



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER: 14th June 2024

Dear Families,

Local Governing Committee

On behalf of school, families, parishioners and BWCET, I want to extend sincere thanks to Catherine Horsley, who has retired as chair of governors at St Joseph's, for her exceptional service to our school. For 23 years, Catherine has dedicated her time, her energy and her significant skills to the benefit of staff, pupils and families. She has ensured that St Joseph's is a forward-thinking, high achieving school, which has maintained a strong reputation throughout her tenure. She has led governors and school leaders through periods of significant change with patience, clarity and positivity.

Mrs Beverly Ewart has very kindly agreed to move from vice-chair to chair of governors as her replacement.

If you are a practising Catholic, and you would like to volunteer to support our school in a governor capacity, please contact Fr Shaun, or school, and we can arrange a time to chat about what the role entails. We would love to hear from you.

Sports Days Arrangements

Our whole-school sports days will take place soon. We are very much looking forward to these events. Let's hope the sunshine arrives, and stays, so we can enjoy some nice weather.

Nursery & Reception children will have their sports day in the school yard starting **at 1:15 pm on Wednesday 19th June.**

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will have their sports day in the school yard starting **at 9.30 am on Thursday 20th June.**

Y1 and Y2 will have their sports day in the school yard starting at **1.15 pm on Thursday 20th June.**

On the day, pupils can come to school wearing their PE uniform (including a T-shirt in their team colour). A school jumper and plain jogging bottoms can be worn if necessary. Children will need to bring their named water bottle and, if appropriate, a sun hat. Please apply sun cream applied before school.

First Holy Communion

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

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 looking to see if anyone would help us repair and stain some of the wooden planters on the school site. If you feel you are able to help with this, please contact the school office. Thank you, to those of you who have already left donations.

LiveSimply

The Cafod **LiveSimply** award is an opportunity for Catholic communities – parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies – to answer the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

At St. Joseph's, we have begun work towards achieving the 'Live Simply' award by:

- Completing the Cafod Big Lent Walk;
- Sharing Easter Cards with residents in our local care homes;
- Beginning to create an outdoor prayer space;
- Collecting food donations for PACT House and Stanley Foodbank.

For our next event, Year 5 will be holding a coffee morning, in school, after our whole school Mass on Thursday 4th July 9.30am. We hope to raise money for Fr. David Smith's charity work in Muhoroni, Kenya. All are welcome.

We are also planning a litter pick in our local community. Further information will follow.

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.

Book Fair

We are holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school which will continue 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 again on Monday 17th June. This is open to all current Year 3, 4 and 5 children who are interested. This session 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	Romee	For being an amazing role model in Nursery every day!
Reception	Maddison	For showing a fantastic understanding of doubling numbers, practising both during teaching time and in play.
Year 1	Frances	For always being ready to learn and trying her best.
Year 2	Elena	For always trying her best in everything she does.
Year 3	Harry	For excellent answers during our history lessons about the Ancient Greeks.
Year 4	Coby	For excellent participation in History lessons and fantastic recall of historical facts.
Year 5	Ryan	For excellent work in all subjects this week!
Year 6	James	For some excellent work in art and a great attitude to helping others.

House Points

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

Congratulations to **St Cuthbert's** who have earned the most house points this week.

Times Table Rock Star

This week's 'Rockstars of the Week' is **Grace!** 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 another week's victory in the KS2 TTRS challenge!

St Joseph's are currently 11th on the leader board for schools in our area. Let's try and get into the top 10!

Attendance

This week's attendance is 91%.

Our target is 97%.

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.4%	92.7%	88.7%	91.1%	86.2%	95.1%	90.7%	91%

Updated 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	Whole school	Mass at St Joseph's 9.30am
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
Monday 8 th July	Year 6	Combined Y6 Leavers' Mass involving pupils from St Joseph's, St Patrick's, St Mary's and Sacred Heart. St Joseph's Church 6pm All welcome.
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
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