



**St Joseph's Catholic
Primary School**

09/12/2022

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—Favour

Year 1— Daisy

Year 2- Shea

Year 3— Nell

Year 4—Poppy

Year 5—Scarlett C

Year 6— Zeffie

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.

Christmas Dinner



The children will be having their Christmas Dinner in school on Tuesday 20th December.

If your child is in KS2 and normally brings a packed lunch to school you can pay for a Christmas dinner through parent pay, the cost will be £2.10. All children in KS1 and Reception will be able to choose a Christmas dinner that day or jacket potato or sandwich as usual.

The children will also be celebrating in the afternoon with class parties. The children can wear their party outfits for the day—please choose sensible flat footwear as the children will be going out to play as normal. They will take part in party games and lots and lots of dancing - start practising your dancing everybody.





Pantomime

The children and staff had a wonderful time all together at the panto on Tuesday. As always our children were beautifully behaved throughout the performance. It was lovely to see the children laughing and singing along. Thank you to all the helpers who gave up their time to accompany the children and join the long line of children as we walked the whole school up to the pantomime.

Advent Service

Year 3 and 4 were very lucky to visit the Cathedral on Wednesday and take part in the annual Advent service. The children formed a choir with over 700 children from around the city to accompany the actors and the dancers in their performance. The children were wonderfully behaved and enjoyed this special opportunity with many of the children entering the Cathedral for the very first time.



Santa Dash

The dreadful weather got in the way of the Santa Dash today between the icy conditions this morning and the rain, hail and sleet this afternoon we did not venture outside today. Each class completed some exercise in class or in the hall and I am sure the children still enjoyed dressing up and exercising together.



Food Bank Donations

Thank you so much for all your donations for the local food bank, they will be very much appreciated this winter. You always amaze me with your generosity and kindness for others who may be struggling.
Thank you.



100% Attendance Winner

Well done to Gracie in Y3 who won the 100% Attendance Raffle. She was delighted to win. Remember we start fresh every week so don't worry if you were sick this week you could still be in with a chance if you are in every day next week. Fingers crossed!



Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everybody who filled out a parent questionnaire on parents evening. We had 130 forms completed and it was heart-warming to see 130 forms stating that your child was happy here at St Joseph's and that 98% of you would recommend St Joseph's to another parent.

We will use these questionnaires to help further develop and continue our support for you and the children. For example a few parents felt they weren't informed of what the children would be learning throughout the year. Can I remind everyone that this information and much more is on the school website and in particular on the class pages.

On your child's class page there is a detailed breakdown of what your child will learn in every subject during the term—this is changed at the start of every term. Also a sheet containing the same information is sent home with your child at the start of the term—if you do not get this please inform the office and we will send another copy home as soon as possible. Please also keep an eye on these class pages as staff regularly upload photographs of the different work that is carried out e.g pictures of science investigations, DT work etc

We will continue to analyse the results and continue to communicate any findings with you. Thankyou for your honesty and the lovely comments many parents left .



Poppy Appeal


The British Legion got in touch to thank St Joseph's for raising money when selling the poppies during October. The children raised £90. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this total.

Future Dates—Busy Time

- Tuesday 13th December—KS2 Christmas Singing Performance 9:30 & 2:00
- Thursday 15th December—KS1 Nativity Performance 9:30 & 2:00
- Monday 19th December—Reception Nativity Performance 2:00
- Tuesday 20th December—Christmas Draw Assembly—fingers crossed
- Tuesday 20th December—Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 20th December—Christmas Parties—Party clothes day
- **Wednesday 21st December—Children finish 1:30**

Attendance

Well done Y1 who have won the attendance this week .



R	92.3%
Y1	94.7%
Y2	93.8%
Y3	93.1%
Y4	91.4%
Y5	94.7%
Y6	93.4%

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

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance is 94.2%

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

**Well done Year 1 you have won the
attendance this week you beat Year 5 as
they had 9 lates you had 4—remember be in
school every day on time.**

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	Chicken Tikka with rice	Chicken wrap with rice & salad	Roast Beef Dinner	Fish fingers & chips

Next week:

- KS2 Christmas singing performance 9:30 & 2:00 Tuesday 13th December
- KS1 Nativity performance 9:30 & 2:00 Thursday 15th December
- Y6 Police visit to learn about the history of the police force

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy