



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER: 28th June 2024

Dear Families,

Not long now to the end of term and it is wonderful to see our school so full of busy!

Nick Hurn Chief Executive Officer of BWCET visit

It was lovely to welcome Mr Hurn to St Joseph's, this week. As I'm sure you would expect, he was extremely complimentary about our school. Behaviour was exemplary and Mr Hurn enjoyed the chance to meet and chat with pupils from Nursery to Year 5. Some children even drew him a few pictures which I am sure are sitting in his office now!

Year 6 Residential Visit

Our Year 6 class have enjoyed a brilliant, week-long, camping residential this week. They have been abseiling, raft building, gorge walking, paddle-boarding to name but a few of the amazing activities on offer. For many, these challenges will be out of their comfort zone, but everyone was ready to give things a go. Well done! We are very impressed with your resilience and fantastic teamwork.

Huge thanks to Mr Haveron, Miss Glendenning and Miss Morton for giving your time, your energy and your enthusiasm. It is very much appreciated! It is because of such great commitment from staff that schools can offer experiences such as these.

New Reception Pupils Stay and Play

It has been great to see our new Reception pupils and their families in school this week.

We have a lovely group of 30 pupils joining us in September – which means our Reception class is full.

Prayer Garden

We are delighted that we are making good use of our prayer garden. We held our Celebration of the Word outdoors on Monday morning, enjoying the sunshine and the birds singing. We concentrated on the scripture Mark 4: 36 – 41 Jesus Calms the Storm.

Thank you, to our pupils and family members who have helped us to develop this area. It is special because we have worked together to create it. Our pupils are free to access this space whenever they want, to say a prayer or have a chat with Jesus. Classes will also be accessing the garden for pupil led prayer.

Year Group Celebrations

Please make sure you check out our Diary of Events for next week as we start our Year Group Celebrations. Classes will present some highlights of the past year and all our welcome to enjoy this learning journey. After each celebration, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's next teacher who will be talking about the curriculum and year group expectations. This will help you have a greater understanding of the type of work to be covered and how to support your child in this transition.

Science Fayre

Our Year 4 class had a fantastic time at St Leonard's this week as they participated in the Science Fayre. There were a huge range of activities to explore, and our pupils confidently presented their own science investigation – which flavoured ice-cream melts the quickest (answer is chocolate)! Our pupils were awarded silver place.

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 are able to give, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Class Organisation 2024 – 2025

Year Group	Class Teacher
Nursery	Mrs McCormick
Reception	Mrs Burgess
Year 1	Mrs Forbes
Year 2	Miss Morton
Year 3	Mrs Ashby and Mrs Spinks
Year 4	Mrs Shiels
Year 5	Miss Ryan
Year 6	Mr Haveron

Star of the Week

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



Nursery	Charlotte	For always being a fantastic role model in Nursery.
Reception	Jenson	For being such a kind and caring friend towards all children in our EYFS unit.
Year 1	Jayden	For working so hard and trying his best in all lessons.
Year 2	Freddie R	For completing some fantastic work on time in maths this week.
Year 3	Isla-Rae	For her excellent presentation and positive attitude to work.
Year 4	Emie	For fantastic contributions to the planning of our science fayre project.
Year 5	Teddy	For an excellent piece of persuasive writing.
Year 6	Everyone	Always showing a great attitude.

Times Table Rock Star

This week's 'Rockstars of the Week' is Olly! 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 5 on their victory in the KS2 Times Tables Battle! Well done! Over the course of this half term, they amassed an amazing points! They will receive their reward during the first week back to school after half term.

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.

Attendance

This week's attendance is 95%.

Our target is 97%.

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.8%	93.3%	100%	96.7%	95.9%	94.8%	94.9%	91.6%

Updated Diary of Events

Monday 1 st July	Year 5	Celebration Event 2pm – 2:30pm. Year 5 families welcome Followed by Meet the Year 6 Teacher 2:30pm
Monday 1 st - Tuesday 2 nd 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. All Year 6 children expected to attend
Tuesday 9 th July	Reception	Celebration Event 2pm- 2:30pm, 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