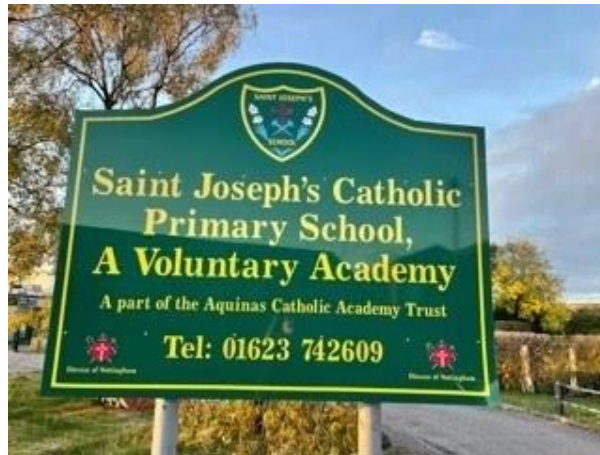


Friday 1st May

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Trusting in God; Creating Tomorrow; Helping Today

NEWSLETTER



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This week at St Josephs

It has been a wonderful week at St Joseph's and it has been great to get some sunshine! I cannot believe that we are in May already; this school year is really flying by!

On Tuesday, year 5 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Derby university and year 5 and 2 read beautifully in Mass. In addition, our children who are preparing for the Sacraments, went to First Reconciliation in church.

On Thursday, year 3 did a wonderful job leading the whole school in prayer in their Celebration of the Word.

On Thursday we continued our Eastertide celebrations with our Easter Celebration Day.

Another great week at St Joseph's! We will update Facebook on Sunday with the events for next week and look forward to seeing all of our children after the Bank Holiday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth 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).

On Monday, our Head Pupils led the whole school in teaching them about how Unicef support children around the world to ensure that their rights are met.

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

Nursery- The children have been learning about volcanoes and how they erupt.

Reception- The children have been making a paper mache volcano and have been counting patterns beyond 20.

Year One- The children have been counting in 2s and 10s in maths and have been learning about saying sorry in RSHE.

Year Two- The children have been looking at features of a beach and at the parts of plants.

Year Three- The children have been writing about the Last Supper.

Year Four- The children have been experimenting with the sugar contents of different drinks.

Year Five- The children have been publishing their own stories based on the text, The Explorer.

Year Six- The children have been busy preparing for SATs with a focus on SPAG revision.

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 4th May- Bank Holiday Monday- **school closed for all pupils**

Wednesday 6th May- Year 2 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club- **children should come dressed in PE kit**

Thursday 7th May- Nursery visit to Shirebrook Library

Friday 8th May- Year 3 and 4 church as a chapel at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Friday 8th May- year 1 reading cafe at 8:50- **parents welcome**

W/C 11th May- Year 6 SATs in school

Thursday 14th May- Reception class visit to Shirebrook Library

Friday 15th May- Nursery and Reception class will be leading prayers in church at 9am- **parents welcome**

Friday 15th May- Year reading cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

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

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. We enjoyed a wonderful Coffee Afternoon today to raise funds for our school, thank you to the PTA for organising this.

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.

Football Tops

Our Early Years and OPAL team are looking for donations of old football shirts with numbers on the back. They are hoping to create an outdoor number line using the shirts. If any of our families have any unwanted adult or child football shirts with numbers on the back that they would like to donate, please take them to the school office. Thank you for your support with this.

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 **94.5 %**. **Attendance is a little lower across school this week. We are hopeful that this will improve next week.**

Reception- 88.3%

Year 1- 98.3%

Year 2- 97.7%

Year 3- 92.6%

Year 4- 96.4%

Year 5- 88.7%

Year 6- 98.8%

Well done to year 6 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.**

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If your child is absent from school during term time for the purpose of a family holiday or any other unauthorised absence you may be issued with a Penalty Notice.

Children's Achievements



Well done to James in year 4 who achieved his Orange Belt at Judo 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 thinking about how we can use this to support our mental health across school. As part of OPAL, the children have been using the 'Calm Caravan' to help them regulate and take some calming time out of their play.

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.