

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—Jude
 Year 1— Aspen
 Year 2— Macie
 Year 3— Emily
 Year 4— Freddy F
 Year 5— Tillie
 Year 6— Leo

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	Archie
Year 1	Roen
Year 2	Finn
Year 3	Ella W
Year 4	Maddie
Year 5	Stanley
Year 6	Holly

Sports Champions

Reception	Harrison
Year 1	Luca
Year 2	Nathan
Year 3	Brodie
Year 4	Lola
Year 5	Arron
Year 6	Nell

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in the Parish.



Prayer and Liturgy

Our prayer and Liturgy focus this week is :
Perseverance

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

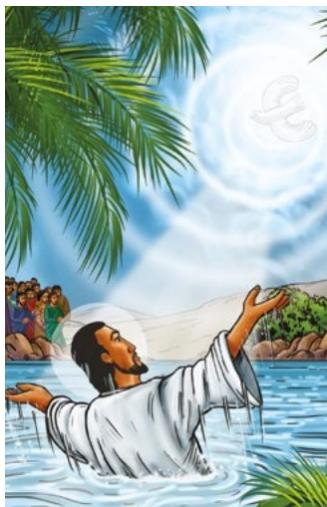
Saturday 10th January: 5:30pm
Sunday 11th January : 10:30am



Our RE topic is : Local Church / Community

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

Sharing Sunday's Gospel with parents/carers.



Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to all. January is traditionally the month of beginnings - a time for making a new start. In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast - The Baptism of the Lord. In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist didn't see the need to baptise Jesus, because Jesus was sinless. But Jesus insisted because he wanted to stand alongside the community - to help them make a new start and give them an example to follow.

Jesus, God's beloved Son, came for everyone: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life. Enjoy a special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are NEW START.

A word from the Saints

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come.
We have only today. Let us begin."
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

100% Attendance Winner

Well done to Frankie in Year 6 who won the 100% Attendance Raffle.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents who filled in a parent questionnaire during last terms parents evenings. It was great to see so many positive replies. 100% of parents felt that behaviour was good here at St Joseph's and 99% of parents feeling that their children are happy and feel safe here.

Thank you for some constructive comments regarding the children's wider personal development, with only 92% of the parents who replied said they were happy with what is provided by the school. Some parents would like to see more but understood the financial restraints of offering more trips etc.

Some other schools are able to offer more experiences such as summer fairs and a greater number of trips as they have well established PTA's (Parents and Teacher Association) which pay or subsidise other activities. These PTAs concentrate on fundraising throughout the year which then helps to pay for extra curricular wider experiences.

I think starting a PTA here at St Joseph's would be a wonderful idea not only for the pupils but also for the parents and grandparents who would like to join and make a difference to the children here.

Next week school will send out a survey to ask if anybody is interested in helping to set up the PTA, those who have the skill set to be on the committee to help organise activities and then if anybody is interested in helping at these various activities. This will be a guide to see if setting up a PTA here is a viable option as this will only work if we have enough volunteers from families of St Joseph's.



Party Box Lunch

On Thursday 15th January the children will be able to choose a party box for their lunch which will consist of a chicken burger, fries and a cake. For those who usually pay for school dinners, lunch will be priced at the reduced cost of £1. All payments should go through Parentpay as usual. Please do not send any cash in to school. For those who are on free school meals or in infants (Year 1,2 & Reception) there is no requirement to do anything differently.



Attendance

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

R	81.4%
Y1	96.4%
Y2	97%
Y3	92.3%
Y4	96.3%
Y5	97.9%
Y6	93.8%



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

Our school target is **97%**

Our overall school attendance for this week is 93.7%

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	Veggie Meat-balls with spaghetti and garlic bread	Chicken enchiladas with rice and nachos	Spaghetti Bolognaise with garlic bread	Chicken Burger & Fries £1	Fish and Chips

Next week:

- WaterAid Workshops
- Year 1 School Trip—Wednesday 14th January
- Spring Party Day Lunch £1 - Thursday 15th January
- Shakespeare Workshop—Wednesday 14th January

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy