



# St Joseph's Newsletter 12.07.2024

## 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	98%	100%	93.6%	94.6%	92.6%	94%	94.1%

Excellent achievement in attendance in **Year 1 and Year 5** with 100%. This week our overall attendance was 94.8% which is below the government targets for attendance of 95%. 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 –  
Weronika  
For trying hard at everything she does.

Year 1-  
George  
For trying hard in all subjects

Year 2 –  
Daniel  
For showing resilience while making a glove puppet.

Year 3  
Esther  
For always giving 100%

Year 4-  
Yonas  
For trying hard with decimals in maths

Year 5 –  
Lois  
For superb comprehension and application of reading skills

Year 6 –  
Bradley  
For showing great resilience and making fantastic progress.

## 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

Year – Outdoor learning experience

Year 5-Outdoor learning experience

Year 6-Outdoor learning experience

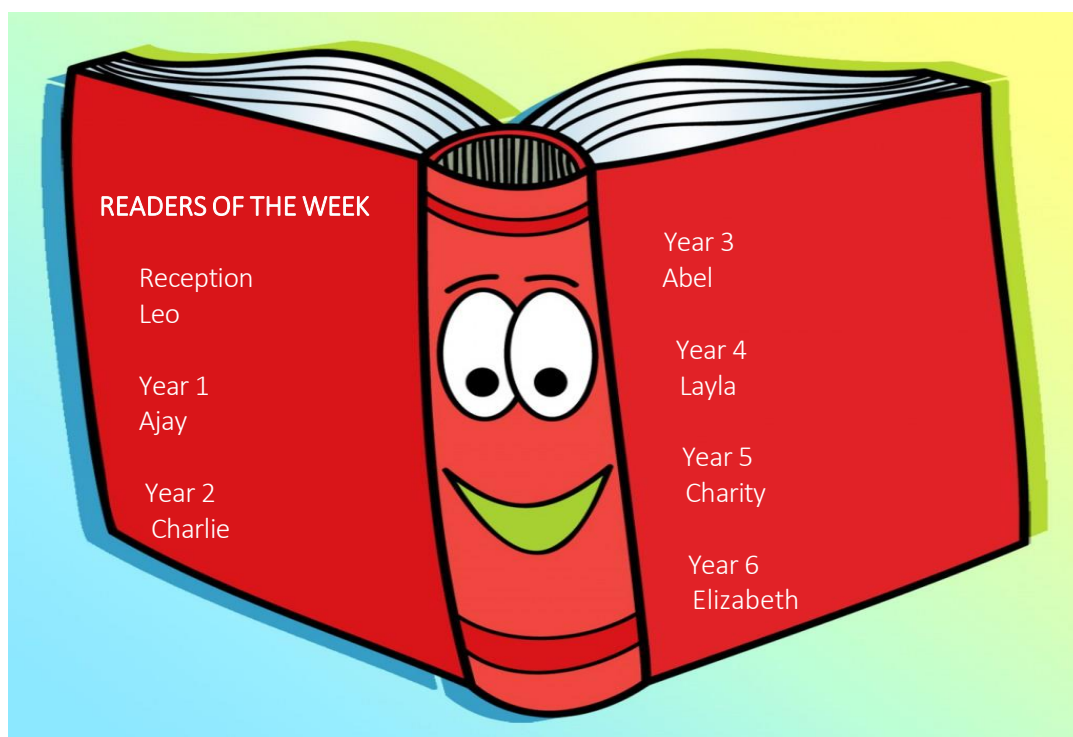
*More info to follow in the next few*

## House points winner



Well done:  
ST. Aidan





## INFORMATION

### September 2024 School Uniform- Reminder

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. On none PE days, pupils must wear a Royal Blue Jumper, yellow polo shirt (NOT WHITE), Grey/Black Skirt or Trousers, black shoes. On PE days pupils are to wear their PE kit. We have sent a letter today about phasing in a simpler PE uniform for parents to reduce costs. This is the school yellow polo shirt, school blue sweatshirt (as they usually wear) but then just wearing black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers. If white t-shirts have been purchased they can still worn too. Parents will be informed of PE days during the first week back in September.

A polite reminder also that earrings are not allowed. Pupils can't return to school in September with earrings even if newly pierced. Parents will be called to school and asked to remove them if this is the case. Plasters can't be used to cover them. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

### September Curriculum Evenings – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Proposed date)

As last year we will be having a Curriculum Evening for parents. This is where parents can come into school and hear about future plans for the coming year from the Headteacher, and meet the class teacher and discuss what your child will be learning over the next academic year. There will be two sessions. 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 4.30 pm to 5.30pm. Parents will only need to attend one session to get all the information for their children.

### Year 6 leavers assembly- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - 9am

Just a reminder that the Year 6 leavers assembly will be held in school at 9am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024. This is a special assembly for the parents/carers of children in Year 6.

### Outdoor learning experience and sports fun week

Next week is an outdoor learning and sports filled fun week. We ask that all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 wear sporting clothes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Children in Year 5 need to wear sporting clothes on Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesday Year 5 need to be dressed in full school uniform and school shoes as their class has been chosen, out of all the Gateshead schools, to sing at the British Citizenship Ceremony. PE kit does not have to be worn but we do ask that nothing expensive or that you wouldn't want to get muddy is worn as this is a possibility!

### School Dinners

Can all parents/carers make sure that all dinner money (including up to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024) is paid on the Arbor pay system. Can all Year 6 parents also make sure that all debt is cleared before your child's last day.

### TEN TEN Resources

As part of our PSHE/RSE and Celebration of the word curriculum we use the following resources. Please access the link to the parental newsletter if you would like to know more.

[June 2024 \(adobe.com\)](https://www.adobe.com)

### Sunny weather

As we are starting to get hotter weather can I politely remind parents to send their child to school wearing sunscreen, with a sun hat and water bottle. We want all of our children to enjoy the lovely weather but to stay safe doing it.

### 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. For an application pack to register your child please contact the school office. During the six weeks holidays bookings will be available on arbor. Children must be booked onto the club with advance payment or they will not be allowed to attend.

### Mother and toddler group

Our Mother and Toddler group runs every Wednesday 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**Summer 2024 Diary Dates**  
 EVENT REMINDERS – *NEWLY ADDED EVENTS IN RED*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whole School	Outdoor learning and sport sessions
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Years 5	Singing at British Citizenship Ceremony
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	<b>Year 6 and Whole School</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers mass. 10am St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Gateshead</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6– Leavers Celebration	Celebration of the Word. 9am
<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

**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

**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



