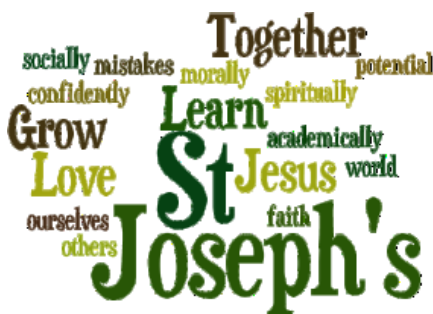


# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for  
Sunday 22nd October  
29th Sunday in Ordinary time  
Matthew 22: 15-21*



## *Headteachers message*

*It has been a very busy half term here at St Joseph's and all members of our school community are looking forward to a well earned rest. The children have settled back into the routine of school life with ease and it has been so lovely to welcome parents and friends to assemblies, workshops and meetings throughout the term. We have officially welcomed our Reception pupils and their families into the family of St Joseph's and we hope that their journey through school will be one filled with great memories and moments.*

*We continue to drive an improvement in our attendance figures. Although we are still not where we would want to be, I am very proud that there have been some classes with 100% attendance in a week—awarded with an extra break and goodies. My hope is that during this two week half term, all pupils rest and relax so they are fit and well to start the second half of the term.*

*I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school and wish you all a lovely half term break.*

## *Housepoints this week (Running totals)*

**St David 81 (311)**

**St George 64 (264)**

**St Patrick 74 (296)**

**St Andrew 200 (469)**

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### *Attendance—Week Ending 20th October 2023*

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	94.0	RB	96.0
1JB	93.3	1EB	89.6
2E	93.0	2F	97.9
3GF	89.2	3B	97.5
4D	89.3	4H	87.0
5G	96.2	5C	95.4
6W	95.9	6MT	88.5

### **Attendance Goodie Bag**

**100% for Week Ending 20.10.23**

*Well done to Harran who won our attendance goodie bag this week, for achieving 100% attendance!*

*Our highest class attendance this week was 2F with 97.9%. They will have additional play when we return to school following the half term break.*



***Whole School Attendance figure this week...***

**93.2%**

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

*Children in Year 3 or above are invited to take part in our 2024 First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation programme. This is organised by St Joseph's Parish and will be led this year by Fr Jerome Ituah OCD. There will be a Parents Meeting on Monday, 13th November at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church, where Fr Jerome will outline the plans and expectations of the children and parents participating.*

*Online registration will open later that week for those who wish to enrol their child in the programme.*

### **Playground Play Equipment**

*Please ensure that your child remains with you whilst on the school premises, at drop off and pick up times. **Children are not allowed to mount the play equipment, trim trails or the gym at the start or the end of the day.***

*Your child has been reminded of this in assembly but please speak to your child so that this message can be reinforced at home.*

### **School Clubs**

*Please note the following clubs have now finished for this term.*

*Football (including girls' lunchtime) / Netball / Forest School. We are hoping to introduce two new clubs and will update you once these are confirmed.*

*Dear Parents,*

*The closing date for **free delivery to school** of school photographs is **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link (which is on your proof photo) or visit*

***[www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)***

*If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).*

*Many thanks.*

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PHOTOGRAPHY

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A full house for the return of Family Bingo which was a great success thanks to all who booked tickets and came to play and to win!

A huge thank you to Ryan and Sarah Toms of Arthur Grace Residential for hosting the Bingo, calling brilliantly and a great big thank you and much appreciation to all the Friends of St Joseph's volunteers for giving their time and energy to make things go with a swing!



It could not be done without everyone pulling together and it was so wonderful to see the next generation of Bingo players and our FOSJS helpers out in force!

Every penny raised goes directly to enriching our children's lives at St Joseph's so thank you all!

### ***Parental Contact***

*Every Tuesday from 3-3.30pm, you are able to visit the classroom of your child, look at their books and speak with the class teacher. If you need to speak with the teacher at any point during the week, please email the school office and staff will get back to you at an available time.*

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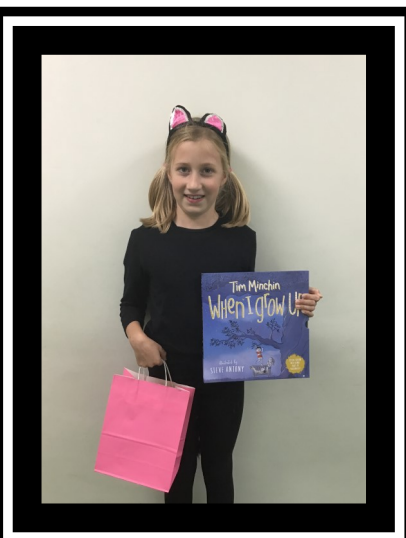
**Congratulations to Scarlett and Lucy who have both been selected to play for the District football team. They played their first game last weekend and thoroughly enjoyed it.**

### Social media

**Please keep following our new social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram and X). We are sharing lots of exciting events from school to keep you updated regarding your child's learning!**

## ITEMS WANTED

**The EYFS unit are looking for good quality toys and play equipment for their environment. If you have items which are no longer used at home and wish to donate them to the school, we will gratefully receive them.**



**Congratulations also to Anna for winning the Alistair Roberts memorial fund Christmas Card design competition.**

**Anna's beautiful design was chosen and will be used on the cards sold in aid of this appeal. Well Done Anna!**



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### Class 6MT's Assembly on Love



Class 6MT performed a fantastic assembly this week on Love and how God's love for us is unconditional. We heard about Jesus' teachings called the Sermon on the Mount, where a large crowd had gathered to hear his words, to be encouraged and to learn how to shape their lives in a more loving way.

Class 6MT touched upon the lives of Martin Luther King, Margaret Sinclair, Mother Teresa and Gladys Alyward, showing us how these people spread love and kindness throughout their lives. What a wonderful message! Well done 6MT!

### *Class Champions/ Rainbow Awards*

*During our celebration assembly we recognise the achievements of the children in each class, who have displayed the qualities of their class saint or have shown our learning characteristics during the week.*

*This week all children enjoyed a 'behaviour reward' afternoon with their classmates. The class champion and rainbow award winners were shared during this time. Well done to all those who received awards. The full list of names will be shared in the newsletter after the half-term break.*



**Have a lovely half-term break -  
St. Joseph's School**

