



**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.

## Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school this week. The children all look wonderful a real credit to you all—thank you.



### Parents/Carers Meetings

Over the following two weeks school will be holding a Parents/Carers Meeting for each class. This will give you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and also find out about the expectations for the upcoming year.

The meetings will be held at 2:30 on the following days.

- Y3—Monday 8th September
- Y1—Tuesday 9th September
- Y4—Wednesday 10th September
- Y2—Thursday 11th September
- Y6—Friday 12th September
- Y5—Monday 15th September

Meet the  
**TEACHER**

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



### Prayer and Liturgy

Our prayer and Liturgy focus this week is :

**Respecting Others**

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

Saturday 6th September: 5:30pm

Sunday 7th September : 9:00 & 10:30am



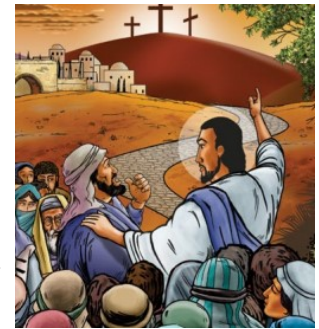
### Our RE topic is : Family

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

### Sharing Sunday's Gospel with parents/carers.

**"We understand that loyalty to God is a matter of loyalty to a person to whom we are bound to walk together on the same road. And this person is Jesus." Pope Francis**

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that, to be Jesus' friends, we must put our loyalty to him before anything else in our life. Ask your child what the word 'loyalty' means to them. Who stands out to them as being a loyal friend - someone who stays with them in both good and difficult times? What other qualities make a loyal friend? We can all ask God to help us to grow in loyalty - it's a gift worth asking for.



**"Jesus is the loyal friend who never abandons us." Pope Francis**

To be loyal is to be faithful, reliable, supportive and trustworthy - to keep promises and stand up for the truth. Being loyal to Jesus is not always easy. He asks us to take up our cross. This means that we must sometimes do difficult things like saying sorry or helping when we don't want to. In what other ways can we show our loyalty to Jesus in the new school year? Perhaps we can: always try to love our neighbour as ourselves; spend time with Jesus and listen to him through daily prayer; be self-giving - always trying to put others' needs before our own; try to forgive others in the same way that Jesus forgives us

## PE lessons

We are delighted to welcome our new sports coach Mr Standing to St Joseph's. For PE lessons please ensure children have the correct PE kit for these days. White t-shirt, plain black shorts and plain black trainers. Trainers, like school shoes, must be plain, pure black, no logos or other colours allowed. Can we ask all long hair to be tied back and no earrings are allowed on PE days for health and safety reasons.

Thank you for your support with this.

Reception—Thursday

Year 1—Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2—Monday & Tuesday

Year 3—Monday & Tuesday

Year 4—Tuesday & Thursday

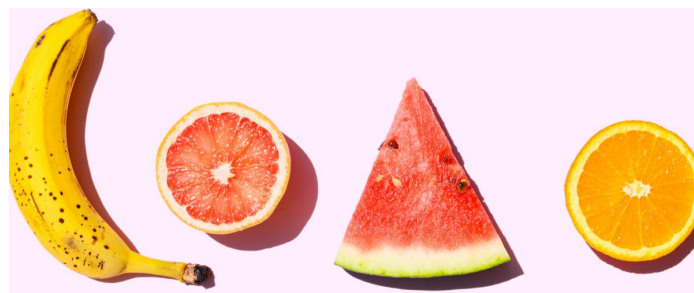
Year 5—Monday & Thursday

Year 6—Tuesday & Thursday



## KS2 Playtime Snack

As the children are no longer provided with a snack in KS2, parents are able to send in some fruit for the children to eat during morning break. As we are working to achieve Healthy Schools status please only provide fruit as a snack. Other suitable snacks would be a box of raisins or a small cheese such as a babybel etc. Please do not send the children in with crisps or breakfast bars or anything containing chocolate etc. Thank you for helping us achieve our Healthy Schools status and supporting us on this journey.



## Attendance

Well done to **Year 5** who have won the attendance this week !

Y1	93.8%
Y2	91.3%
Y3	94.9%
Y4	92.9%
Y5	99.1%
Y6	84.5%



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

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance for this week is 92.8%  
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	Chicken burger & Wedges	Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	Chicken Tikka Masala with rice & naan bread	Roast Beef Dinner	Fish fingers and Chips

### Next week:

- Y3 Parents meeting—Monday 8th at 2:30
- CLC for Y6 & Y5 on Tuesday 9th
- Y1 Parent Meeting—Tuesday 9th at 2:30
- Y4 Parents meeting—Wednesday 10th at 2:30
- Y2 Parents Meeting—Thursday 11th at 2:30
- Y6 Parents Meeting—Friday 12th at 2:30

**Keep Safe and God Bless**

**Ms McIlroy**