



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—Alfie D
Year 1— Vinnie
Year 2- Peggie
Year 3— Gracie
Year 4—Max D
Year 5—Lewis
Year 6— Jonah

Thank you 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.

Book Winner

Well done to Penny in Year 1 who won the reading book raffle. All the children who win a raffle ticket each week are entered into a draw to win a book every half term. Penny was delighted to win today and took home a lovely new book to share with her family. Well done Penny.



100% Attendance Winner

Well done to Marc-Anthony in Y2 who won the 100% Attendance Raffle. He 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!



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 chose 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.



Food Bank Donations



Another big thank you for all your donations for the local food bank, they will be very much appreciated this winter. You always amaze me with the wealth of your generosity and kindness for others who may be struggling. The school Mini-Vinnies collected all the food together and boxed them up ready for collection.

Thank you.

School Choir

The school choir entertained the school this morning along with the help of Year 3 and 4. Year 3 and 4 sang some of the songs they have been learning with Mr Townley during singling lessons. The school choir then sang several songs they have been practising after school.



The school choir is open to KS2 and is held on Mondays after school till 4:15. If you would like to join after Christmas please ask your class teacher for a letter.

In the spring term Mr Townley will start singing lessons with Years 5 and 6.

Christmas Performances

Well done to everybody this week for some wonderful Christmas performances. Strange to think we haven't had a live Christmas performance since 2019! The children were absolutely wonderful throughout and made me extremely proud. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped put together the performances—well done everybody involved.




Care Home Visit



Children in Y5 & 6 visited the local Care Home this week to bring some festive cheer by singing some Christmas songs. The residents were delighted to see the children and the staff always say it is a highlight of the year for them. Thank you children.

Attendance

Well done Y3 who have won the attendance this week .

R	87.3%
Y1	91.7%
Y2	86.9%
 Y3	94.5%
Y4	92.5%
Y5	93%
Y6	93.1%

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

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance is 93.9%

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

**Well done Year 3 you have won the
attendance this week. 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
Option 1	Cheese & Ham Panini	Christmas Dinner	Fish & chips

Next week:

- Reception Nativity Performance 2pm—Monday 19th December
- Christmas Dinner—Tuesday 20th December
- Christmas Party—Tuesday 20th December—afternoon
- Party clothes on Tuesday 20th December
- Christmas Draw Assembly—Tuesday 20th December
- **Children finish 1:30 Wednesday 21st December**

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy