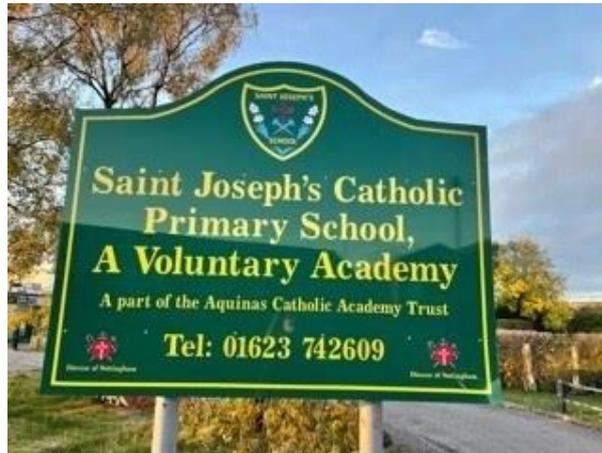


# Friday 27th February

## 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 a great first week at St Joseph's. The children have all returned to school happily and have done a great job settling back into the St Joseph's way.

This week, the children started their music lessons with Rock Steady and have started forming their bands. It was great to see children working with children from other classes that they may have not worked with before.

On Tuesday, our Chaplaincy Team did a great job leading the whole school in a Day of Prayer to mark the Season of Lent.

On Thursday, year 3 did a great job leading the school in a Celebration of the word and on Friday Nursery and Reception led a wonderful prayer service in Church.

Year 1 had a great visit to Shirebrook Library on Thursday and we had a visit from the Book Bus on Friday.

A great first week back at St Joseph's! We will update Facebook on Sunday with the events happening next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

## **This weekend in Mass- The Baptism of the Lord**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**His face shone like the sun**

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

## Head Pupils



**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 we have been looking at how all children have the right to healthcare as we consider how we can care for our mental health and who can support us.

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

Nursery- The children have been practicing counting past 5 using 1:1 correspondence and have been learning about arctic animals.

Reception- The children have been exploring Chinese New Year and have been sequencing times of the day.

Year One- The children have been making numbers to 20 in maths and have been learning about physical features in Europe.

Year Two- The children have been learning about materials and their uses in science and have been learning about the UK in geography.

Year Three- The children have been looking at the population of Greece in geography.

Year Four- The children have been investigating condensation and evaporation in science.

Year Five- The children have been learning about short division with remainders in maths.

Year Six- The children have been writing in the active and passive voice.

## 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 for this term attached to the newsletter.

### Upcoming dates to highlight:

Monday 2nd March- year 5 mini leaders training- **children should come to school in PE kits**

Tuesday 3rd March- Key Stage Two Mass at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 4th March- Year 4 swimming starts- **children should come dressed in PE kits with swimming kits.**

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day- **children can come dressed as a book character or author.**

Thursday 5th March- Reception class will visit Shirebrook Library

Friday 6th March- Nursery and Reception Reading Cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Friday 6th March- Year 1 and 5 Church as a chapel at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Friday 6th March- Awards Assembly- **parents will receive a notification if their child will be receiving an award**

**As always, we will continue to update you on the week ahead each Sunday afternoon on Facebook**

## **World Book Day**

World Book Day is March 5th 2026. We are going to be holding a number of fun events and activities to celebrate the day. All children will be invited to come to school dressed as a book character or an author/ illustrator. Please note there is no expectation to buy a costume and home made ones are encouraged.

In preparation for World Book Day, we will be setting a challenge for all children. Children will be set no homework over half term but instead we are challenging them to get "caught" reading somewhere fun. Whether you are staying local or going on holiday we would love some fun pictures of your child reading their books in unusual places. We will nominate a 'best picture' award for each year group and prizes will be given out on non uniform day.

As we continue to promote and hold reading for pleasure as a prominent area of each child's development we would love your support with this. Please send all pictures to the main email: [info@st-josephs-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-josephs-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk)<sup>1</sup> and in the subject line please state Got caught reading- followed by your child's year group.

For EYFS please post your photos on the EYParent App.

## **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.

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:info@st-josephs-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk>

## 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 **97.3%**. This is the highest attendance we have had in school for a few weeks and would like to thank parents for their support with this. Today, all children will bring home a letter to share their current attendance with parents.

**Reception- 97.1%**

**Year 1- 100%**

**Year 2- 96%**

**Year 3- 96.8%**

**Year 4- 96.2%**

**Year 5- 95.6%**

Year 6- 99.3%

**Well done to year 1 this week who have won our attendance award 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, we have been looking at, L- Look. Please see the newsletter attached for more information.**

## **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.