



ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely day for ducks!! Please take the time to read the following messages.

Can I remind you all that Parents Evening Appointments for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February are now available to book on Arbor. 61% of you have already done this so thank you to those parents and carers who have already signed up. **You have until lunchtime on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February to make appointments.** (Due to prior commitments Y3 Parents Evening will be on Monday and Wednesday.)

Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. The blessings in this Sunday's Gospel, which promise true, lasting happiness, are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and are known as the Beatitudes.

Jesus' words would have turned upside down the thoughts that most of his listeners had about true happiness, and maybe they challenge our own ideas too.

We will be holding our second **Parents evening on Monday and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February** after school as published on our calendar and website. Appointments can now be booked on Arbor

**Next Week's Highlights:**

- Monday-Friday National Story Telling Week
- Monday- Sports Leader Meeting
- Tuesday- Y5 Boulby Mine Workshop

**After School Club Bookings:**

Now that the after-school club has become established please can we ask that if you want your child to stay on an evening and book on the day, can you also phone the school to let us know. We print numbers first thing on a morning and as some families have booked in the afternoon, we may miss these bookings. It is not an issue to book on the day as staff will always be there, we simply ask that you also phone the school to inform us of your booking.

**Attendance:**

This week's attendance was **95.8%** with Year 2 managing 100% well done to them. Our whole school attendance for the year has improved slightly to **95.2%** after the month of January. For a closer look at our Attendance policy please check the school website here: [Attendance Policy](#)

**Packed Lunches:**

A polite reminder not to send any items into school that contain nuts or traces of nuts. We have children in school with severe allergies to this food group- thank you.

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### **School Uniform:**

Can I ask for your support in three different ways.

Firstly, please can you make sure that all uniform is labelled. It is becoming increasingly frustrating how much lost property the school is generating that we can not relocate with its owners. This isn't good for family finances and also not great for the environment. If your child's name is in the school uniform, we can then hand it straight back.

Secondly, on PE days our uniform policy states that children can wear school PE uniform for the day. Some children are wearing branded clothing items that do not meet these requirements. Our PE Uniform is and always has been as follows:

- ✓ Bottle green PE shorts
- ✓ Yellow T-shirt (with or without the school badge on)
- ✓ Black trainers (indoor or outdoor)
- ✓ When colder, plain black, grey or navy jogging bottoms and top should be worn for outdoor sessions along with yellow T-shirts and trainers. Branded sportswear is not part of school uniform.
- ✓ Optional Black Sports top with school badge on.

Finally, at St Joseph's we have a no jewellery policy. Children are not allowed to wear earrings at any time so please do not get them pierced in term time. Children may wear a wristwatch if they would like to.

We have once again linked up with lollipops who provide our school uniform. The website address is here: <https://lollipops-middlesbrough.co.uk/product-category/s/st-josephs-loftus/>

This is also where out Y6 families can order their child a leaver's hoodie before Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

### **PTA Reminders**

#### **Valentine's Disco**

Our Valentine's Disco will be on **Wednesday 11th February** (4.30-5.30pm FS and 5.45-7pm KS1/2). Tickets will go on sale on **Monday 26th January until 3.30pm Tuesday 10th Feb**. These will be priced at £1.50 each and hot dogs, drinks and sweets will be available separately.

#### **Someone Special Day**

Our next Someone Special Day' will take place on Friday 13th March at 1.30pm or 2.15pm.

Tickets are priced at £3 each which entitles 1 adult to receive a cream scone and tea/coffee and 1 child to receive a cake and juice. Additional children can be added to an adult ticket for an additional £1 each (eg. 1 adult, 2 children =£4) and additional adults can be added for £2 each (eg. 2 adults, 1 child = £5).

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Tickets will be on sale from Monday 16th February until 3.30pm Monday 9th March from Miss Ayton. Please note this will be a ticketed event only to enable us to cater for the correct numbers. If you have any dietary requirements or a preference for a specified time sitting, please let us know when purchasing tickets. Your continued support is much appreciated.

**Future Dates for your Diary:**

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup>– Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Children’s mental Health Week ‘This is my place’
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 PTFA Valentine’s Disco
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February Break up for Half-Term

**Stars of the Week:**

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked on the theme of listening

- LJ- River P-P
- FS1- Fallon W & Jacob L
- FS2- Orla E & Hudson W
- Y1-Rosabella RW & Wynter-Marie S
- Y2- Louis M & Freddie W
- Y3- Savannah B & Mabel
- Y4- Annie D & Charlie S
- Y5- Harper G & Lola O
- Y6- Bella T & Alice W

**Final Thoughts/Prayers:**

Lord, let February be a month of favour, growth, and deeper faith.  
I surrender all to You, knowing that Your plans for me are good.  
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend and see you in February.

Yours sincerely,

*S Geaves*

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