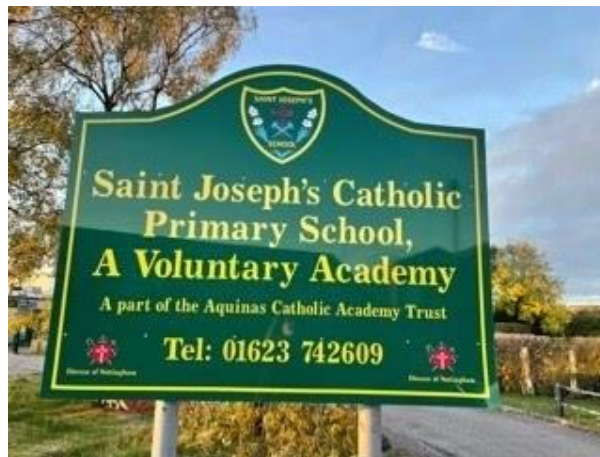


Friday 20th March

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER



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This week at St Joseph's!

We have enjoyed another wonderful, busy week at St Joseph's and cannot believe how quickly this term is flying by with only one week left until the Easter break.

On Monday, year 3 had a great time at Mansfield Museum.

On Wednesday, year 4 went swimming and on Thursday and Friday they went on their residential visit to Boggle Hole.

On Thursday, Key Stage Two led a beautiful Mass in church to celebrate St Joseph's Day and year 5 and 6 went on their Big Lent Walk.

On Friday, Year 6 had a lovely reading cafe and year 3 had a wonderful time in Church leading their celebration of the word.

Another great week 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

John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life

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 thinking about how we all have the right to water. We have been thinking about ways that we can save water and about how some children around the world do not have this right met.

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

Nursery- The children have been learning about hibernation.

Reception- The children have been writing facts about hedgehogs and have been doubling numbers.

Year One- The children have been learning about the Wright Brothers in history and have been using two adjectives to describe a noun in English.

Year Two- The children have been learning about length and height in maths and have been designing finger puppets in DT.

Year Three- The children have been making Greek Coil pots out of clay.

Year Four- The children have been using Purple Mash to make their own animations.

Year Five- The children have been recognising place value in decimal numbers.

Year Six- The children have been learning about translation in maths.

Nursery Applications

Applications are now open for our Nursery for the academic year 2026-2027. If you would like to apply for a place for your child, please contact the school office. Visits to view the nursery are warmly welcomed. All applications will be ranked in line with our admissions policy and places will be allocated after Easter. All applications should be submitted by 25th March.

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 and after the Easter break attached to the newsletter.

Upcoming dates to highlight:

Tuesday 24th March- Nursery and Reception Big Lent Walk- **letters sent home with more information**

Wednesday 25th March- Year 5 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club

Thursday 26th March- Easter Egg Raffle- tickets are on sale in school. Donations of Easter Eggs are gratefully received in the office.

Friday 27th March- Year 3 Reading Cafe at 8:50 in the school hall- parents welcome

Friday 27th March- year 4 and 5 Easter Presentation- parents welcome. Please note that this may not be suitable for younger siblings to attend. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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

Easter Egg Raffle

We will be hosting our Easter Egg Raffle on Thursday 26th March. This is always a fantastic event which the children love.

Tickets will be on sale in classrooms from Monday 16th March for £1 a strip. If you wish your child to purchase any tickets, please send the money with your child into school.

Any donations of Easter Eggs are gratefully received at the school office.

My Place

After Easter, we will be thinking about how certain places make us feel happy and relaxed. We will be thinking about how we all have a place that is special to us. Over the holidays, we are asking all children to think about their special place and how this makes them feel. On Tuesday 14th April, we will all be sharing our special place. **Children are encouraged to bring in a photograph or a drawing of their place to share with their class on Tuesday 14th April.**

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 **96.6%**.

Reception- 95.7%

Year 1- 98.7%

Year 2- 95.5%

Year 3- 98.1%

Year 4- 97%

Year 5- 97.4%

Year 6- 97.3%

Well done to year 1 this week who have won our attendance award AGAIN this week and enjoyed Fresh Air Friday and both got 100%!

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. After half term, we will be looking at emotions and how we all have big feelings.

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.