



St Joseph's Newsletter 17.01.25

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	93.8%	96.5%	92.7%	98.8%	98.7%	96.5%	98%

Excellent achievement in attendance in **Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6** with over **98!** This week our overall attendance was **96.9 %** which is so close to the 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 –
Makbel

For amazing number work

Year 1-
Amy

For working hard to write all on her own.

Year 2 –
Adiya

For an excellent attitude to learning

Year 3
Iqra

For a fantastic start to 2025

Year 4-
Isla

For always being ready to learn and showing a positive attitude

Year 5 –
Khloe

For being a kind and caring friend.

Year 6 –
Geovanni

For an excellent attitude towards learning

Summer term

Planned Trips and Visitors

(Curriculum linked to enhance our pupil's learning)

EYFS – Whitehouse Farm

Year 1-Northumberland Zoo

Year 2 -Beamish

Year 3 -Centre for Life

Year –4 Segedunnum

Year 5-Segedunnum

Year 6– TBC

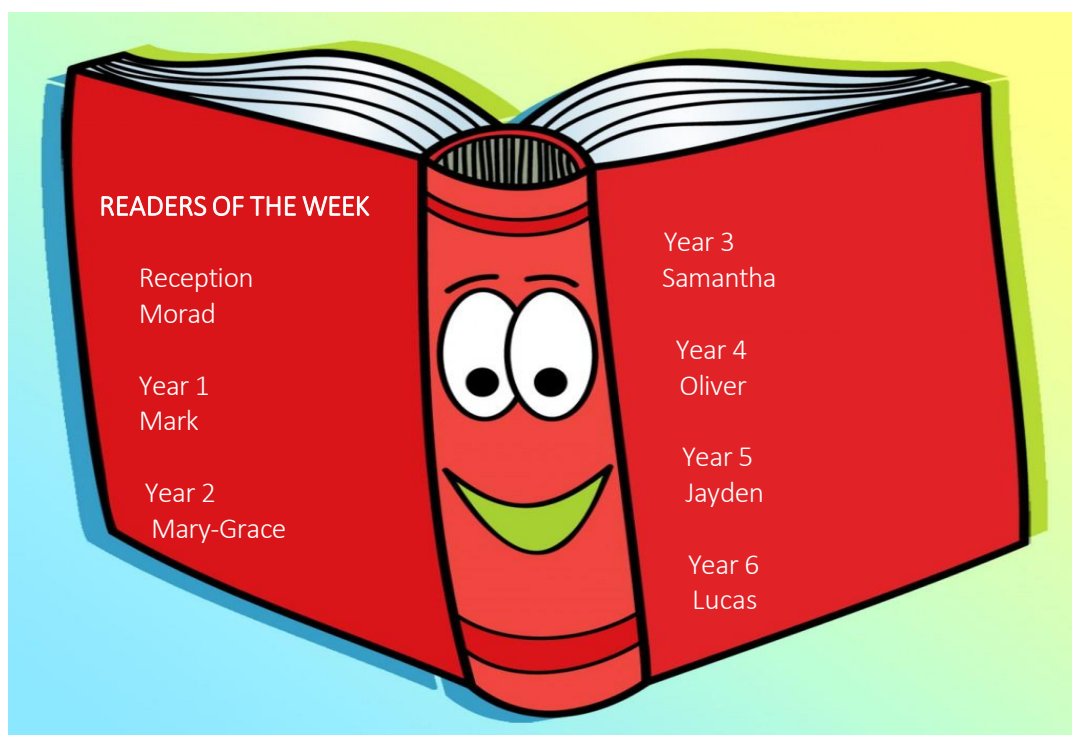
More info to follow in the next few weeks!

House points winner



Well done:
St. Aidan





INFORMATION

Donations of school uniform

As part of our mission to be friendly to Gods earth, we are going to be holding a recycled uniform event. This will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and pick up secondhand uniform that is in good condition for free. If you have any old school uniform that is in good condition but does not fit your child anymore, we would love it if you could donate it to the school. We can then hold regular free uniform events that not only save our planet but help parents pockets too. The first event will be held at 3pm on 6th February 2025 in the school hall. Any donations will be greatly received.

School lunches

Can all parents ensure that their child school meals are paid in advance. No school meal arrears can occur. Our school meals are provided by Gateshead Council as an external provider. When school meals are not paid for the school has to use funds that are meant for resources and equipment in school to subsidize. If you are struggling financially and may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the office who can support you with your application. No credit can be allowed for school meals.

Parking around school

Parking at the side of the school on Coburg Street is permit only. Can I ask that parent's and carers are respectful of local residents when dropping off their children and not to park in this street. Gateshead Council and the police are monitoring the situation due to incidents during pick up and drop off times.

School clubs this term

Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm - Little Kickers – Reception, Years 1& 2 (places available)

Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm - KS2 Science Club – Years 3- 6 (places available)

Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm - Mini Vinnies – Years 2-6 (places available)

Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm - Gymnastics – Years 1,2 and 3 (places available)

Wednesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm – Karate – Years 2-6 (places available)

Thursday 3.30pm to 4.30pm – Dance Festival - Years 3 to 6 (places available)

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 introduced 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.

A polite reminder also that earrings are not allowed. 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.

Wrap around Care

Our wraparound care provision starts at 7.30am, the 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 also includes 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 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.

Spring Term Diary Dates 2025
Event reminders – Newly added events in red

Date	Class	Event
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Whole School	Whole school returns.
Thursday 16 th January 2025	Whole School	Trust Celebration Lunch (Free lunch for ALL children)
Thursday 16 th January 2025	EYFS	Multi-Sport festival
Friday 17 th January 2025	Year 2	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Thursday 23 rd January 2025	Year 2	KS1 Cricket Festival
Friday 24 th January 2025	Year 1	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Friday 31 st January 2025	EYFS	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Friday 6 th February 2025	Year 6	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Friday 14 th February 2025	Year 5	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Wednesday 19 th February 2025	Year 4 and Year 5	Visit to Segedunum. More details to follow.
Friday 21 st February 2025	Year 4	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Monday 24th to Friday 28th February 2025 Whole school - Half Term. School Closed		
Wednesday 5 th March 2025	EYFS	Inspire afternoon. Parent's welcome. 2pm to 3.30pm in school. More details to follow.
Friday 7 th March 2025	Year 3	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Wednesday 12 th March 2025	Year 1	Inspire afternoon. Parent's welcome. 2pm to 3.30pm in school. More details to follow.
Thursday 13 th March 2025	Year 3	Inspire afternoon. Parent's welcome. 2pm to 3.30pm in school. More details to follow.
Friday 14 th March 2025	Year 2	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Tuesday 18 th March 2025	Year 2	Inspire afternoon. Parent's welcome. 2pm to 3.30pm in school. More details to follow.
Wednesday 19 th March 2025	Whole School	Feast of St. Joseph
Wednesday 19 th March 2025	Whole School	Parents Evening, starting at 1pm. More details to follow.
Friday 21 st March 2025	Year 1	Celebration of the word, in school. 3pm all welcome
Wednesday 26 th March 2025	Year 4	Inspire afternoon. Parent's welcome. 2pm to 3.30pm in school. More details to follow.
Thursday 27 th March 2025	Year 5	Inspire afternoon. Parent's welcome. 2pm to 3.30pm in school. More details to follow.
Friday 28 th March 2025	Year 6	Inspire afternoon. Parent's welcome. 2pm to 3.30pm in school. More details to follow.
Friday 28 th March 2025	Whole School	NO Celebration of the word this week
Friday 4 th April 2025	Whole School	NO Celebration of the word this week
Friday 4 th April 2025	Whole School	Easter Egg competition/Easter fun day. More details to follow.

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Monday 7 th April 2025	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Palm Sunday. Celebration of the word, in school. 2.30pm all welcome
Tuesday 8 th April 2025	Year 3 and Year 4	Last Supper. Celebration of the word, in school. 2.30pm all welcome
Wednesday 9 th April 2025	Year 5 and Year 6	Stations of the Cross. Celebration of the word, in school. 2.30pm all welcome
Friday 11 th April 2025	Whole School	Last day of term, finish at 3.30pm
Monday 14th April 2025 to Friday 25th April 2025 Whole school – End of term. All children return on Monday 28th April 2025		

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

School menu



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WEEK 1 MEAT FREE MONDAY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday FISH FRIDAY
1ST CHOICE	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
2ND CHOICE		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
JACKET POTATO	Baked beans with mixed salad	Cheese with mixed salad	Tuna mayo with mixed salad	Cheese with mixed salad	Baked beans with mixed salad
DESSERT	Ice cream roll & fruit	Jelly & fruit	Cooks' choice homemade biscuit	School cake & custard	Waffle & fruit

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WEEK 2 MEAT FREE MONDAY

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

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