



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

Everyone Together with Jesus

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—Eloise
- Year 1— Nathan
- Year 2- Harry
- Year 3— Caleb
- Year 4— Skyla
- Year 5— Max L
- Year 6— Paul

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.

**School Value
Award Winners**

Reception	Woody
Year 1	Amelia O
Year 2	Alfie D
Year 3	Leo
Year 4	Marc- Anthony
Year 5	Ruan
Year 6	Dixie

Sports Champions

Reception	Matilda
Year 1	Paul
Year 2	Favour
Year 3	Penny T
Year 4	George
Year 5	Orla
Year 6	Clayton

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in the Parish.



Prayer and Liturgy

Our prayer and Liturgy focus this week is :

Service

Mass times at St Agnes and St Aidan's Church this weekend

Saturday 6th December 2024: 5:30pm

Sunday 7th December 2024: 10:30am



Our RE topic is : Judaism

St Joseph pray for us and our Parish—St Joseph pray for us.

Sharing Wednesday's Word with parents/carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about John the Baptist calling people to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival. John alerted the people of the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming. This Gospel can serve to remind us about the importance of preparing ourselves as Christmas approaches: to repent (to look into our hearts and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better), and to be busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do, loving God and loving one another through our words and through our deeds. In these ways we prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed. Enjoy a very special time together hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is PREPARATION.

A Word from Pope Francis:

"In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas. "



100% Attendance Winner

Well done to Holly in Year 5 who won the 100% Attendance Raffle.

100% Punctuality Winner

Well done to Favour in Year 2 who won the 100% Punctuality Raffle.

Travelling Crib—' Posada '

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in a lovely tradition called 'Posada' (Spanish for 'inn') it is a Christmas activity when small versions of Mary and Joseph travel around different households and stay there for one night. Posada is a chance to host Mary and Joseph - to make room for Jesus at Christmas time! This activity helps us to remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem, and as a family take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.



Over the next couple of weeks each child will have the chance to bring home the small figures and a small booklet explaining what to do. If you would like to take a photograph and email it into school we will include it on the school website. Please ensure that you return the figures the next day so we can pass it on to the next family.

Year 5 and Year 6 Mass

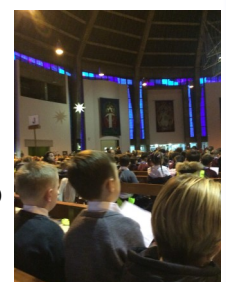
Thank you to Father Anton for a lovely mass on Monday when Year 5 and 6 attended church. It was a lovely Advent service where the children were allowed to light the first Advent candle.



Advent Service

Year 3 and 4 were part of the choir at the Cathedral Advent Service. The children were beautifully behaved and enjoyed being part of the service with so many different schools. Well done children and what a lovely way to start Christmas celebrations.

More photographs will be on the website next week.



Attendance


Well done to **Year 2** who have won the attendance this week as they drew with Year 1 it came down to who had the least lates—well done to Year 2.

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

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance for this week is 96.5%
Green met the target or exceeded, yellow just below, red is below and must be improved.

Please remember punctuality is as important as attendance please ensure your child in in school on time everyday.

R	89%
Y1	99.3%
 Y2	99.3%
Y3	95%
Y4	97.1%
Y5	97.9%
Y6	97.9%

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	Meat pie with mash	All day break-fast	Chicken curry with rice and naan bread	Roast Gammon Dinner	Fish stars & Wedges

Next week:

- Y5 & Y6 Christmas Performance 2pm 10/12/24
- Y6 pupils singing at Huyton Library—Wednesday 11th December—pm
- Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance 2pm 12/12/24

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy