

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—Thea

Year 1— Heidi
 Year 2— Oliver
 Year 3— Max
 Year 4— Thomas
 Year 5—Leila
 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	Alfie
Year 1	Isaac
Year 2	Millie
Year 3	Harry
Year 4	Jenson
Year 5	Emmanuel
Year 6	Gracie

Sports Champions

Reception	Darla
Year 1	Valancia
Year 2	Robyn
Year 3	Theon
Year 4	Jessica
Year 5	Blake
Year 6	Orla

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in the Parish.



Prayer and Liturgy

Our prayer and Liturgy focus this week is :

Human Dignity

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

Saturday 14th February: 5:30pm

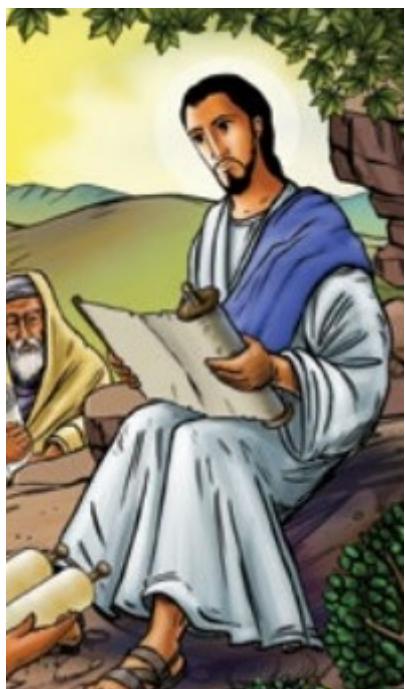
Sunday 15th February : 10:30am



Our RE topic is : Eucharist—Relating

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

Sharing Sunday's Gospel with parents/carers.



"The true teacher is within; Christ is the inner teacher of every soul."

St. Augustine of Hippo

In this Sunday's Gospel (taken from the Sermon on the Mount), Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws; our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do the same.

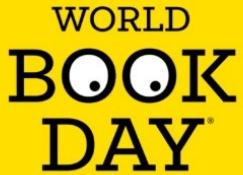
"The family is where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love."

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

It's important to have good teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children - others can also teach us so much about what really matters in life.

100% Attendance Winner

Well done to Caleb in Year 4 who won the 100% Attendance Raffle.



World Book Day

One of my favourite times of the year is fast approaching; the children all know how much I love to read and a whole day dedicated to celebrating books is a dream for me. To help celebrate the importance of books and reading the children (and staff) are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book on Thursday 5th March.

Or your child can come in wearing pyjamas ready to curl up with a good book. We would also like the children to bring in their favourite book to share with their friends. The day will consist of a whole school assembly, prizes for the competition and fun activities in classrooms linked to books and reading.

In the afternoon we would like to invite you into school to share a book with your child. We will open the doors at 2:30. more information will be shared after half term.

Reception and KS1 Competition

We are asking all the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 to create a character or a book on a plate. All the children will bring home a paper plate and it's time for you all to get creative. You can bring a character to life on the plate or even the whole book. Let your imagination run wild and have fun together. Some examples are included below. Please send in your finished creations on Monday 2nd March so they can be judged ready for World Book Day.



KS2 Competition

For children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 we would like the children to create a story in a box (no bigger than a shoe box please). We have had some amazing creations in the past and I have had several requests to bring this competition back for this year. Please send any entries into school on Monday 2nd March so they can be judged. See examples below.



Shakespeare

What an amazing evening!!! I cannot express the pride that all the staff felt for every member of the cast last night. The children all performed their hearts out with true commitment to their characters. Thank you to all the parents who helped with their costumes they looked amazing.

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Hughes who has worked tirelessly over many after school clubs to prepare the children for this performance and as always put together an amazing soundtrack for the children to dance and sing to.



Well done everybody from a very, very proud Headteacher!



Chinese New Year Lunch

The catering service are celebrating Chinese New Year on Wednesday 25th February with a special £1 menu. For lunch the children can chose Crispy chicken with noodles, vegetable stir fry with prawn crackers and spring rolls. For desert the children can have ice cream.

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.

Scooters & Bikes

Please remind your children not to ride scooters or bikes on the school grounds. We encourage all children to dismount bikes and scooters at the school gates to ensure the safety of all adults and children.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Attendance

Well done to Reception who have won the attendance this week !

	R	97.5%
	Y1	94.6%
	Y2	92%
	Y3	96.7%
	Y4	94.7%
	Y5	94.5%
	Y6	94.8%

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

Our school target is 97%

Our overall school attendance for this week is 95.1%
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	Cheese and tomato pizza with wedges	Salmon & broccoli pasta Or Tomato Pasta	Special Chinese New Year Menu	Roast Beef Dinner	Fish Finger Sub and chips

Next week:

- Children return to school Monday 23rd February
- Dental session in Reception—Tuesday 24th February
- Y4 Football Tournament—Thursday 26th February
- Pancake cooking sessions for all classes.

Keep Safe and God Bless

Ms McIlroy