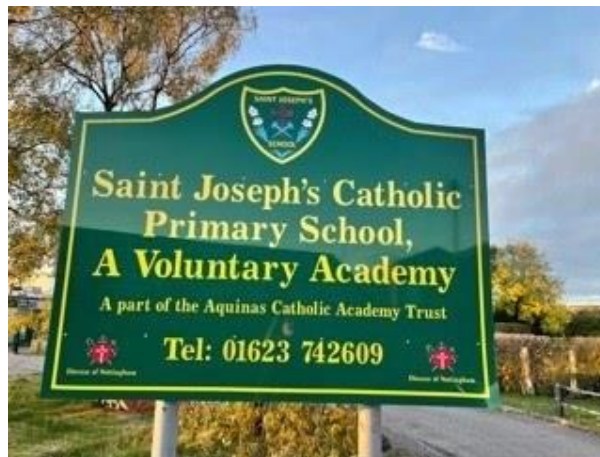


Friday 2nd October 2026

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 great week at St Joseph's! The children have really settled back into life at school after the summer and are doing a wonderful job in their lessons and during play.

Year 1 did a great job leading the whole school in their celebration of the word.

Year 6 went on a walk to the library and enjoyed their time reading.

Nursery and Reception went over to church this week to role play a baptism and learn more about this special Sacrament.

Year 4 had a wonderful reading cafe and years 3 and 5 led prayers over in church on Friday.

All of our children have been working really hard writing their poems for our Poetry Showcase.

I will update Facebook with upcoming dates for next week on Sunday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Seaman

What have we been learning this week?

The children have all been working really hard this week!

Nursery- the children have been looking at how we can plant seeds and how they grow.

Reception- the children have been sharing photographs of their baptisms and special occasions with the class.

Year One- the children have been learning about one less in maths and have been looking at aerial photographs of Shirebrook.

Year Two- the children have been learning learning to order numbers in maths and have been learning the months of the year in German.

Year Three- the children have been learning about water transpiration in science.

Year Four- the children have been learning about tourism in mountain ranges and about addition in maths.

Year Five- the children have been learning how to complete addition and subtraction calculations using a column method.

Year Six- the children have been learning about crime and punishment in Victorian times.

Well done children! A great week at St Joseph's.

Lunch Boxes, Healthy Snacks and Try it Tuesday



At St Joseph's, we understand that the food we eat is fuel for our bodies and that a balanced diet helps us to play, grow and learn. All children are welcome to bring in a healthy snack to eat at breaktime. A free healthy snack will be provided for children in nursery- year 2 but if they wish, they are welcome to bring their own. Children should not bring crisps or chocolate bars in for their snack as we are encouraging them to select healthier options. This also applies to packed lunches. Our kitchen do provide healthy, balanced meals with a wide selection for children to select from each day. All children in reception- year 2 receive free school meals. However, children are welcome to bring in a packed lunch if they prefer.

Please note that chocolate bars and sweets should not be packed in lunches. The NHS has some great ideas for exciting packed lunches on their website Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS¹

All snacks and lunchboxes should be nut free and healthy options. Please ensure that grapes are cut in line with NHS guidance.

Catholic Life and Mission

The Gospel this week: Matthew 21:33-43

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

¹<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

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

If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith or are interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Sr Susan – susanpbvm@yahoo.co.uk² ; 07751196124

Our Chaplaincy Team at the Trust have produced a wonderful podcast based on the Word of the Week. It is a great way to deepen your understanding of the Word. Listen here! Nun the Wiser – Chaplaincy Space³

Head Pupils



Our Head Pupils have some fantastic ideas about how we can make our school a better place. We cannot wait to share these with you as we implement them in school.

Article of the week- this week we have been thinking about how we can celebrate Black History Month.

²<mailto:susanpbvm@yahoo.co.uk>

³<https://chaplaincy.space/nun-the-wiser/>

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 attached to the newsletter.

Upcoming dates to highlight:

Monday 5th October- Individual and Siblings (in school) photographs- **all children should come dressed in full school uniform**

Tuesday 6th October- year 6 PE day for this week

Wednesday 7th October- Year 5 come dressed in PE kits as part of their attendance reward

Friday 9th October- Hello Yellow Day- **children are invited to come dressed in something yellow in exchange for a donation to the Young Minds Mental Health charity.**

Friday 9th October- Year 5 and 6 RE assembly at 2:45pm - **parents welcome**

Tuesday 13th October- Open Evening 4pm-5pm- **any parents considering applying for a place in September 2027 are invited to attend our Open Evening and learn more about our school.**

Friday 16th October- Year 2 reading cafe at 8:50am- **parents welcome**

Friday 16th October- years 1 and 6 Church as a Chapel at 9am- **parents welcome**

Friday 16th October- Write to Excite work Gallery in the school hall at 2:45pm - **parents welcome**

Friday 16th October is the last day of term, school will reopen on Monday 2nd November

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.

PE days and Forest Schools this term

All children will have a class newsletter which indicates when their PE day in school is this term. These days will also be shared each week on Facebook.

Please ensure that children come to school dressed in PE kits on the days that they have PE.

PE Kits

- Emerald Green shorts
- White polo shirt (plain or St Joseph's branded)
- Plimsolls for indoor sports
- Trainers for outdoor sports
- Unbranded, black jogging bottoms with a black unbranded jumper (or St Joseph's) for outdoor sports

Reception - Friday

Year One- Wednesday

Year Three- Thursday

Year Four- Wednesday

Year Six- Monday (for next week, this will be on Tuesday due to school photographs)

Years two and five have Forest Schools this term and should therefore come dressed in Forest School clothing as detailed in the letter sent home to these classes.

Year Two - Wednesday

Year Five- Friday (this is cancelled next week due to their RE assembly taking place)

New Breakfast Club



We are delighted to announce that we have successfully launched our new breakfast club provision in school. The children have been enjoying pancakes, hash browns, beans on toast, porridge and eggs this week.

Nursery: 7:45- 8:30 breakfast club- **£2.50**

Reception- year 6: 7:30- 8:00 paid breakfast club - **£1.50**

Reception- year 6: 8:00- 8:30 **free breakfast club provision**

Last entry to all breakfast clubs will be 8:15am and spaces must be booked on Arbor by 1pm on the day before the required club. Please note that as there will be no member of staff on the door at this time, all children must be escorted to breakfast club and signed in. **Children should not walk themselves onto school site for the breakfast club.** The new breakfast clubs will include lots of exciting activities and will include a wide range of healthy hot and cold food options.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is 96.4%. Reception class have achieved 100% for the second week in a row and Year 5 have achieved 100% attendance this week. Well done children!

Reception- 100%

Year One- 98.3%

Year Two-95%

Year Three-94.4%

Year Four- 95.2%

Year Five- 100%

Year Six- 95.3%

Well done to RECPETION and YEAR FIVE who won our attendance award this week!

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.

Our Top Dojo earners this week!

Our children are working incredibly hard to show the St Joseph's Way and earn dojos. Each week, we are going to share our top 5 dojo earners across school. This week our top 5 are all from year 1!

Ignacio

Helena

Alessia

Edee- Dora

Chizitelu

Well done children. I wonder who will be our top five earners next week?

Children's Achievements

Well done to Sam in year 5 and Joshua in year 2 who both achieved their first belt in Taekwondo this week. Well done boys!

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



We are very proud to be a SMILERS school. SMILERS is a whole school approach to wellbeing.

This week, our Mental Health Ambassadors have been working hard training to support children with their mental health.

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.