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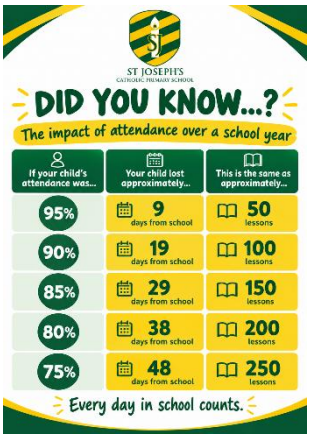
Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fabulous first week back we have had. The highlight has to be the victorious Y5 and Year 6 football team who returned home with the trophy following games against our local schools. Well done to all the boys and girls involved.

School Attendance

I am delighted that school attendance has been 97.2% this week which is brilliant. If your child misses 9 days at school over the course of the year that means they will miss 50 lessons. Please can we make every effort to send children to school (As long as they are not unwell) every single day. The odd day off here and there does have an impact on children's learning. Over the next few weeks, I will be communicating some more information about attendance. Thank you for your support.





Remembrance Day 2026

School will be observing the 2-minute silence on Wednesday 11th November. A special assembly is arranged for Y1-6 on that day and children can wear Beavers, cubs, brownie etc uniforms if they would like to. We will also be laying a Poppy Wreath at the Annual Remembrance Sunday Parade in Loftus on Sunday 8th November.

Children in Distress Christmas Shoebox Appeal Collection Date

Thank you ever so much for your kindness and generosity. The number of shoeboxes sent in this week has been overwhelming with such short notice. Kindness is a gift to share and once again St Joseph's school community has come together.

Children in Need Day Friday 13th November 2026

This day will be a no school uniform day. Children can wear their own clothes including any Children in Need clothing and accessories. As a school we will not be asking for any charitable donations as we have just recently been collecting for the Royal British Legion and Children in Distress. Year 5 and Year 6 have PE that day so need to be in clothes they can do sport activities in.

PE timetable For Autumn 2 A reminder

- Monday - FS2, Y1, Y4
- Tuesday - Y2, Y3
- Wednesday - Y2, Y5, Y6
- Thursday - Y1, Y3, Y4
- Friday - Y5, Y6

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Odd Socks Day Monday 16th November 2026.



Odd Socks Day 2026 is taking place on Monday 16th November. Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks. The Andy and the Odd Socks team came up with the idea for Odd Socks Day with us in 2017, and we work together every year to deliver the all-inclusive message the event encourages. This year's message is 'Break the Silence' helping children to speak out against unkind behaviour. This marks the start of anti-bullying week in school. All children (and staff) can wear odd socks- the odder the better!!

Parent Council Meeting:

The Parent Council Met on Tuesday afternoon. The next scheduled meeting is **7th December at 9am**. The main topics of discussion were as follows:

- Continuing issues with parking- Parent Council once again repeated their concerns for safety at the beginning and end of the school day. A few parents are ignoring the schools' requests to park safely. Please do not park on the ZIG ZAG LINES
- Parent's Evening- Overall feeling was that these had been successful with a timely reminder of how children are doing.
- EYFS Stay and Play- This was a huge success and very well attended.
- Y2 Class size- (Class specific)
- Topics covered in class- Discussion around how these can be communicated to parents. Miss Wright and Mr Geaves will speak to teachers about this with a plan for next term.

Other Notices:

Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check is on Thursday 12th November. Information has already been sent out to parents.

After School Science Club Thursday 3.15-4.15 Year 1 to Year 6

Miss Ogden is running an after-school Science Club starting on Thursday 12th November for 5 weeks. This club can be booked on Arbor and will operate on a first come first serve basis. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 cash to the front office for the full 5 weeks once places have been allocated. This club is for Year 1 to Year 6 children only.



Non-uniform Day

Children can wear non-uniform on **Thursday 26th November** in exchange for some chocolate towards the Christmas Bingo tombola please.

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Christmas Bingo

Join us for our festive Christmas Bingo on Thursday 26th November 5.30-7.30pm. Doors open 5pm.
This year we will be offering the following refreshments (to be booked in advance):

- Portion of chips £1.00
- Hot dog and chips meal deal (including a drink) £2.00
- Burger and chips meal deal (including a drink) £2.50



Tickets will be on sale from Monday 9th November until 3pm Monday 23rd November from Miss Ayton.
Please note chips, hot dogs and burgers will not be available to purchase on the night.
We will however have drinks, sweets and a chocolate tombola on the night.

Christmas Disco



Get your dancing shoes on and join us for our Christmas Disco on Wednesday 9th December 4.30- 5.30pm FS (parents are welcome to stay), 5.45pm KS1/2 (children only).
Tickets will be £1.50 each and go on sale from Monday 30th November until 3pm Wednesday 9th December from Miss Ayton.
Refreshments, tattoos and a teddy tombola will also be available on the night.

Sorry for the Christmas messages but I have been reliably informed that Christmas is now only 49 days away, Ho Ho Ho!

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



Warmest wishes,

Mr Geaves
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