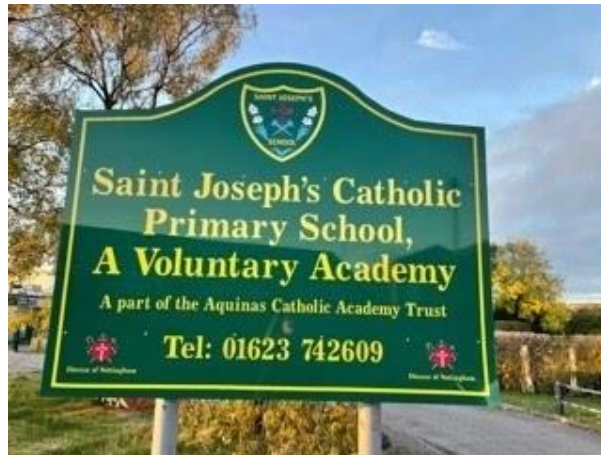


Friday 8th May

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

Another great week at St Joseph's after a long bank holiday weekend. The children have all worked exceptionally hard in school and have been demonstrating the St Joseph's way in all aspects of school life.

On Wednesday, year 2 enjoyed a great visit to Mansfield Town Football Club. The class travelled on the train and had a really active day!

On Friday, year 1 had a successful reading cafe and years 3 and 4 reverently led prayers in church. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend these events.

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 next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

This weekend in Mass

John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

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. The Head Pupils are busy preparing for our Rights Respecting Accreditation next month.

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

Nursery- The children have been learning about how volcanoes erupt and have been spotting mistakes in patterns.

Reception- The children have been learning about how the disciples spread the Good News in RE.

Year One- The children have been writing a setting description of the moon and have been learning how to control a ball in PE.

Year Two- The children have been writing a narrative based on the beach.

Year Three- The children have been making their own Trojan Horses in DT.

Year Four- The children have been writing stories about the Anglo- Saxons and what life was like.

Year Five- The children have been finding area and perimeter of different shapes.

Year Six- The children have been busy preparing for SATs this week. We are sure that the children's hard work will pay off in the tests next week.

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:

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

Thursday 14th May- Reception class visit to Shirebrook Library

Thursday 14th May- **Year 6 residential parents meeting at 3:40 in the year 6 classroom**

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

Friday 15th May- Year 5 reading cafe at 8:50am in the school hall- **parents welcome**

Tuesday 19th May- Year 4 and 1 will be reading in Mass at 9:10am- **parents welcome**

Tuesday 19th May- Year 3 residential parents meeting at 3:40 in the year 3 classroom

Wednesday 20th May- year 3 visit to Mansfield Town Football Club

Thursday 21st May- Nursery and Reception RE assembly at 2pm followed by a stay and play session

Friday 22nd May- Church Birthday Celebrations- **children can come dressed in non uniform as a celebration**

Friday 22nd May- Years 1 and 2 RE assembly at 2:45 in the school hall.

Friday 22nd May- Last day of the school term. School will reopen to all pupils on 1st June

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.

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 **95.6 %**.

Reception- 93.3%

Year 1- 100%

Year 2- 93.1%

Year 3- 94.4%

Year 4- 96.2%

Year 5- 95.2%

Year 6- 99.2%

Well done to year 1 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 Rory in year 2 for attending the Notts Scouts Big Weekend 2026! He had an amazing time trying lots of new activities, making memories with friends and being brave enough to face some of his fears. Well done Rory.

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.