



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.

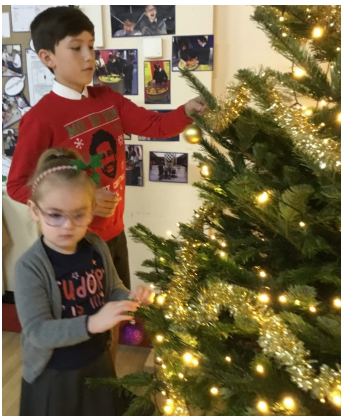
Reception—Charlie
Year 1— Thomas
Year 2- Thomas Hu
Year 3— Alex
Year 4—Stevie-Leigh
Year 5—Jacob
Year 6—Jonah

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.

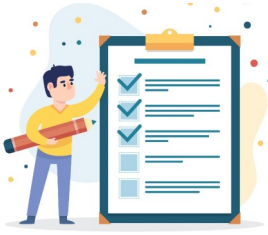
Tree Dressing

It was a lovely assembly today where the whole school gathered together to celebrate the start of the advent season by lighting the first two candles on the wreath and decorating our Christmas tree. Each class sang a Christmas song and we all joined in with some of our favourites—definitely feeling in the Christmas mood now.

Thomas and Phoebe were the first to hang a decoration as they are the eldest and youngest child in the school.



Parents Evening



Thank you to everyone who attended this weeks parents evenings. If you didn't get the opportunity to fill out the parent view questionnaire on the night your child will have been given a form for you to fill in. Please return them by Monday 5th giving us the opportunity to analyse the results.

Santa Dash

Children will be taking part in a Santa Dash around the school ground (weather permitting) on Friday 9th December. Children are to come into school on that day with PE kits on. They can also wear an item of clothing featuring Santa or wear a Santa hat. The children loved this last year and I am hoping the weather is kind and we can repeat it. The children may bring in a donation that day for the local foodbank as we are very aware of how some families will struggle over the Christmas period. All donations are voluntary and this is not compulsory. Please no fresh food but tins and packets will be appreciated by a family in the local area.



Attendance Awards



School will be running a special attendance raffle during December and January. Every child who has 100% attendance will be entered into a draw each week to win a £5 voucher for them and a £10 voucher for their parents. Every week will be a new start and the draw will be made every Friday (apart from the last week where we will draw the winner on Wednesday).

Well done to Layla in Y4 who was our first winner.



Congratulations



A huge well done to Darcie in Y5 who has been selected to play for Knowsley School girls under 11's. Fantastic news Darcie we are all so proud of you here at St Joseph's.

Toys from the past

Year 1 had a visitor this week who brought along a selection of historical toys. Don't think the staff were happy when some of our most loved toys are now seen as historical artefacts!!!

The children loved learning about the different toys and could even play with some of them. Can you spot any of your old favourites from the photos?



Well Done



Another huge congratulations to Max in Y4 who has been signed by Blackpool FC as a goalkeeper. I know how hard you have worked for this Max—well don and keep up all the hard work—perseverance really does work.

Everyone at St Joseph's is extremely prod of you!


Website

Please make sure you continue to check out the website—each class has a page full of wonderful photos of the activities that they have been doing.

Also on each class page there is a clear breakdown of what your child will be learning each term in every subject.

Attendance

Well done Y4 who have won the attendance this week they are now drawing with Y6—who will win the pizza party ?

R	87.7%
Y1	93.3%
Y2	94.8%
Y3	96.6%
 Y4	98.9%
Y5	85.7%
Y6	95.5%

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 4 you have won the
attendance this week .**

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	Chicken Burger with Crisscuts	Packed Lunch Panto day	Chicken Korma with rice	Roast Chicken Dinner	Fish & wedges

Next week:

- Whole school at the Panto (Tuesday 6th December)
- Y3/4 Cathedral Advent Service
- Santa Dash—children to wear PE kits (Friday 9th December)

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy