



# St Joseph's Newsletter 26.04.2024

## Message from the Executive Headteacher

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. As the Headteacher of the school, I would like to reassure all parents and carers that I operate a fully open-door policy. If you have any questions, issues, concerns or need any support at all, please contact the school office and an appointment can be made. Working together we can really make a difference for all our children.

## Attendance

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94.6%	95.8%	95.5%	95.6%	97.3%	99.7%	90%

Excellent achievement in attendance in Year 5 with **99.7%**. This week our overall attendance was **95.5%** which is below our trusts targets for attendance of **97%**. Punctuality is also imperative to a child's education, so please ensure your child is at school for 8:50am each day.

## ARBOR PAY BALANCES

Parents are reminded to login to their ARBOR account and clear any negative balances as soon as possible. Please help our school office by not being in arrears and paying daily or weekly.

## STARS OF THE WEEK



Reception –  
Arla

For amazing independent writing about Frogs.

Year 1-  
Ajay

For being an enthusiastic member of class.

Year 2 –  
Rock

For brilliant effort with his reading comprehension.

Year 3  
Abi

For excellent column addition in maths.

Year 4-  
Jaela

For fantastic listening in all lessons.

Year 5 –  
Layton

Excellent work using factors to multiply large numbers.

Year 6 –  
Harry

For always being kind and polite

## Summer term

### Planned Trips and Visitors

*(Curriculum linked to enhance our pupil's learning)*

EYFS – Outdoor learning experience

Year 1-Outdoor learning experience

Year 2 -Outdoor learning experience

Year 3 -Outdoor learning experience

Year4–Outdoor learning experience

Year 5 – Holy Island

Year 6 – Kingswood Residential

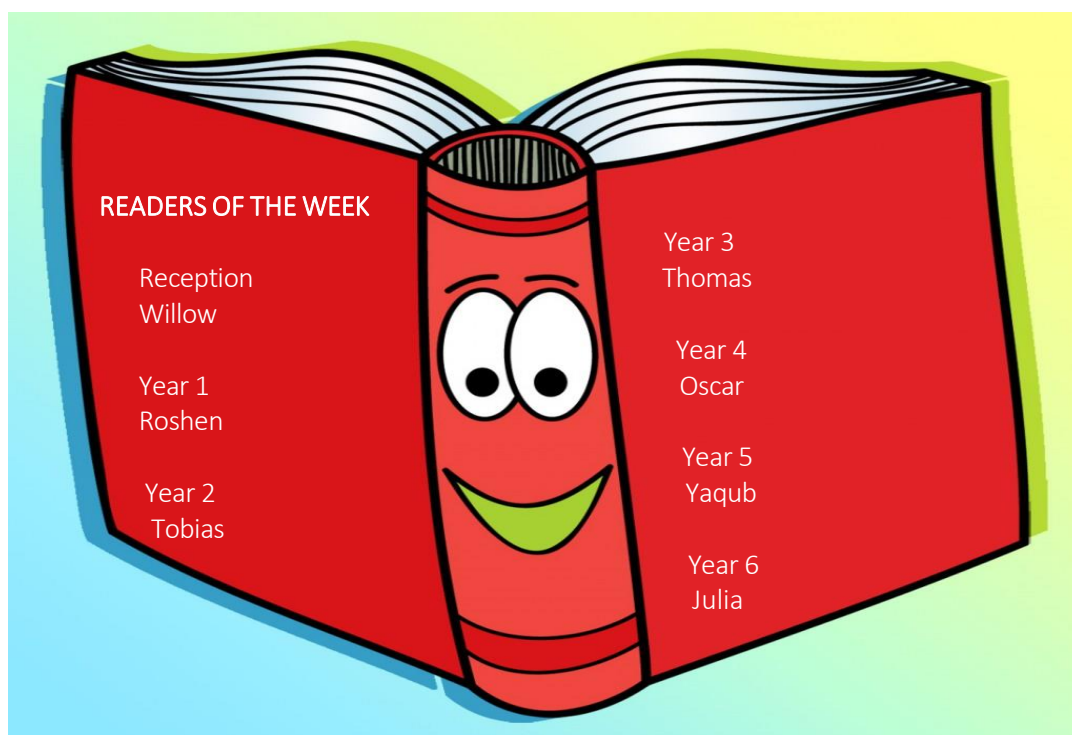
**More info to follow in the next few weeks!**

## House points winner



Well done:  
**ST. CUTHBERT**





## INFORMATION

### Peripatetic Music Lessons

Please look out for a letter later this week in regard to signing up for music lessons in violin, guitar and keyboard. We will initially offer these lessons to pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 as demand was so high. We will hold waiting lists of pupils in Year 3 and 4 if we can't offer a place straight away. The cost to parents will be £5 a week and is subsidized by the school. Lessons will start in September and places will be offered on a first come first served basis. If any child wants to learn an instrument but would struggle financially to pay please contact the office for a confidential chat.

