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## Newsletter: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners,

It has been a wonderful first week back at St. Joseph's. It has been lovely to see the classrooms and corridors buzz with excitement and learning. The children have settled in so well and have really impressed me with their outstanding behaviour, excellent attitudes to their learning and the great pride that they have for their school.

I would also like to say a big thank you to you all for welcoming me into your school community. It has been lovely to speak with lots of you on the yard each day. I do hope that you can attend school next Thursday at 2 30pm as I share my vision with you all and introduce myself formally.

Below, you will see below the wonderful things that have been happening this week in school. Thank you to our fantastic staff team who always ensure that our children get the best learning opportunities. We are blessed with such incredible children.

**Welcome Mass:** On Thursday morning at 9 30am, we have our Welcome Mass in Church with Father Shaun. You are all very welcome to join us.

**Attendance:** Next week, you will receive our updated Attendance Policy. Attendance is a priority at St. Joseph's, so please do take time to read it.

Finally, congratulations to our newly appointed Head Boy and Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Girl and all our award winners this week. We are so proud of you all! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Urwin

### **Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care**

If your child wishes to attend breakfast club and/or wraparound care this must be booked and paid for on ARBOR.

Registering a child for a wraparound care club using the Parent Portal or Arbor App is a simple process.

- From the main Parent Portal page, scroll down to the Activities section and click on the field with the child's name and Clubs in.
- The **All Clubs** page will list any clubs the child is currently a member of and any clubs that are currently open for them to join. Click on the appropriate club from the **Clubs open to (Child's Name)** list to open up that club's information page.
- The club information page will display membership and timetable information. Any existing membership into the club for the pupil will be displayed. To sign your child up for the club simply click on **Register For This Club** in the top right-hand corner of the page.
- In the slide over, choose the membership period to sign up for - this may be a day, a term or the whole academic year

## PE Days

Please find below PE days for each year group. Like last year, on children's allocated PE days, they will come to school wearing their PE kits. These consist of school jumper/cardigan, coloured team t-shirt, plain black shorts/joggers/leggings and trainers/plimsoles.

Year 1- Thursday and Friday

Year 2- Monday and Friday

Year 3- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4- Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5- Monday and Friday

Year 6- Wednesday and Thursday (swimming)

## Swimming

As a part of the primary PE curriculum, children will take part in swimming lessons while they are in Years 4, 5 and 6. These swimming lessons take place on Thursdays at 2pm at the Louisa Centre, Stanley. On children's allocated swimming day, they are required to bring in their swimming kit in a bag/backpack. This includes swimming trunks/shorts/costume (no bikinis or long board shorts) and a towel. Goggles are optional. There may be times where children are asked to take goggles off during lessons for the survival skills elements of the curriculum. They should wear their PE kit on their allocated swimming day to make getting changed easier. Below is the allocated year groups for swimming each half term.

Autumn 1- Year 6

Autumn 2- Year 4

Spring 1- Year 5

Spring 2- Year 4

Summer 1- Year 4

Summer 2- Year 6

Lessons this half term will commence on Thursday 12th September.



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.

**This week's attendance is 96.3%. Our target is 97%**

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.9%	96.3%	100%	95.8%	98.6%	98.3%	95.1%	90.5%

### Star of the Week



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

Nursery	Freddy	For being an amazing role model and kind friend.
Reception	Beau	For settling straight into life at St. Joseph's and showing kindness to others.
Year 1	Emily	For her excellent work in all areas of provision.
Year 2	Jayden	For his excellent independent work in RE.
Year 3	Eliza	For great effort and enthusiasm in Spanish
Year 4	Thea	For having an excellent attitude to learning.
Year 5	Teeannah	For excellent work with place value.
Year 6	Aimee	For some excellent work in maths when solving long multiplication problems.

### Awards of the week

**Captains Table:** Oliver D, Rita, Leon, Ollie R, Harvey B, Leyland, Jacob F, Esmae

**Mission Statement:** Marco, Desmond, Edith, Finlay, Wealth, Rio, Tia, Annabel

**British Values:** Jasmine, Livi, Cobey, Reid, Maryam, Aria M, Poppy, TJ

**EYFS:** What a wonderful first week the boys and girls in Nursery and Reception have had! They have enjoyed listening to stories, singing songs and exploring our EYFS unit both indoors and out. We are having fun getting to know each other and are so proud of how well the children have settled into life at St. Joseph's!



**Year 1:** Year 1 have had an excellent week settling into their new classroom. I am so impressed with all of their hard work in RE, history and phonics so far. They have had fun exploring our areas of provision. I think role play and construction are firm favourites. Well done Year 1, have a lovely weekend.



**Year 2:** Year 2 have settled in very well to their new classroom. It has been lovely seeing the children excited to be back in school learning and with their friends. This week, Year 2 have been introduced to their new topic in History, The

Great Fire of London. They are very eager to be able to find out more about this in the next few weeks. Also,

children have produced some lovely RE work and have spent some time praying in the outdoor prayer area. Well done Year 2!





**Year 3:** Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the new school year. They have worked extremely hard in Maths on place value, have produced some excellent writing in English and have loved learning Spanish for the first time. Keep up the hard work and impeccable behaviour Year 3!



**Year 4:** Year 4 have had a fantastic first week back in school. We have been working extremely hard in all areas and we have all had a wonderfully positive attitude to our learning. We have settled in well to our new classroom and we are looking forward to all of the new topics we will be covering this year!

**Year 5:** Year 5 are off to a flying start! It has been lovely to meet with our class family, once again, and great to get stuck into work. We already have children recommending class books to their friends -



this is brilliant to see. There were some very thoughtful responses in RE, this week, when pupils shared their hopes and dreams for the future. What a talented bunch there are! We are looking forward to a great year.

**Year 6:** Year 6 have had a brilliant first week at school. They have acted as role models for the younger children and have made a fantastic impression on staff and visitors. They have worked hard in class and have produced some excellent RE work. They ended the week with some exceptional speeches as part of their Head Boy and Girl applications.

