



**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—Zac
- Year 1— Niamh
- Year 2- Theon
- Year 3— Isobel
- Year 4— Emmanuel
- Year 5— Wiktor
- Year 6— Eabha

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	Aspen
Year 1	Millie
Year 2	Bobby
Year 3	Caleb
Year 4	Oliver Mc
Year 5	Alex
Year 6	Max N

**Mission Statement Competition**

As a school we have been reflecting on our Mission Statement and how it helps us understand how to behave in and around school. It has been about 15 years since a little girl in Year 1 designed the Mission Statement poster we have displayed around school.

We looked again at our mission statement and discussed what it means to us. Every child has designed their own poster and we will choose some winners from each class and then an overall winner which will be displayed around school. Judging will happen next week—fingers crossed!!

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in the Parish.



### Prayer and Liturgy

Our prayer and Liturgy focus this week is :

**Compassion**

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

Saturday 8th February 2025: 5:30pm

Sunday 9th February 2025: 10:30am



**Our RE topic is : Eucharist (Relating)**

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

### Sharing Wednesday's Word with parents/carers.

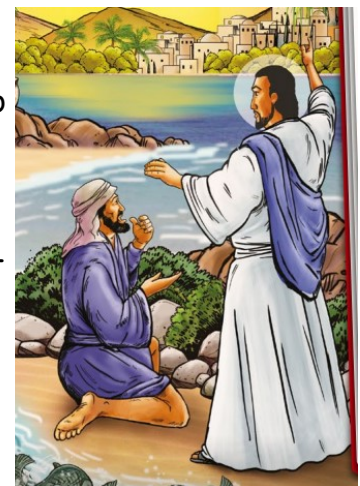
In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter (after a night of failed fishing) is finally successful and realises his true calling because he listens to and follows Jesus' instructions. It's important to make the right choice about who or what we follow in life.

Simply following our desires and feelings, which often change, can leave us feeling unsatisfied. Jesus invites each and every one of us to make following him our most important priority.

We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, try to make peace, and make others feel welcome. Choosing to follow him is not always easy but it really does guide and help our families to keep growing in wisdom and love. Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is FOLLOW.

**A Word from Pope Francis:**

“To follow Jesus means to share his love for every human being.”



### 100% Attendance Winner

Well done to Willow in Reception who won the 100% Attendance Raffle.

### 100% Punctuality Winner

Well done to Freya in Reception who won the 100% Punctuality Raffle.

### Mrs Byrne

We would like to wish Mrs Byrne good luck as she takes time off to have her baby today. We are excited to hear news whether it's a boy or a girl and all the children and staff have been guessing for weeks. I hope Mrs Byrne can get some well deserved rest before baby number 2 appears. Good luck Mrs Byrne we will all miss you. Miss Havard has been working with Year 1 since Christmas and will take over teaching until Mrs Byrne returns.



### Mrs Brown



Mrs Brown is sadly leaving St Joseph's next week after a staggering 28 years working here, after volunteering as a parent helper for 6 years—a grand total of 34 years !!. She has been a much valued member of the St Joseph's team working with thousands of children and supporting many members of staff to ensure every child has the best support and care possible. Mrs Brown is very dear to us all and she was the first TA who I worked with when I arrived at the school 17 years ago, her warm, caring nature made me feel welcomed into this wonderful school. I am sure many of the children currently in school have special memories but also many of our past pupils will look back fondly on their time here due to the support and guidance she gave. I would like to thank Mrs Brown on behalf of everybody involved in the St Joseph's family and wish her well in her retirement.


### Chinese New Year

The Hung Gar Kung Fu Club came into school last week to help celebrate Chinese New Year. The afternoon was full of noise and colour as the children watched the Chinese Lion Dance, listened to the story of how the different years got their names and also watched in awe as the Chinese Dragon lit up the hall in a special show. The children watched in fascination and even a lucky few caught a bit of lettuce from the lions.



## Attendance

Well done to **Year 3** who have won the attendance this week.

R	95%
Y1	71%
Y2	91%
 Y3	99%
Y4	91%
Y5	97%
Y6	84%

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

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance for this week is 90%  
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 is in school on time everyday.

## 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	Shredded crispy chicken, vegetables & noodles.	All day Break-fast	Chicken Curry with rice & Naan bread	Roast Gammon Dinner	Fish Stars & Wedges

### Next week:

- Y6 Therapy Boxing—Monday afternoon
- Shakespeare workshop—Tuesday morning
- Shakespeare performance—Tuesday Evening
- Y3 Trip to the Synagogue Wednesday 12th February am
- CLC for Y1 & 2—Wednesday 12th February
- Break up for Half Term at 2pm

**Keep Safe and God Bless**

**Ms McIlroy**