



# St Joseph's Newsletter 20.09.2024

## 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	98.9%	93.3%	97.7%	98.1%	97.9%	98.7%	95%

Excellent achievement in attendance in **Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5** with over 97% This week our overall attendance was 96.9% which is just below the trusts target of 97%. Let see if we can achieve this next week. 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 –  
Evie

For amazing phonics work.

Year 1-  
Sebastian

For being a kind and helpful friend.

Year 2 –  
Thea

Excellent work in maths.

Year 3  
Samantha

For being a sensible member of the class.

Year 4-  
Yahya

For excellent concentration and effort in all lessons. An excellent attitude demonstrated.

Year 5 –  
Bernice

Excellent answers to questions in all subjects

Year 6 –  
All of Year 6

For our amazing Kingswood stars and our super in school helpers

## Summer term

### Planned Trips and Visitors

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

EYFS – Pantomime

Year 1-Pantomime

Year 2 -Pantomime

Year 3 -Pantomime

Year –4 Pantomime

Year 5-Pantomime

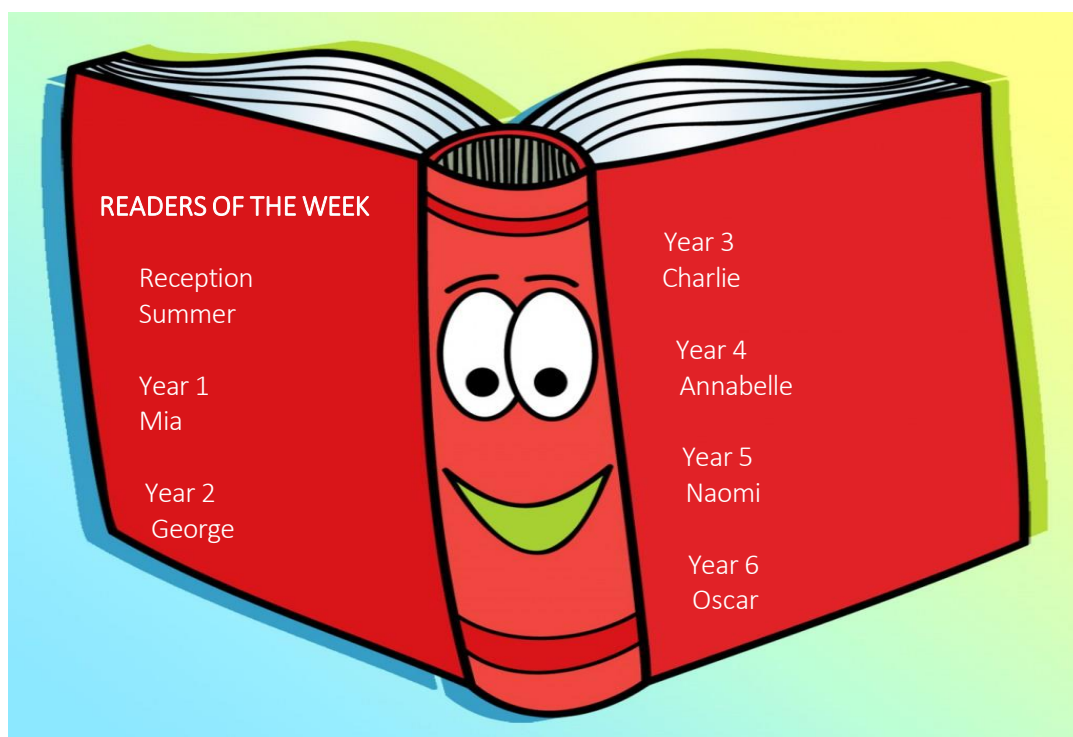
Year 6–Pantomime

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

## House points winner



Well done:  
ST. Aidan



## INFORMATION

### MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9am

Our pupils will be hosting a coffee morning in school for MacMillan Cancer Support. We would like to ask for any donations of cakes or biscuits so that we can sell these, alongside coffee and tea, so that we can raise as much as we can for the MacMillan charity. Due to Health and Safety (allergy requirements) we can only accept donations that are in containers with the ingredients clearly listed on them, just so we can ensure we cater fully for the allergy needs of all visitors. If you would be happy to make any donations can we ask they are brought to the school office by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We would love as many people to come as possible and support the event. All welcome.

### School clubs this year

Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm KS2 Choir (places available)

Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm Gymnastics – Years 1 to 3 (places available)

Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm KS2 Mini Vinnies (Full)

Wednesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm – KS2 Karate (places available)

Thursday 3.30pm to 4.30pm – KS1 And KS2 Dance - now open to all year groups from Year 1 to Year 6 (places available)

### Curriculum Evening and Curriculum booklets

Thank you to all parents who attended our curriculum evenings last week. As promised the Curriculum Booklet information will be emailed out to you and you should have them today. If a paper copy is required, please feel free to ask at the office.

### Parental Surveys

You will shortly receive a link to an online parental survey. I would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete this honestly for us. We will use your views to continue to work together to make St. Joseph's the best school that it can be.

### 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. At the end of the Summer term we sent a letter 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 be worn too. Parents have been informed of PE day.

A polite reminder also that earrings are not allowed. Parents will be called to school and asked to remove earrings. Plasters can't be used to cover them. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

### 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 \(adobe.com\)](#)

### Wrap around Care

Our wraparound service launched in September. The provision starts at 7.30am cost for breakfast club is £5. This includes the childcare, activities and food. The after school provision runs until 6pm and is £8 a session. This will also include childcare, activities and food. 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 to replace lost items.

### Play equipment

May I remind parents 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.

