

Friday 6th 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 another wonderful week at St Joseph's!

A special mention to these events this week:

Year 4 and Reception led a beautiful Liturgy of the Word in church on Tuesday.

Year 4 had a great day at Mansfield Town Football Club on Wednesday.

On Thursday, year one led the whole school in a Celebration of the word.

On Friday, year 6 enjoyed their reading cafe with parents and Reception class enjoyed their Balance Bike Session with Bolsover Partnership.

The children all had a great Numbers Day in school this week and raised money to support NSPCC.

Next week is the final week of this half term and school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 13th. As always, we will continue to update you with information this term in the newsletter and on Facebook each Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass- The Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 5:13-16

Your light must shine in the sight of men

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 the children have been thinking about Articles 17, 19 and 34 as we consider how we can all stay safe online.

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

Nursery- The children have been making their own water colour paintings and have been working on their cutting skills using scissors.

Reception- The children have been learning about the composition of 7, 8 and 9.

Year One- The children have been learning about body parts and have been counting forwards and backwards to 20.

Year Two- The children have been classifying animals in science and have started looking at multiplication in maths.

Year Three- The children have been learning about how magnets attract and repel in science.

Year Four- The children have been writing a non chronological report about the achievements of the Indus Valley Civilisation.

Year Five- The children have been learning about different solutions and how we can separate them.

Year Six- The children have been learning about the leaders during WWII.

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 9th February- Year 3 PJ day- children can come dressed in PJs as a reward for their attendance

Tuesday 10th February- year 6 and 3 Mass in church at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Wednesday 11th February- Young Voices Concert- **those involved have been sent a letter with more information**

Thursday 12th February- Years 3 and 4 RE Celebration Assembly at 2:45pm- **parents welcome**

Thursday 12th February- Year 2 library visit

Thursday 12th February- Valentines Disco after school for children in Reception- Year 6 until 5pm- **please book your child's place on Arbor.**

Friday 13th February- School Closed to all pupils- INSET DAY

Monday 23rd February- First day of the new term- school open to all pupils

Thursday 26th February- year 1 visit to the Library

Friday 27th February- Book Bus in school- as in previous years, children will have the opportunity to visit the book bus during the day and it will be open at the end of the day for parents to visit.

Friday 27th February- EYFS will be in church leading prayers at 9:10- **parents welcome**

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.uk¹ 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.

¹<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 **95.8%** .

Reception- 93%

Year 1- 98.7%

Year 2- 97.7%

Year 3- 94.2%

Year 4- 97.9%

Year 5- 96.1%

Year 6- 98.2%

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



Well done to Ivy in year 4 who passed stage 5 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, we have been looking at, I- Interest. .

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.