



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER: 7th June 2024

Dear Families,

D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration Event

We were delighted that Mr Haveron and our head boy and head girl were able to represent St Joseph's at the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings held in Stanley this week. It is important that the sacrifice and bravery shown by so many is never forgotten.

Multiplication Check

The Year 4 statutory multiplication check is currently underway in school. This is carried out from 3rd – 14th June. Every pupil is assessed on their rapid recall of number facts up to 12 x 12. Please keep practising tables with your child as good times tables knowledge will help children in all aspects of their maths work. Thank you, for all your support.

Phonics Screening Check

The Year 1 statutory phonics screening check will take place next week. Phonics provides the basic building blocks for independent reading. Thank you, for working with your children, helping them build confidence and understanding in this essential area.

Year 6

Year 6 had a lovely afternoon today. In recognition of their fantastic efforts all year, they celebrated with a pizza party! They also received their school hoodies – always an exciting milestone!

First Holy Communion

This will be taking place in St Joseph's on Saturday 15th June at 11am. All are welcome.

Holidays in term time

We are receiving a large number of holiday applications. We are unable to authorise holidays in term time. Absence from school in term time means your child is missing essential elements of the curriculum and it is necessary to note that you could receive a fine (Fixed Penalty Notice). Fines are £60 for each child and are issued to each parent. The fines must be paid within 21 days of being issued otherwise the fines will double and will need to be paid within 28 days of being issued.

Food Bank Donations

A reminder that our Community Club, led by Mrs Ashby, has decided to collect food items (packets, tins, pasta etc) which will be shared between Stanley Food bank and PACT House. There is a box in the main entrance to school for your donations. Whatever you are able to give, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Prayer Garden

We are hoping to develop a prayer garden in a section of our big yard. We are the very early stages of this, and we want to continue with our appeal. If you can donate any time or expertise, large plant pots, plants or compost, we would be most grateful. Please contact the school office. Thank you, to those of you who have already left donations.

Diary of Events

We have updated our diary of events for the remaining half term. It is going to be busy, but we look forward to an action-packed end to the school year. **On Monday 10th June, Mrs Burgess, EYFS lead, will be delivering her induction briefing at 5pm** to parents/carers of pupils who will be joining our Reception class in September 2024.

Building works update

We have received notification that the remedial works linked to the awful flooding we experienced in September, will take place in the summer holidays. In addition, there is planned works to the staffroom windows and stonework above the Reception and Nursery areas.

Book Fair

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school from Wednesday 12th June until Wednesday 19th June. Children can purchase books during break time and parent/carers/grandparents etc can come into school at the end of the school day to purchase books. Every book sold helps to earn free books for school.

Football Trials

Football trials for next year's school team will take place on Thursday 13th June and Monday 17th June. This is open to all Year 3, 4 and 5 children who are interested. These will take place at Oakey Park. Children will walk down to the park straight after school with staff and will need collecting from Oakey Park at 4:45. Children need to wear appropriate footwear (boots/trainers), have a coat in case of wet weather and bring a water bottle. Please email stjs@stjs.bwcet.com to confirm your child's attendance.

Star of the Week

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



Nursery	Freddie B	For sharing super ideas when talking about our story of the week.
Reception	Grace S	For amazing partner reading in phonics this week!
Year 1	Brody	For some excellent writing about Anansi.
Year 2	Thomas	For a wonderful week working so hard and trying his best.
Year 3	Leyla	For an excellent diary entry based on the 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'.
Year 4	Arthur	For working so hard to improve his speed and fluency in times tables recall.
Year 5	Henry	For excellent answers in RE
Year 6	Daniel O	For some excellent work on the events of D-day

Attendance

This week's attendance is 95.48%.

Our target is 97%.

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.7%	98.9%	95%	94.8%	94.6%	94%	98.3%	93.6%

House Points

Children can earn house points from all staff during the week.

Congratulations to **St Bede** who have earned the most house points this week.

Times Table Rock Star

This week's 'Rockstars of the Week' are **Jacob**! Well done for your amazing multiplication and fantastic studio speed! Children can see all our TTRS winners on our 'Times Table Rockstars' display board in school.

Congratulations to **Year 4** on their fantastic start to this month's KS2 Times Tables Battle! This week they have scored over 2000 points! Well done!

St Joseph's are currently 13th on the leaderboard for schools in our area. Let's try and get into the top 10!

Diary Of Events		
Friday 7 th June	Year 6	Year 6 Celebration Day
Monday 10 th June	New Reception Starters	New Starters – Parents'/Carers' Meeting 5pm
Wednesday 12 th – Wednesday 19 th June	Whole School	Scholastic Book Fair
Saturday 15 th June	Year 4	First Holy Communion 11am All welcome
Monday 17 th – Tuesday 18 th June	Pupils with SEN	SEN Reviews More information to follow
Wednesday 19 th June	EYFS	Sports Day pm
Thursday 20 th June	KS1/KS2	Sports Day KS1 PM KS2 Am
Thursday 20 th June	New Reception Starters	School Activity Trail 3:30pm More information to follow
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th June	Years 6	Residential - Middleton

Monday 24 th June- Friday 28 th June	New Reception Children	Opportunities for pupils to visit school in small groups. More information to follow
Monday 1 st July	Year 5	Celebration Event 2pm – 2:30pm. Year 5 families welcome Followed by Meet the Year 6 Teacher 2:30pm
Tuesday 2 nd - Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 6	Transition Day St Bede's
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 4	Celebration Event 2pm-2:30pm, Year 4 families welcome Followed by Meet the Year 5 Teacher
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 3	Celebration Event 2pm-2:30pm Year 3 families welcome Followed by Meet the Year 4 Teacher
Thursday 4 th July	Year 2	Celebration Event, 2pm- 2:30pm, Year 2 families welcome Followed by Meet the Year 3 Teacher
Friday 5 th July	Year 5	Year 5 Taster Day St Bede's
Friday 5 th July	Year 1	Celebration Event 2pm-2:30pm, Year 1 families welcome Followed by meet the Year 2 Teacher
Friday 5 th July	Whole School	Annual Report Issued
Monday 8 th July	Whole School	Moving Up Afternoon
Tuesday 9 th July	Reception	Celebration Event 9:15-9:45am, Reception families welcome Followed by Meet the Year 1 Teacher
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6	Year 6 Leavers' Event 6pm - all welcome
Friday 12 th July	Nursery	Celebration Event 9:15am
TBC	Whole School	End of Year Mass
Friday 19 th July	Whole School	School closes for summer
Monday 22 nd July	Whole school	Inset Day- School closed
Tuesday 23 rd July	Whole school	Inset Day- School closed