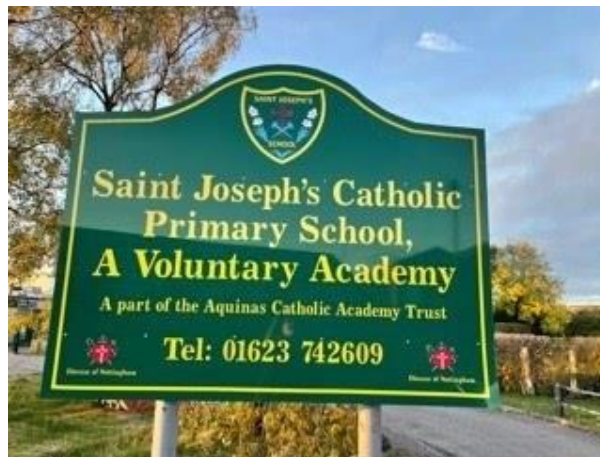


# Friday 28th November

## 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 as we come to the end of Ordinary Time and get ready for the Season of Advent to start on Sunday.

On Tuesday, years 1 and 3 had a great Road Safety Workshop led by Derbyshire County Council thinking about how they can stay safe.

Nursery walked to Shirebrook Library and enjoyed some time reading together and year 1 had a great Reading cafe in the hall.

On Thursday, year 1 led the whole school beautifully and confidently in celebration of the word.

Three of our Eco Team went to Glapwell to plant trees to support the local environment. The children represented the school wonderfully.

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- The First Sunday of Advent

**Matthew 24:37-44**

**The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect**

This weekend there will be a children's liturgy at the 5pm Mass run by Miss Queenan and Mrs Seaman. All children are welcome to attend.

## Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have been busy looking for ways to make our school an even better place. They will be meeting with the pupil voice groups to discuss their views in the coming weeks.

**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 14 as we consider freedom of thought and religion at this time of year.

## 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 persimmon fruit. 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 kindness and what it means to be a good friend.

Reception- The children have been sequencing and retelling the Rainbow Fish story and have been learning about 1 more in maths.

Year One- The children have been learning about Florence Nightingale in history.

Year Two- The children have been writing a shared write based on Where the Wild Things are and have been colour mixing in art.

Year Three- The children have been learning about perfect present tense in English.

Year Four- The children have been learning about oil pastel techniques in art.

Year Five- The children have been learning about the lives of Tudor people in history.

Year Six- The children have been learning how to complete long division calculations in maths.

## 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.

## Class Hampers

As in previous years, each class is making a hamper that can be raffled at the Christmas Fayre. If you are able, please donate an item of the class colour to the hamper by handing this to the class teacher. This could be chocolate, food, gifts, decorations, toiletries or anything of the chosen colour to add to the hamper. This year, the colours are:

EYFS- Black/White

Year 1- Silver/Gold

Year 2- Pink

Year 3- Orange

Year 4- Purple

Year 5- Red

Year 6- Blue

As always, thank you for your support and generosity.

## Upcoming Dates

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

### Upcoming dates to highlight:

Monday 1st December - Christmas Jumper Sale at 3:30- **if you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers, donations are gratefully received in the school office.**

Thursday 4th December- non uniform day in exchange for a donation for a raffle or tombola prize for the Christmas Fayre

Friday 5th December- Awards Assembly- **parents will be notified on Monday 1st December if their child will be receiving an award.**

Monday 8th December at 2pm- years 1-3 will be performing the nativity in the school hall- **all parents welcome. We will be collecting donations for CAFOD instead of selling tickets for all of our performances this year.**

Wednesday 10th December at 9:30 am- years 1-3 will be performing the nativity in the school hall- **all parents welcome. We will be collecting donations for CAFOD instead of selling tickets for all of our performances this year.**

Thursday 11th December- non uniform in exchange for a bottle for our bottle tombola.

Thursday 11th December- Cookie and Canvas art event after school- if you would like your child to attend, please book on Arbor.

Friday 12th December at 2pm- Christmas Fayre in the school hall- **parents are welcome.**

**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 form<sup>1</sup>

## 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.**

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<sup>1</sup><https://forms.office.com/e/xcnngxDZekM>

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%** .

**Reception- 94.7%**

**Year 1- 98.7%**

**Year 2- 91.3%%**

**Year 3- 94.2%**

**Year 4- 95.8%**

**Year 5- 94.2%**

**Year 6- 96.5%**

**Well done to year 1 this week who have won our attendance award AGAIN this week and enjoyed 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



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.