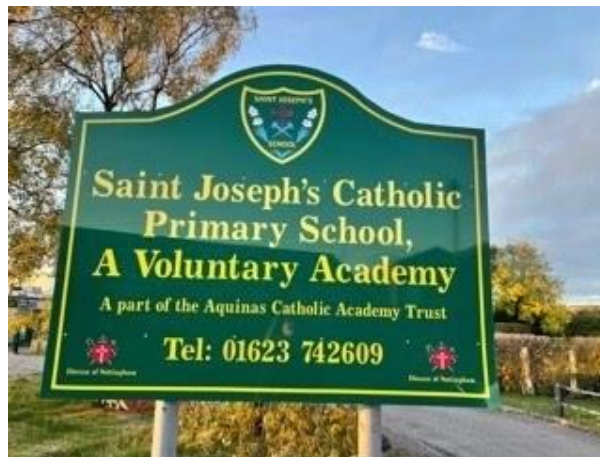


Friday 14th November

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

It has been another busy week at St Joseph's this week with odd socks day, a class launch day, two trips, one workshop in school, two non uniform attendance days, Forest Schools, a whole school non uniform day to support Children in Need, a reading cafe, a movie night, a STEM workshop and a library visit!

This week the children have been thinking about how we can remember those who have died. Through our world of the week, Remembrance, and our activities in class, we have been reflecting on those who are with God in heaven. The children all took part in a 2 minute silence on Tuesday and showed great respect during this time.

This week years 1 and 3 have been on visits to Creswell Crags and Mansfield Museum while year 1 had a great workshop led by the Museum in school. The children all behaved beautifully and gained lots of knowledge that they will use in their new learning this term.

Also, as part of Try it Tuesday, we tried baby plum tomatoes in school and we have seen some excellent healthy snacks and lunchboxes.

On Thursday, year 5 led the whole school reverently in celebration of the word.

Today, year 6 have enjoyed a really exciting STEM virtual workshop where they have been able to take part in practical STEM activities and consider careers in STEM in the future.

Next week, we will be starting to be thinking about the end of the Jubilee Year and the children will be thinking about how they can create a better tomorrow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families who show such support to school so that we can provide such a wide range of enriching activities for our children to enjoy. I appreciate how busy family life is and I understand that the extra events in school can add pressure to already busy families. As headteacher, I am passionate about all of our children experiencing as much as they possibly can both in and out of the classroom and we could not do this without your support. As always, if you have any questions about any events or trips in school, please contact the school office.

We will continue to keep you updated with events on Facebook, this newsletter, class newsletters and in the upcoming dates attached to the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work

This weekend there will be a children's liturgy at the 5pm Mass. All children are welcome to attend.

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been looking at displays around school this week to make sure that they display the articles which link to the work completed in class. In addition, they launched our new RRS Panda who will be visiting classes to look at how they are living out their 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 article 38, protection from war which links to Remembrance Day.

Try it Tuesday

This year, we have been thinking about how we can all eat a healthy diet to keep our brain and body strong and working well. This week the children all had the opportunity to try baby plum tomatoes. I have been very proud of the healthy snacks and lunchboxes they have been bringing into school.

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

Nursery- The children have been learning about how to show kindness and how to build friendships.

Reception- The children have been reading the book, 'Lost and Found' and exploring friendships.

Year One- The children have been grouping animals in science.

Year Two- The children have been learning about adaptations and habitats in science.

Year Three- The children have been learning about Stone Age homes in history.

Year Four- The children have been learning about classification of living and non living creatures in science.

Year Five- The children have been learning about Henry VIII and his six wives.

Year Six- The children have been learning about women of the Old Testament in RE.

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 - **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

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:

Monday 17th November- year 4 visit to Mansfield Museum

Monday 17th November- Flu vaccinations in school- **please see your email for more information**

Tuesday 18th November- year 6 Playmaker session- **year 6 should come dressed in full PE kit**

Wednesday 19th- Friday 21st November- Year 5 residential visit to Hagg Farm

Friday 21st November- Reception reading cafe- **parents are welcome to join the children in the hall from 8:50am**

Friday 28th November- Year One reading cafe- **parents are welcome to join the children in the hall from 8:50am**

If your child has an upcoming trip, including the KS2 visit to Mansfield Pantomime, please check that payment has been made on Arbor. If you need any support with this or have any questions, please contact the school office.

Parent Survey

All parents have been sent a letter from our CMAT, Our Lady of Lourdes Trust regarding collecting parent voice. To ensure that your views are listened to they launched an online survey last year. This survey was very successful and has helped them collect vital information from our parents across our trust. Due to its success they would like to again, providing you with an opportunity to share your thoughts on various aspects of your child's education, the school environment, and areas where we can further improve.

Please follow the link below to complete the survey.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy (Langwith), parent survey 2025. – Fill in form¹

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.

¹<https://forms.office.com/e/xcngrDZekM>

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 **97.4 %** . This is much better than last week with an improved attendance in every class! Thank you parents for all of your support.

Reception- 98.7%

Year 1- 99.7

Year 2- 96.8%

Year 3- 98.1%

Year 4- 100%

Year 5- 95.5%

Year 6- 94.4%

Well done to year 4 this week who have won our attendance award this week and enjoyed Fresh Air Friday! As they got 100%, they also all got an over and above dojo.

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 Rhea in Reception class who has passed stage 1 swimming this week!

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 have been busy promoting this around 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.