



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—Jenine

Year 1— Woody

Year 2- Finn

Year 3— Emily

Year 4— Stevie

Year 5— Peggie

Year 6—Frankie

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	Thea
Year 1	Aspen
Year 2	Millie
Year 3	Mia
Year 4	Connie
Year 5	Ava
Year 6	Bodhi

Sports Champions

Reception	Thea
Year 1	Ruben
Year 2	Gabriella
Year 3	Isla
Year 4	Louie
Year 5	Oliver Mc
Year 6	Zlata

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in the Parish.



Prayer and Liturgy

Our prayer and Liturgy focus this week is :

Love

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

Saturday 29th November: 5:30pm

Sunday 30th November : 10:30am **First Sunday of Advent**



Our RE topic is : Advent : Loving

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

Sharing Sunday's Gospel with parents/carers.

The season of Advent begins this Sunday. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. Advent is also the season of hope: a time to think deeply about Jesus' return at the end of time, which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel.

So let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome the Lord, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God.

The message is clear for all of us: we are to stand ready! Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is ADVENT.



A Word from the Saints

"Advent is like a springtime, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy."
St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

100% Attendance Winner

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



Harvest Donation

A big thank you to Father Anton who collected all the thoughtful harvest donations last week to take them to the local food bank. Thank you again to all the families who donated items to help others in need, especially at this time of year.

Y6 LFC Tournament

Well done to the team who took part in the LFC tournament this week. Mrs Connolly was very impressed with how you all gelled as a team and your behaviour on the pitch. A special shout out to Leo for scoring a hat-trick. Well done everyone.



Cold Weather

A reminder that children are allowed to travel to school in jogging pants during cold weather but will need to remove these once in the building. The school is kept at a warm temperature during these cold snaps and the children are warm enough in class. Please adhere to the uniform policy by putting jogging pants **over** their uniform that can be removed once in the building. Thank you for your co-operation

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.

Tree Dressing

Our beautiful Christmas tree is up and shining bright after the children and staff all worked together this morning decorating it. The children sang beautifully as they all came forward to decorate the tree with a bauble. It is a school tradition that the oldest and youngest pupil puts on the first baubles and the honour fell to Eddie in Year 6 and Bronny in Reception this year. Well done everybody the tree looks beautiful.



Cross Country Congratulations!!



Huge congratulations to Thomas and Darcie in Year 5 who were selected to represent Knowsley in the Merseyside cross-country championships at Wavertree. Out of hundreds of children Thomas came 7th and Darcie was 43rd! Amazing both of you the whole of St Joseph's are so proud of your achievements.


Year 3 Class Assembly

We were treated to a wonderful class assembly from our Year 3 class today on the topic of visitors. I was blown away with the beautiful singing, acting and lovely clear speaking voices. Well done to the whole class it was clear how hard you have all worked on your performances. Please see the website for further photos.



Attendance

Well done to **Year 2** who have won the attendance this week !



R	97.9%
Y1	92.5%
Y2	98%
Y3	96.7%
Y4	96.7%
Y5	95.7%
Y6	92.8%

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

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance for this week is **95.8%**
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	Ravioli in a tomato sauce with garlic bread.	Salmon & broccoli pasta Or tomato pasta	Chicken Tikka Curry with naan bread	Roast Beef Dinner	Fish finger sub and Chips

Next week:

- Parents Evening Wednesday 3rd and Thursday the 4th.
- Archaeologist visit to year 3 on 4th Dec
- Computing workshop from the CLC in Reception class (1/12/25)

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy