



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Have a lovely weekend when it comes. Please take the time to complete this very short feedback form for upcoming events this term. Please click here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gvsR9iBSxyTz7NGoDRnsvIUQEjxrY2W-Ka8_fkZo--0/edit

Hot Chocolate Friday

As part of their enterprise project, the Year Six children will be selling hot chocolate at breaktime each Friday this half term. A hot chocolate with marshmallows can be purchased for 50p and money can be sent in with your child or given to their teacher.

PTFA Reminder

The Valentine's Disco will be on Thursday 13th February from 5-7pm. Tickets will be £2.50 and will be available from Miss Ayton from Monday.

Lego Club Postponement:

Unfortunately due to staff training we will have to postpone the Lego Club on Wednesday 22nd and 29th January. It will restart again on Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Job Vacancy at School:

Do you know anyone who might be interested in this role? Please ask them to check the school website for more information.

Primary Site Operative (Caretaker)

Location: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Loftus

Salary: £18,546 – £18,842 per annum

Hours: 30 per week, Term Time Only plus 3 weeks

Closing Date: 25th January 2025, 9am

Next Week Headlines:

- Wednesday 22nd January SEND Coffee Morning & Special Online Science sessions for Y5/6
- Thursday 23rd January Building our Futures Workshop for Y5/6
- Friday 24th January Launch Day for The Church's Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'

Future Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 3rd February 2025 Photograph Day for School Website and Prospectus
- Monday 23rd June 2025 Photographs for Y6 Class, Reception Class, First Holy Communion Children and any families who missed photo day in October 2024.

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Attendance and Absence- A reminder

Unfortunately, a key feature of this time of year are the illnesses which go hand in hand with the season of winter. **All our families should contact the school every day that a child is not well enough to attend.** Ideally this call should be made before 9am so that we can account for all our children.

If you are planning on taking your child on holiday during term time you must complete a form giving at least 20 school days' notice. These are available from the front office. Unfortunately, I am not permitted to authorise any family holidays as that does not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances.

Currently our attendance for the school year is 94.3% which is below the expectations that we have set for the school. More information regarding attendance is on the school website here: <https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk/attendance-policy/>

Our benchmark for attendance

97-100%	Attendance levels are good to excellent Positive encouragement/incentives/rewards systems are used to maintain high levels of attendance.
94-96.9%	Concerns emerging Establish reasons for absence, patterns of absence, analyse data to regularly monitor absence. Letter parent/carer advising of concern, offer support to improve and advise that future absences will not be authorised unless medical evidence is provided.
90-93.9%	Attendance levels causing concern Parents/carers invited to a meeting in school to identify any barriers and complete an attendance support plan. Where issues identified are outside of school offer referral to Local Authority Early Help service. Review date set.
Below 90%	Persistent Absentee despite school intervention Commencement of formal attendance support procedures. Attendance case conference held with parents/carers and school to formulate attendance plan and liaise with Local Authority in regard to issue of education supervision order, parenting order, fixed penalty notice or prosecution.

PE timetable- A reminder

- Monday Year 1 & Year 2
- Tuesday Reception, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3
- Wednesday Reception & Year 3- (Year 4 also go Swimming)
- Thursday Year 5 & Year 6
- Friday Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

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After School Clubs

After school clubs have restarted. Once again, the cost for these clubs is £10 per half-term. This terms clubs are as follows:

- Tuesday MFC Fitness Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Wednesday MFC Fitness Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

There are currently plenty of spaces at both of these clubs.

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked on the theme of **teamwork**.

- LJ- Erin
- FS1- Elliot R & Hydie G
- FS2- Natalie & Sebastian L
- Y1- Charlie S & Arthur G
- Y2- Noah W & Riley R
- Y3- Stanley S & Pippa G
- Y4- Kaidan H & Lola-Rey O
- Y5- Bella T & Vinnie R-W
- Y6- Henry L & Dexter A

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Loving God,
In this year of Jubilee, help us to share the hope we see.
Help us to forgive like you, and to care for creation too.
Help us walk in unity, with our worldwide family.
Through our prayers and all we do,
May we each day grow close to you.
Then with Jesus, we will see,
The hope that is shared in this Jubilee. Amen.
Amen.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Geaves
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