



**Our Mission statement at St Joseph's encompasses our ethos and values:**

Inspired by Jesus, we grow closer to God through prayer and worship. We always do our best and show respect, love and care for everyone.



## Reading Stars



Well done to these lucky children whose tickets were drawn this week.

Reception—Kaira  
Year 1— Jessica  
Year 2- Darcie  
Year 3— Bodhi  
Year 4—Darcie  
Year 5— Kris

Congratulations to **Amelia in Y1** who won the half term raffle and selected a lovely book from the book hamper.

Thankyou to all the parents who have listened to and read with your children this week, you are making a huge difference in their lives—well done.

## Archaeologist Visit

Y3 had an amazing visitor this week. They had a fun and exciting afternoon looking at a range of artefacts from the Stone Age period as part of their history topic. Year 3 blow me away every week with their amazing knowledge and our visitor was very impressed with the speed and accuracy of their answers—well done Y3. More photos on the class page on the website.



## First Half Term

As we come to the end of our first half term this new academic year it is a good time to reflect back on all the wonderful things the children have taken part in.

- We welcomed our new Reception class who have all settled in beautifully.
- All the children had the opportunity to meet and listen to a published author—Eamonn Reilly.
- The school football team and the girls football team have both had some successful matches.
  - Y6 visited the Museum of science and industry in Manchester.
  - Y5 & Y6 have both completed their swimming lessons this year.
- The children performing Shakespeare in November had the chance to visit the new theatre in Prescott and even got up on stage to perform their play.
  - Y4 visited the Walker Art Gallery as part of their history topic.
  - The cross-country team all persevered and completed the course.
    - All the children enjoyed the disco.
    - Y6 attended Colomendy residential.
- Y1 are continuing their recorder sessions with Mr Hughes and Y2 are enjoying learning how to play the ukulele.
  - Y3 enjoyed a visit from an archaeologist.

### Next half term we have so much to look forward to:

- Open Afternoon 2/11/22
  - Photographs 4/11/22
  - Y5 geography field trip 8/11/22
- All KS2 classes to visit the library 4/11/22 or 11/11/22
  - Shakespeare Performance 16/11/22
  - Parents evening 30/11/22 & 1/12/22
  - Whole school Panto visit 6/12/22
  - Cathedral Advent Service (Y3/4) 8/12/22
  - Christmas Performances (Dates to be confirmed)
- Christmas dinner & parties (Week Beginning 19th December)

I am really looking forward to the next half term.

## School Disco

The children had a wonderful time at the school disco on Friday.

More photos available on the website.



## Y6 Residential

Y6 have returned from an exciting time at Colomendy. They have had a busy few days and have enjoyed all the different challenges they faced from being away from home to the physical challenges of buggy building and zip wire to some facing their fears and completing the caving task. Well done Y6.

More photos on the Y6 page on the website.



**OPEN  
AFTERNOON**

## Open Afternoon


A reminder that school will be holding an open afternoon for any parents looking for a Reception class place for their child for September 2023. Please let friends, family or neighbours know about the afternoon. It will be held on Wednesday 2nd November and will start at 1:30.

## Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Friday 4th November** in the morning to take individual and family photographs.



## Attendance

|                                                                                      |        |
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| R                                                                                    | 97%    |
| Y1                                                                                   | 90%    |
| Y2                                                                                   | 94.44% |
| Y3                                                                                   | 86.97% |
| Y4                                                                                   | 98.81% |
| Y5                                                                                   | 94%    |
|  Y6 | 98.85% |

Remember attending school is so important, as is  
being on time.

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance is 94.3%

Green met the target or exceeded, yellow just below, red  
is below and must be improved.

**Well done Year 6 you have won the  
attendance this week. Very closely followed by Y4 !**

## School Menu

This week the children will have a 3 choices. Option 1 will be a hot meal (see table below), option 2 will be a jacket potato and Option 3 will be sandwiches.

|          | Monday                    | Tuesday                 | Wednesday                                                         | Thursday          | Friday               |
|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Option 1 | Sausage & Mash with gravy | Chicken Korma with rice | <b>Chicken Burger &amp; chips</b><br>£1 special World Cup warm up | Roast Beef Dinner | Fish fingers & Chips |

### Next week:

- Open Afternoon Wednesday 2nd November at 1:30
- Gymnastics competition for squad on Wednesday 2nd November
- Photographs Friday 4th November

**Have a lovely half term, fingers crossed for nice weather.**

**See you all back on Monday 31st October safe and well.**

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy