



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER: 21st June 2024

Dear Families,

First Holy Communion

Thank you, to the wonderful pupils from St Joseph's and St Mary's, for the way you conducted yourselves during our First Holy Communion Mass last Saturday. We were extremely proud of you. You were prayerful and respectful; your behaviour was excellent, and you read and sang beautifully. We could not ask for more.

Thank you, to all staff, families, Fr Shaun, Deacon Paul and parishioners for your contribution in making the occasion so special. We very much enjoyed our gathering in school afterwards.

New Reception Starters

It was great to see so many children, who will be joining us in Reception in September, participate in our school start event this week. Pupils and their families had the opportunity to explore school and meet different members of staff. Of course, many children will move up from our Nursery, but it was a great opportunity for those new to our school, to find their feet!

Sports Days

Amazingly, considering the weather of late, all our sports days were able to proceed as planned this week. How lucky are we? It was great to see the smiles and enthusiasm from our youngest to oldest pupils. We were all very impressed with our Year 6 pupils for leading the activities. Well done, for encouraging and supporting your schoolmates – it made a big difference to everyone's enjoyment. Thank you, also, to all family and friends who were able to attend.

Food Bank Donations

A reminder that our Community Club, led by Mrs Ashby, is collecting 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 can give, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Prayer Garden

Our prayer garden is coming on a treat! Thank you, to staff, pupils and families who have helped us so far. Your support is, as always, much appreciated. 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 can help with this, please contact the school office.

Book Fair

Pupils from St Joseph's, love reading. This was clear with the buzz of excitement generated from the recent book fair. Thank you, for all your support. The commission received by school will be spread out across year groups and spent on new books for all classes.

Year 6 Residential

We are praying the good weather continues next week as our Year 6 class head off for the residential. We are sure they will have a brilliant time – rain or shine!

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.

Football Trials

Thank you to all the children from Year 3, 4 and 5 who attended football trials this week. We will be having another session before the end of the school year. We will inform you when we have a date in place.

Star of the Week

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



Nursery	Ada	For always trying her best in everything that we do!
Reception	Noah	For Amazing independent writing in play
Year 1	Rudi	For writing an amazing story this week.
Year 2	Izzy A	For trying very hard in her work this week.
Year 3	Madeline	For some excellent contributions to our class discussions this week.
Year 4	Ellen	For some excellent contributions to lessons throughout the week.
Year 5	Harry	Excellent answers in all lessons this week.
Year 6	Adam	For his fantastic contribution to Sports Day

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 'Rockstar of the Week' is Coby! Well done, for your amazing multiplication and fantastic studio speed! He has received our new TTRS guitars to display in his class this week to remind him and his peers of how amazing he is at his tables. 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! They now have over 3000 points and are cruising to victory in our termly challenge! Can Years 3, 5 and 6 make a comeback? St Joseph's are currently 10th on the leaderboard for schools in our area – so we are moving up! Let's try and get into the top 5 by the end of the term.

Attendance

This week's attendance is 93.8%.

Our target is 97%.

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
82.8%	93%	92.7%	88.2%	88.6%	90.8%	85.2%	93.9%

Updated Diary of Events

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 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