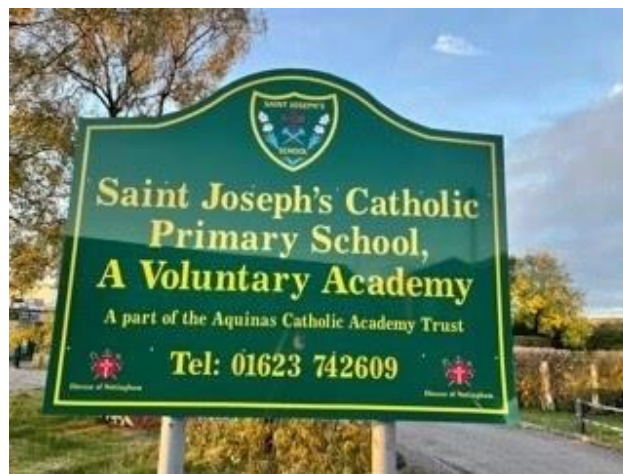


Friday 6th June

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a lovely half term break despite the weather. We are now beginning our final term of this academic year and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support so far this year. We look forward to our final 7 weeks together and are all excited for the many wonderful events and learning planned this term.

This weekend in Mass

This Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost when we remember how the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to continue the work of Jesus. We think of this as the birth of the church and we are very excited to be celebrating this in school on Monday.

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 met with our local MP, Natalie Fleet today. It was great to see how they reflected on their year as Head Pupils.

Catholic Life and Mission

On Monday, we had a visit from RISE Theatre group who led workshops all day helping us to think about how we can care for God's planet.

On Tuesday, year 6 led a beautiful Mass in Church and today year 4 and 2 have been over to church to present a celebration of the word together.

Today our youngest children from nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 presented their learning from RE in a fantastic Come and See Assembly. Well done children!

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

The children in Nursery have been using clay this week thinking about different patterns they can make in the clay and have been learning about the moon.

Reception- The children have been learning about how to look after our oceans and sea life.

Year One- The children have been learning about animals in science this week.

Year Two- The children have been learning about tints, tones and shades in art this week and enjoyed an excellent Altru enrichment day in school learning about the beach.

Year Three- The children have been learning about Celts in History and have also been learning about what happens if we do not eat a balanced diet.

Year Four- The children enjoyed a wonderful trip to York this week to learn more about Vikings. They spent the whole day being archeologists and learning from the past.

Year Five- The children went on an exciting visit to the Coal Mining Museum this week and have been learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in RE.

Year Six- The children went on a wonderful visit to the EIS to take part in a wide range of active activities with other year 6 children from the local area.

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 this term:

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. **Children should come in PE kits for the visit.**

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

W/C 16th June- Year 6 residential to Wales.

Tuesday 17th June- Year 4 Mass at 9:10am in church- parents welcome.

Thursday 19th June- New Starters Meeting for children starting in Reception class in September 2025.

Monday 23rd June- New Nursery Starters Stay and Play Session

Tuesday 24th June at 2:30pm- Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 25th June at 2:30pm- EYFS Sports Day- **parents welcome**

Thursday 26th June at 2:30pm- Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day- **parents welcome**

Friday 27th June- Summer Fayre at 2:30pm - **parents welcome**

Friends of St Joseph

Friends of St Joseph have organised a Coffee Afternoon on 13th June at 2:30pm in school. Donations of cakes are gratefully received in the school office.

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 now have a Breakfast Club for Nursery children. This runs 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 93.9%. Lots of classes are below National Attendance figures this week. We are hopeful that this will improve next week.

Reception- 96.7%

Year One - 91.1%

Year Two - 87.7%

Year Three-94.5%

Year Four- 89.9%

Year Five- 98.5%

Year Six- 94.9%

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



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.

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

Next week, our word of the week is, 'Pentecost'. Year 2 have produced a wonderful video to help us to reflect on the birth of the church and how we can use the power of the Holy Spirit. The videos have a new format this year and we would love to hear your thoughts about it.