busy term and the children have all worked exceptionally hard and have earned a well deserved break next week. Today is the last day of school this term and school will reopen to all pupils on Monday 2nd June for our final term of this academic year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents who have supported us this term and we look forward to a successful end to the school year next term.

School Uniform

We are hopeful that the weather will continue to improve throughout next term and wanted to remind parents about summer uniform at St Joseph's. At St Joseph's we pride ourselves on our uniform and after parental consultation have changed elements of our uniform in previous years. We appreciate your support when making sure that your child comes to school in appropriate uniform in line with our policy.

Children are welcome to come dressed in either winter or summer uniform depending on what they feel comfortable in and what the weather conditions are like outdoors.

Therefore, girls may come to school dressed in either a green gingham dress, green cardigan, white or green socks/ tights and black flat sensible school shoes (not trainers) OR a formal white shirt, school tie, green skirt or pinafore dress or grey straight leg trousers, green cardigan and black flat sensible shoes (not trainers). If girls wish to wear cycling shorts which are shorter than their dresses, they are able to do this.

Boys may wear either grey straight leg trousers or shorts with a white formal shirt, school tie, green jumper, dark coloured socks and black sensible shoes (not trainers).

On PE days, children are invited to come dressed to school in their PE kits. All children should wear the following PE kit:

Black joggers, a white polo shirt and a **black** hoodie. In warmer weather, children are welcome to come in **green** school PE shorts. **Please note that these should not be hot pant/ cycling short style shorts.**

On Forest schools days, children may come to school dressed in appropriate forest schools clothing. This does not need to be a particular colour but should be long sleeved and cover their legs.

No jewellery (including earrings) should be worn on PE or forest school days.

In addition, we would like to remind all parents that all hair should be tied back if it is longer than shoulder length. This is for both boys and girls and ensures the safety of all children.

Finally, no make up or false nails should be worn at school. As well as being inappropriate for school, false nails can be unsafe for children when playing and taking part in activities in school.

This weekend in Mass

John 14:23-29

A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you

This Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus reminded us all to not be afraid as we are all filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

There will be a 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 will be working with our year 5 children after half term to support them with their applications to be Head Pupils next year.

Catholic Life and Mission

On Tuesday, year 3 led a beautiful Mass in Church and today year 3 and 5 have been over to church to present a celebration of the word together.

This week, we welcomed Mary's Meals into school to speak to all of the children about how we can pray in May. We also celebrated the anniversary of Laudato Si on Thursday and all considered how we can care for our Common Home.

After half term, we will be having a theatre day in school focussing on how we can care for God's planet. If children wish to bring in £1, they can buy a charity badge from the company.

What have we been up to this week at St Joseph's?

The children in Nursery have been reading the story, 'The Snail and the Whale'.

Reception- The children have been learning about how they can care for the ocean and have been writing about the beach.

Year One- The children have been learning to draw maps in geography and have been looking at 'where phrases' in the story, Funny Bones.

Year Two- The children have been learning about Mass, capacity and temperature in maths this week.

Year Three- The children travelled on the train this week to visit Mansfield Town Football Club.

Year Four- The children have been learning about equivalent fractions in maths and mono printing in art.

Year Five- The children have been learning about area and perimeter in maths.

Year Six- The children have been writing a diary entry based on their class text, Holes.

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 and 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.

Upcoming Dates

We have lots of exciting things coming in school next term:

School will reopen on Monday 2nd June for all pupils.

Monday 2nd June- RISE Theatre group will be in school working with classes looking at how we can care for God's planet. **Children can bring in £1 if they wish to buy a badge.**

Monday 2nd June- Parents meeting for First Holy Communion children at 3:30pm in school

Tuesday 3rd June- Year 4 class trip to Jorvick Vicking Centre in York

Tuesday 3rd June- Year 6 class Mass in Church at 9:15am- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 4th June- Year 6 sports visit to the EIS

Wednesday 4th June- Year 2 Beach Workshop with Altru group in school

Thursday 5th June- Year 5 trip to the National Coal Mining Museum

Friday 6th June- EYFS, year 1 and year 2 Come and See Assembly at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

Monday 9th June- Pentecost Celebration- **children can come dressed in non uniform to celebrate the birthday of the church**

Tuesday 10th June- Class Photographs in school- all children should come in full school uniform (not PE kit) for the day

Wednesday 11th June- Year 1 trip to Mansfield Town Football Club

Friday 13th June- Coffee Afternoon in school at 2:30pm- **parents welcome**

Friends of St Joseph

Thank you to Friends of St Joseph who organised an after school entertainer event this week! Their next event will be Coffee Afternoon on 13th June at 2:30pm in school.

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. After half term, the cost for this will be £2.50 per child. 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.**

We are very excited that we will be starting a nursery breakfast club from Monday 2nd June. This will run from 7:45am in the nursery classroom. If you would like your child to attend, please book them on via Arbor.

Please note we are now capping the numbers at Breakfast club. To secure your child's place, please book on Arbor. Only the children booked on will be allowed into the hall.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 95.9%

Reception- 97.3%

Year One - 93.2%

Year Two - 97.3%

Year Three-96.3%

Year Four- 94.2%

Year Five- 99.1%

Year Six- 95.3%

Well done to year 5 who won our attendance award this week and enjoyed an extra playtime.

Attendance across school has been lower this week. Hopefully, this will improve next week.

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 Rory in year 1 and Quinn in reception who both moved up in their swimming groups this week. Well done boys!

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.

This week our Mental Health Ambassadors are promoting this across school. Please find attached this months newsletter which reminds us all how eating well can help our mental health.

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

After half term, our word of the week is, 'Communication'. Year 4 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on how we can all spread the Good News to all we meet. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.