### PE Kit

Please remember, from the start this term children are to come to school wearing their PE kit rather than getting changed in school. This will ensure that the children can be ready immediately to start their PE lesson and that they don't need to get changed in school. For September 2024 a consultation will go out in regards to PE kit and how we can adapt the current policy to make it cheaper and easier for parents.

### Wrap around Care

Our wraparound service will be going ahead from September 2024. The provision will start at 7.30am cost for breakfast club will be £5. This includes the childcare, activities and food. The after school provision will run until 6pm and will be £8 a session. This will also include childcare, activities and food. A letter will be going out at the end of the week for parents to register their interest.

### Current Breakfast Club

Please be aware that you MUST book a session in Breakfast Club. This is for Health and safety and legal ratio purposes. If you haven't booked a session I am afraid you can't send your child to the club. It is also very important that you drop your child at the door to be marked in. Pupils can't just be dropped in the yard and left. If a child is just left to attend Breakfast club alone without being registered parents will be contacted to collect their child and will no longer be able to use the service. Not handing your child over to a member of staff is a safeguarding issue as until this is undertaken parents are still fully responsible for the safety and welfare of their child. Can we also ask parents to cancel any places they do not want to take the day before. Failure to cancel sessions means other children can't attend and we will have to prevent further bookings.

### **Mother and toddler group**

Our Mother and Toddler group is held in the school hall every Wednesday from **9am to 11.15am**. **We would love to see you there**. Please enter through the main office entrance so that we can sign you in. There is no cost to attend and we would love to see lots of our little ones there. Refreshments will be available.

### **Attendance Stars**

The school are starting a new system to improve attendance across school. This is called attendance stars. For every full day your child is in school they will receive a star. These stars can then be used at the end of the term to buy prizes in our attendance star shop. There will be prizes and certificates also for children with the most improved attendance as well as excellent attendance. Whole class special prizes will also be awarded for the best class each term.

### **After School Clubs**

There are still some places available at our after-school clubs.

### **SATs Week**

Year 6 children are invited to attend Breakfast Club free of charge during SATs week, please encourage your child to attend as this will give them time to have breakfast and be prepared ready for their SATs.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April will be the last SATs Booster class after school.**

### **Packed Lunches**

St Joseph's is a healthy school. If your child brings in a packed lunch, we ask parents to provide a healthy packed lunch containing:

- sandwich
- fruit
- a biscuit
- drink

Please do not send fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate (including chocolate covered biscuits and cakes). Takeaway food items are not permitted.

### **Paying for school meals in Year 3,4,5 and 6**

As you may be aware, school meals are universally free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. From Year 3 onwards, if you would like your child to have a school meal there is a cost of £2.75. Some families in these year groups are still entitled to free means tested school meals by filling in an application form if in receipt of certain benefits. If you think this may be you and your child is not receiving school meals for free, please contact the school office.

### **School Meals**

We have attached the school meal menu for this academic year to this newsletter. We encourage all parents to pre book their child's meals via Arbor and pay (where applicable). Pre booking meals allows more time in the morning to be spent on learning and teaching.

### **Breakfast Club**

Please pre-book and pay for your places for breakfast club on Arbor. The capacity for the club is 30. Once this number is reached the school can't accept drop-ins.

### **Names in Clothes**

Please remember to put your children's names in their clothing. We appreciate how costly it can be to buy uniform, especially if you have more than one child, and we really want to support the children in looking after their own things. Without names, things can get lost and we don't want you to have replace lost items.

### **Play equipment**

May I remind parent's that children are not allowed on the play equipment before and after school. This is a Health and Safety directive as it must be supervised by trained staff. All equipment is being reopened for the children so they will be getting lots of opportunities to play on it throughout the school day.

