



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 20th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus relied on God's word to resist temptation. Lent is a time for us to make an extra effort to listen carefully to God's word, to try and make a change for the better by turning away from things which are wrong for ourselves or others.

Thanks to Fr Simon and Mrs Smith for helping distribute Ashes to the children on Ash Wednesday. During Lent we are asked to give to charity and this year St Joseph's will be supporting Mission Together through their little red box appeal. We will also be taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk on Monday 31st March. More details of what this event is going to look like will be sent out next half-term.

Parent's Evening Spring Term

Parents Evening was really well attended and half way through the year we were able to give you an update on how your child is doing. I hope you enjoyed your visit and the opportunity to see your child's work. As you can see, we do keep working them hard to achieve their very best.

Lost Property

I am saddened to see just how much lost property we have in the school at the moment. Unfortunately, the items we have no names in which makes it very difficult to return. Please can we make sure all uniform including PE uniform is labelled for next half-term. Can I also ask that we remember that the PE uniform is a plain black tracksuit over the top of the St Joseph's colours.

First week back Highlights:

- **Monday 23rd- Friday 27th February School closed to pupils**
- Monday 2nd March School reopens to all pupils
- Monday- 3.30pm Y3/4 Peat Rigg Information Meeting
- Wednesday Select KS2 Cross Country
- Thursday World Book Day- Dressing Up day

Investor in Career Primary Award

I am delighted to share with you that the school has been awarded the Investor Award for Primary Careers work within the school. A big thank you to Miss Wright for all the lovely activities that she shapes for the children throughout the Academic Year to help us gain such a delightful award.

Primary School Mobile Phone Use

Unfortunately, a common theme that arose from the recent Parent's Evening was some concern from parents regarding messaging and social media use of children through their mobile phones. I have sent an email to all parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 with some useful additional information for them. As a parent of two teenage girls, I know how tricky it can be to navigate a world full of internet influence.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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Please think about what you let your children access. All the main social media messaging sites, WhatsApp, TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook Messenger have an **age recommendation of 13**.

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).

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.

Mini Bus Driver Vacancy

Lovely Mr Cuthbert will be retiring at Easter. We are therefore looking for a new mini bus driver. Details are on the school website here:

<https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk/current-vacancy/>

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to the following children:

- LJ- Leo H & Mabel D
- FS1- Eleanor O & Luca S
- FS2- Annabelle M & Lottie R
- Y1-Sebastain L & Lautaro M
- Y2- Louie M & Parker M
- Y3- Roman S & Etienne L
- Y4- Arthur R & Alex M
- Y5- Jake S and Genevieve S
- Y6- Jack B & William M



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.

Yours sincerely,

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