### Autumn Term 2024

Date	Class	Event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	All parents/carers	MacMillan Coffee Morning – 9am. Please see newsletter
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 4	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 3	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 2	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Whole School	Parent's afternoon/evening. More details to follow. 1pm to 6pm.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Bede House	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024	Whole School	Mass.10am at church. Year 4 to lead.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 1	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 Whole school - Half Term. School Closed</b>		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 6	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 5	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	Oswald House	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 4	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024	EYFS	2pm – Inspire Afternoon. Christmas Crafts Parents are invited into school to take part in fun craft activities with their child
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Whole School	Advent Mass – led by Year 3
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Year 1	2pm – Inspire Afternoon. Christmas Crafts Parents are invited into school to take part in fun craft activities with their child
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 2	2pm – Inspire Afternoon. Christmas Crafts Parents are invited into school to take part in fun craft activities with their child
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 3	2pm – Inspire Afternoon. Christmas Crafts Parents are invited into school to take part in fun craft activities with their child
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 3	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	EYFS, 1 and 2	Nativity Play. 9.30am. Ticketed event. More details to follow.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 3, 4 and 5	Nativity Play. 2.00pm. Ticketed event. More details to follow.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 3, 4, and 5	Nativity Play. 9.30am. Ticketed event. More details to follow.

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	EYFS, 1 and 2	Nativity Play. 2.00pm. Ticketed event. More details to follow.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 4	2pm – Inspire Afternoon. Christmas Crafts Parents are invited into school to take part in fun craft activities with their child
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Cuthbert House	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	EYFS, 1 and 2	Christmas Party day. 1pm. More details to follow.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Years 3,4,5,and 6	Christmas Party day. 1pm. More details to follow.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 5	2pm – Inspire Afternoon. Christmas Crafts Parents are invited into school to take part in fun craft activities with their child
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 6	2pm – Inspire Afternoon. Christmas Crafts Parents are invited into school to take part in fun craft activities with their child
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Whole School	Carol Service – Carols by candle light at 4pm at church. More details to follow.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Whole School	10am. Pantomime Trip. More details to follow.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 2	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> <b>Whole school – End of term.</b> <b>All children return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>		

**More events will be added throughout the term and school trips will still be confirmed as soon as they are booked.**

# School menu



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**WEEK 1**

*MEAT FREE MONDAY*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday <i>FISH FRIDAY</i>
<b>1ST CHOICE</b>	Flat bread pizza slice with pasta, baked beans or mixed salad	Chicken pie, roast potatoes, mixed veg & gravy	Pork meatball sub roll, diced garlic potatoes & mixed salad	Chicken & Yorkshire pudding, mashed potato, cauliflower, carrots, broccoli & gravy.	Fish fingers, potato wedges & peas
<b>2ND CHOICE</b>		Cheese pasty, roast potatoes, mixed veg & gravy	Veggie meatball sub roll, diced garlic potatoes & mixed salad	Quorn fillet, Yorkshire pudding, mashed potato, cauliflower, carrots, broccoli mix & gravy	Veggie fingers, potato wedges & peas
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Baked beans with mixed salad	Cheese with mixed salad	Tuna mayo with mixed salad	Cheese with mixed salad	Baked beans with mixed salad
<b>DESSERT</b>	Ice cream roll & fruit	Jelly & fruit	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit	School cake & custard	Waffle & fruit

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30/06/25

**WEEK 2**

*MEAT FREE MONDAY*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday <i>FISH FRIDAY</i>
<b>1ST CHOICE</b>	Mini round pizza with pasta, spaghetti hoops or mixed salad	Savoury beef mince & veg with cooks' choice topping, mashed potato, green beans, carrots & gravy	Chicken curry, rice & naan bread with pea, carrot & sweetcorn medley	Pork sausages, roast potatoes, carrot & swede mash & gravy	Fish cake, mini potato waffles & peas
<b>2ND CHOICE</b>		Quorn savoury mince & veg with cooks' choice topping, mashed potato, green beans, carrots & gravy	Vegetarian curry, rice & naan bread with pea, carrot & sweetcorn medley	Veggie sausages, roast potatoes, carrot & swede mash & gravy	Veggie bake, mini potato waffles & peas
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Baked beans with mixed salad	Cheese with mixed salad	Tuna mayo with mixed salad	Cheese with mixed salad	Baked beans with mixed salad
<b>DESSERT</b>	School cake & custard	Ice cream with fruit	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit	Chocolate mousse, mandarins & mini biscuit	Doughnut & fruit

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**WEEK 3**

*MEAT FREE MONDAY*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday <i>FISH FRIDAY</i>
<b>1ST CHOICE</b>	Pizza wedge with pasta, baked beans or mixed salad	Sweet chilli or BBQ chicken wrap, rainbow rice, salad & veg sticks	Beef bolognese with pasta, garlic bread & pea & sweetcorn medley	Gammon slice with Yorkshire pudding mashed potato, carrots, cabbage & gravy	Fish portion, chips, peas & curry sauce
<b>2ND CHOICE</b>		Sweet chilli or BBQ veggie pieces in a wrap with rainbow rice, salad & veg sticks	Cheesy pasta with garlic bread & pea & sweetcorn medley	Quorn fillet with Yorkshire pudding mashed potato, carrots, cabbage & gravy	Veggie bites, chips, peas & curry sauce
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Baked beans with mixed salad	Cheese with mixed salad	Tuna mayo with mixed salad	Cheese with mixed salad	Baked beans with mixed salad
<b>DESSERT</b>	Cooks' choice hot pudding	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit	Cooks' choice muffin	Fruit smoothie & fruit	Pancake with banana & chocolate sauce

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