St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

'We Work, We Care, We Pray, We Share'

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Welcome back to a new half term at St Joseph's

We have enjoyed a lovely start to November, beginning our new term as one St Joseph's family, by celebrating Mass for the important feast days of All Saints and All Souls. These occasions remind us of the importance of faith, remembering those who have gone before us and being inspired by the lives of others. As we approach Remembrance Sunday, next week the children will be learning about and remembering James Miller, a local Victoria Cross recipient, reflecting on his bravery and the sacrifices made by so many for our freedom. We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead, full of learning, faith and friendship, as we begin our journey towards Advent. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!



Mrs Cunliffe's Visit to The Vatican

Over the half term, I was incredibly fortunate to visit The Vatican and attend a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV. It was a very special and memorable experience, and I felt privileged to be there representing our wonderful St Joseph's family. I brought back some rosary beads for the children to use in school, which I hope will help them in their prayer and reflection as we continue to grow together in faith. It was lovely to bring a little piece of this special experience back to our school community!





Parent Meetings – Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November



Our parent meetings will take place via Zoom on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th November. These will be 5-minute appointments providing an opportunity for teachers to give a brief update on how your child is settling, progressing and getting on in school. If you would like to discuss anything in greater detail or have any additional questions, please arrange a separate appointment with your child's class teacher so that we can give this the time it deserves.

Christmas Fair – Friday November 27th June

Please keep the date free!

Every Friday in November will be a non-uniform day in exchange for an item to help support our PTA Christmas Fair. We are always so grateful for your support. We are also in need of raffle items if you are able to provide any raffle gifts.





Can you offer some time as a volunteer for our Christmas Fair?

volunteersignup.org/AJQKL

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Family Mass – Sunday 8th November



Attendance

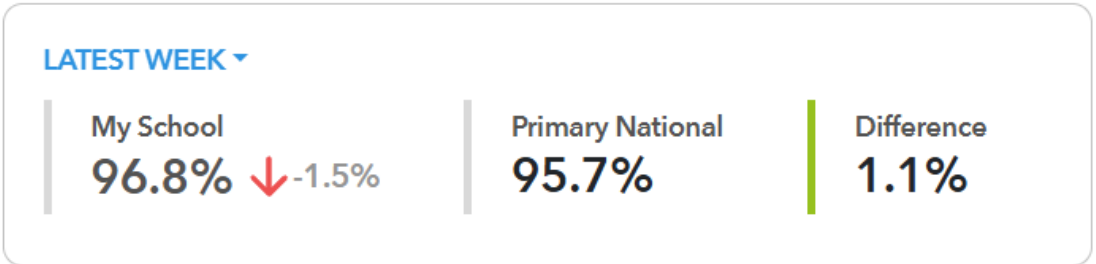
Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school regularly and on time. Last week, our attendance was 96.8%.

Regular attendance is essential for children to achieve their full potential. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities, and even a few days of absence can have an impact on a child's progress, confidence and friendships.

Attendance is also a key area that schools are judged on by Ofsted. It is assessed as a separate area of school performance, with inspectors carefully considering attendance figures, persistent absence and the actions schools take to ensure pupils attend regularly.

We understand that family holidays are important, but we ask all parents and carers to support us by booking holidays during the school holidays wherever possible. By working together, we can improve our attendance figures and ensure that every child has the best opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority



***Follow* Us on Social Media!**

Don't forget to take a look at our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages to see what has been happening in school. We regularly share photographs, celebrate our pupils' achievements, highlight special events, and keep you up to date with the exciting learning taking place across the school.

Be sure to follow us so you don't miss any of the wonderful moments from school life!

https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsWithnell?locale=en_GB

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In the Line At Ten to Nine

⏰ In the Line at Ten to Nine!
A little reminder that children should be in the line and ready to come into school at 8:50am.

Being on time means that children can come into school calmly, settle quickly and be ready to start their learning alongside their classmates.

Please help us by aiming for 'In the Line at Ten to Nine!' each morning.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make every minute of the school day count.

PE Days – Earrings Reminder

Just a polite reminder regarding earrings on PE days. Small stud earrings are fine to be worn as part of our usual school uniform. However, for health and safety reasons, we kindly ask that earrings are removed on days when your child has PE.

Where earrings cannot be removed, please ensure that they are securely covered with a plaster before your child comes to school, so that they can participate safely in their PE lesson. We would really appreciate your support with this, as it helps us to keep all of our children safe while enjoying their PE and sporting activities.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

Faith in the Community





