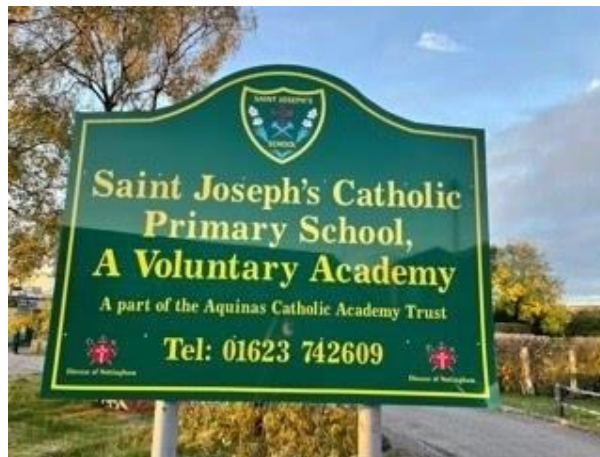


# Friday 26th September

## 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 had a another lovely week at St Joseph's. The children prepared a wonderful celebration for Sr Susan to mark her Jubilee. The children read, sang and danced beautifully throughout the celebration.

Also, as part of Snack-tember, we tried watermelon in school and we have seen some excellent healthy snacks and lunchboxes.

In addition, we had a great coffee afternoon to raise money for MacMillan.

Finally, year 1 did a wonderful job leading the whole school in a beautiful celebration of the word this week.

As always, we will keep you all updated about events in school in this weekly newsletter as well as our 'Sunday Update' on Facebook each week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

## This weekend in Mass

**Luke 16:1-13**

**You cannot be the slave of both God and money**

This weekend is Education Sunday. On Saturday at 5pm, we would like to invite children to attend Mass and take part in the readings and prayers.

## Head Pupils





Our Head Pupils have been busy working on how we can be more aware of our rights.

**Article of the week- this is an opportunity for the children to look at different articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).**

This week the children have been looking at articles 7 and 8 as the children consider what makes them special and unique.

## Snack-tember

This year, we will be thinking about how we can all eat a healthy diet to keep our brain and body strong and working well. During the month of September, we will be thinking about how we can choose better snacks to support this.

Throughout the month, we will be trialling different foods in school as part of our, 'Try it Tuesdays', children will be encouraged to try fruits and vegetables that they may not have tried before. If you would not like your child to take part, please contact the school office.

In addition, we will be on the look out for healthy snacks and packed lunches that we can take pictures of and share to give our busy parents exciting ideas for snacks that children could bring to school to enjoy.

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

Nursery- The children have been learning about families and special people in our lives.

Reception- The children have been learning about different types of houses and who is in our family.

Year One- The children have been learning how to draw leaves using different line thicknesses.

Year Two- The children have been learning about different habitats in Science this week.

Year Three- The children have been learning about rhyme in their English poetry work.

Year Four- The children have been practicing cross stitch, running stitch and arrow stitch in Design Technology.

Year Five- The children have been learning about similes in English and rounding numbers in maths.

Year Six- The children have been learning about Victorian workhouses in their History work.

## 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

Please see this year's key dates attached to the newsletter.

### Upcoming dates to highlight:

Friday 3rd October - Poetry Showcase in the school hall at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

Friday 10th October - Year 3 Reading Cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Friday 10th October- Year 5 and 6 RE assembly in the school hall at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 15th October- EYFS trip to Sherwood Pines- **more information to follow**

Thursday 16th October- Harvest Collection- we will be collecting dried and tinned food items to donate to a local food bank

Friday 17th October- Year 4 reading Cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Friday 17th October- Write to Excite Gallery at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

**Last day of term on 17th October. School will reopen for all pupils on Monday 3rd November**

Monday 3rd November- Shine your light day- **children come dressed in bright colours**

## Friends of St Joseph

We are very grateful for all of the work that our PTA, Friends of St Joseph do to support our school. They are looking for new members to help them. If you think you could help, even if you are only able to give a little time, 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. 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 **95.3 %** which is lower than last week. A reminder that we can administer medication in school if your child is feeling a little unwell but is still able to attend school.

**Reception- 94.7%**

**Year 1- 96.9%**

**Year 2- 97.1%**

**Year 3- 97.7%**

**Year 4- 94.2%**

**Year 5- 93.9%**

**Year 6- 98.5%**

**Well done to year 6 this week who have won our attendance award this week for the THIRD week in a row!**

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 year, our Mental Health Ambassadors will be working hard to teach our children about how they can care for their mental health with simple actions.**

## 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.