

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER: 12th MAY 2023



Dear Families

Y6 SATs!

Well done, to all staff and pupils in Y6! Your SATs are over. These assessments have been challenging, but you all gave your best. Thank you for your incredible hard work, positive attitude and resilience! We are already extremely proud of you (and that is before we have any idea of results).

Thanks, also, to all staff who helped during breakfast club. It was great to see so many extra children attending allowing a relaxing start every day this week.

Thank you, too, to all families for your support.

First Holy Communion (FHC)

We are looking forward to this celebration – a culmination of much effort and commitment on behalf of those pupils and families involved. The service will take place at 11am on Saturday 17^{th} June, with a celebratory gathering in school 12-1.30pm.

I would like to invite a representative from all those families involved in FHC, this year, to an informal meeting in school on Friday 19^{th} May 3.30 - 4pm. This will give us an opportunity to organise the celebration event and plan a shared table.

Year 1 and Year 2 Mass

Thank you, Fr Damian, for spending time in school this week. I know everyone who participated in the Year 1 and Year 2 Mass had a wonderful experience. Taking the time to stop and explain the different elements of the Mass so gently with pupils, ensures a deeper spiritual involvement and greatly enhances children's understanding.

Mobile Phones in School

A reminder that if children need to bring a mobile phone into school e.g. they are walking home, or they are going to a relative's house after school, this must be handed to the teacher at the beginning of the school day. Children must not keep mobile phones in their bags or coat.

SENDhelp

SENDhelp returns to The Riverside in Chester le Street on Saturday 20th May. Join the conference for a full day of tips and strategies on supporting children and young people with SEND. SENDhelp is open to anyone. Workshops include:

- Understanding behaviour;
- Sensory processing;
- Supporting young neurodivergent people through burnout and school anxiety;
- Makaton (total communication);
- Building positive relationships;
- Supporting children and young people to understand the diverse world we live in;
- The Green Paper Autism.

Lunch & refreshments are provided. Please sign up here:

https://forms.gle/AUNdmDshM51TWGXy8



As you know, attendance is hugely important and we report attendance on a weekly/ monthly/ termly basis. We monitor attendance/lateness very closely in school and will raise any concerns with parents/carers on an individual basis. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's attendance/lateness, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to resolve any issues. Please note that the recent Industrial Action will not impact on your child's attendance.

This week's attendance is 95.4%. Our target is 97%.

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.6%	88.0%	96.0&	100%	90.9%	93.1%	96.8%	100%

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate for week ending 5th May:



Nursery	Armina	For talking all about lots of different jobs after reading our story 'The Kings Hats'.	
Reception	Ruby	For some amazing independent writing!	
Year 1	Ella	For always having her hand up on the carpet and trying her best.	
Year 2 Kamran For a wor		For a wonderful setting description of space.	
Year 3	Kacie-Leigh	For trying extremely hard in swimming lessons.	
Year 4	Harry	For explaining how to use pronouns instead of nouns perfectly.	
Year 5	India	For an excellent diary entry in RE.	
Year 6	Nicole	For some excellent grammar work this week.	

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The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



Nursery	Harvey	For joining in beautifully with our daily prayers and routines.
Reception Nathan		For showing a great understanding of odd and even numbers.
Year 1	Brooke	For always being so polite and positive around school.
Year 2	Toulwalase	For settling in so well to our Year 2 class.
Year 3	Natalia	For excellent work in Maths this week.
Year 4	Penny	For being a maths wizard with her timetables.
Year 5	Olivia	For excellent work with angles in Maths.
Year 6 Yodi For his f		For his fantastic attitude to school this week.

