## Parental discussions with teachers

We really value close communication with our parents as it is key to ensuring we achieve the best for all of our pupils. To ensure our staff can give you the full attention for any concerns and issues that you may have, we ask that if you need to speak to the class teacher about anything that will take more than a few minutes that you make an appointment with them. This can be done through the school office. This is to make sure classes aren't left unattended and that staff can really give you the time you deserve so we can fully support the children.

<b>Summer 2024 Diary Dates</b> EVENT REMINDERS – <i>NEWLY ADDED EVENTS IN RED</i>
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Date	Class	Event
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Whole School	Whole school returns
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Whole School – Aidan House	Celebration of the Word. 3pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Reception	Celebration of the Word. 3pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 1	Celebration of the Word. 3pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	SATS WEEK
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Year 2	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Year 6	Cricket – More info to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Years 5 and 6	Fun Run – More info to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Whole School- Bede House	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
Half Term Holiday – School Closed for all pupils 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Whole School	Whole school returns
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 5	Holy Island Camp All pupils must be in school by 8am. Bus leaves at 8.30am prompt for tides.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 3	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Whole School	Sports Day ( first proposed date, weather permitting ) 1pm Onwards
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 4	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6	Kingswood Residential Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 6	Fencing coaching
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	Whole School – Cuthbert House	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Whole School	Sports Day ( second proposed sports day, if first cancelled) 1pm onwards.
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 5	Careers Day @ Cardinal Hume More info to follow

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Year 5	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Whole School	Meet your new teacher day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	EYFS	EYFS Graduation 2pm. More details to follow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whole School	Fun Day – Families welcome. More details to follow.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whole School – Oswald House	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Reception, 1 and 2	Outdoor learning sessions
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Years 3 and 4	Outdoor learning sessions
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Years 5 and 6	Outdoor learning sessions
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whole School – End of Year Celebration	Celebration of the Word. 3pm.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</b> <b>Whole school – End of term.</b> <b>All children return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 8:50am</b>		





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# School menu

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**WEEK 1** MEAT FREE MONDAY FISH FRIDAY

	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
1ST CHOICE	Cheese & tomato round pizza, pasta, baked beans, or mixed salad	Sausages, mashed potato, mixed veg & gravy	Pork meatballs, handmade potato wedges, schools' choice tomato sauce or gravy	Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots & gravy	Fish portion, chips & peas
2ND CHOICE		Homemade cheese pasty, mashed potato, mixed veg & gravy	Vegetable enchilada, potato wedges, sweetcorn or mixed salad	Cooks' choice pasta, garlic bread & mixed salad	Veggie bake, chips & peas
JACKET POTATO	Tuna mayo, cheese, beans				
DESSERT	School cake & custard	Jelly & fruit	Pancake with bananas and toffee sauce	Fruit smoothie & fruit	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit

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**WEEK 2** MEAT FREE MONDAY FISH FRIDAY

	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
1ST CHOICE	Folded pizza, pasta, baked beans, or mixed salad	Mince pork pie mashed potato, mixed veg & gravy	Chicken curry, naan bread & pea/sweetcorn mix	Gammon slice, roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrots & gravy	Fish finger, potato wedges & peas
2ND CHOICE		Veggie meatballs in gravy, mashed potato, mixed veg	Vegetable chow mein with pea/sweetcorn mix	Cooks' choice pasta, garlic bread & mixed salad	Veggie fingers, potato wedges & peas
JACKET POTATO	Tuna mayo, cheese, beans				
DESSERT	Waffle & fruit	Ice cream roll with fruit	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit	School cake & custard	Muffin

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**WEEK 3** MEAT FREE MONDAY FISH FRIDAY

	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
1ST CHOICE	Flat bread pizza slice, pasta, baked beans or mixed salad	Beef burger in a bun, potato wedges, sweetcorn or mixed salad	Chicken wrap with salad, savoury rice & garlic mayo	Savoury mince with cooks' choice topping, mashed potato, green beans, carrots & gravy	Fish star, seasoned twisters & peas
2ND CHOICE		Cheese omelette, potato wedges, sweetcorn or mixed salad	Veggie curry, rice, naan bread & vegetable sticks	Cooks' choice pasta, garlic bread & mixed salad	Veggie shapes, seasoned twisters & peas
JACKET POTATO	Tuna mayo, cheese, beans				
DESSERT	Chocolate crispy cake with orange wedge	School cake & custard	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit	Fruit & ice cream	Muffin

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