



Newsbite
Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parent's and Carers,

Christmas is now in full swing at St Joseph's and this week we celebrated with our Foundation Stage Nativity performance of The Twinkly Nativity. The children performed extremely well learning seven songs and using Makaton too! Thank you to all our visitors who shared this very special moment with us.



We also welcomed the Trust travelling Crib into school on Thursday. Pupils from Sacred Heart came to deliver this to us. The children wrote advent prayers and participated in a lovely whole school liturgy.



I am looking forward to next week when the children will, all I am sure, be even more excited. The KS1 children are in their final stages of Nativity Preparation - Their singing sounds amazing from my office! There is quite a lot happening so please look at the timetable below.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless
Mrs Dedman

Dates for the Diary

| 18 th Dec | 19 th Dec | 20 th Dec | 21 st Dec | 22 nd Dec |
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| Christmas Carols with Lucy Children only | Christmas Dinner Day (Children Only) Christmas Jumper Day (Save the children £1 Donation - Uniform to be worn with a Christmas Jumper) | KS1 Nativity (Key Stage 1 Parent / Adults Invitation) Tea and coffee available from 9am Performance @ 9.30am | Christmas Disco PTA FS1 / 2 & KS1 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. KS2 6.15 - 7.15 p.m. | Class Parties: Please bring in a drink and a snack for the afternoon. |

Advent Prayer

[Advent calendar prayer and reflection for 15 December \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://cafod.org.uk)

Creator God,
rooted in your love,
may we grow in wisdom and gentleness,
delighting in your law,
learning to care for the earth
and for each other.
Amen.



Staying Safe in the Holidays

LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

Winter WATER SAFETY

EVERY YEAR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO PLAY ON THE ICE FORMED ON OPEN WATERS AND ADULTS FIND THEMSELVES AT RISK AS THEY ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEM. OVER 50% OF ICE RELATED DROWNING INVOLVED AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A DOG

TOP TIPS

- Keep away from the edge of the water
- Only walk in well lit areas
- Keep dogs on their leads
- Walk with an adult or group of friends
- Never go on the ice under any circumstances

WHAT TO DO IN DANGER

- Shout help and call 999. Use your what3words location
- Never go onto the ice to try and rescue a person or animal
- Keep an eye on the person in danger
- If possible lie flat to spread your weight
- Wait for the emergency services

During the holiday it is important to keep our children safe. Please find within this information guidance on what to do if you are concerned about the safety of a child in Leicester City. I have also included a link to a short story written by Network Rail on staying safe.

[Network Rail Key Stage 1 primary school safety talk - Learn Live \(learnliveuk.com\)](https://www.learnliveuk.com)

What to do if you are concerned about a child

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Child protection means protecting children from physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up into confident, healthy and happy adults. If you are concerned about the safety and welfare of a child in **Leicester city**, then please contact Leicester City Council or the Police, on the following telephone numbers.

Children and Young People's Service

Telephone: [0116 454 1004](tel:01164541004) (open 24/7).

Post: Duty and Advice Service, Halford House, 91 Charles Street, Leicester. LE1 1HL

Members of the public could visit Customer Services at 91 Granby Street, Leicester LE1 6FB where a telephone will be available to contact the Duty and Advice Service, [Children's Social Care](#).

A social worker will talk to you about your concerns and will advise of any action required. The service is open 24 hours, 7 days a week, all year.

The service is also the first point of contact for all new

referrals to children's services and will deal with anything that relates to city children.

How to make a referral

In the first instance contact [0116 454 1004](tel:01164541004) to discuss your concerns.

If you are concerned about the safety and welfare of a child in **Leicestershire** or **Rutland**, please visit the [Leicestershire and Rutland website](#) for further information.

Police

Telephone:101. In an emergency always call 999.

Attendance at St Joseph's

| Class | Class attendance YTD |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Mrs Bailey | 93.4 |
| Mrs Abel | 95.1 |
| Mr Crewe | 94.6 |
| Mrs Spencer | 93.3 |
| Mr Challoner | 95.4 |
| Mrs Darby | 93.1 |
| Mrs Stack | 95.6 |
| Mrs Murray | 96.9 |
| Whole School (This year so far) | 94.0 |
| National Average YTD (Year to Date) | 94.6 |

Persistent Absence at St Joseph's

A persistent absent student is defined as a student who has 10% or more absence and who is aged between 5-15 years old.

At Present there are currently **18.3%** of children at school who are classed as Persistently absent. This equates to **38** children out of 213. This is above the National Average.

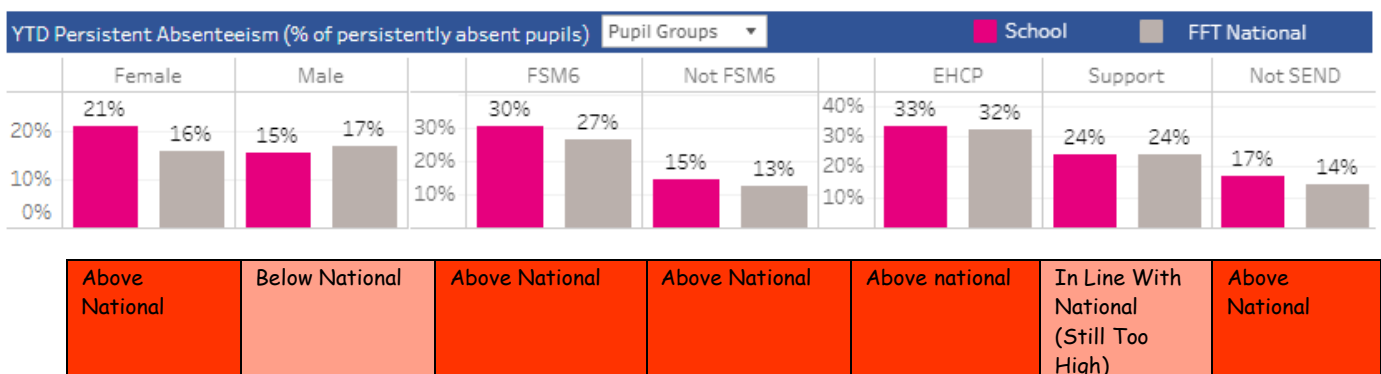
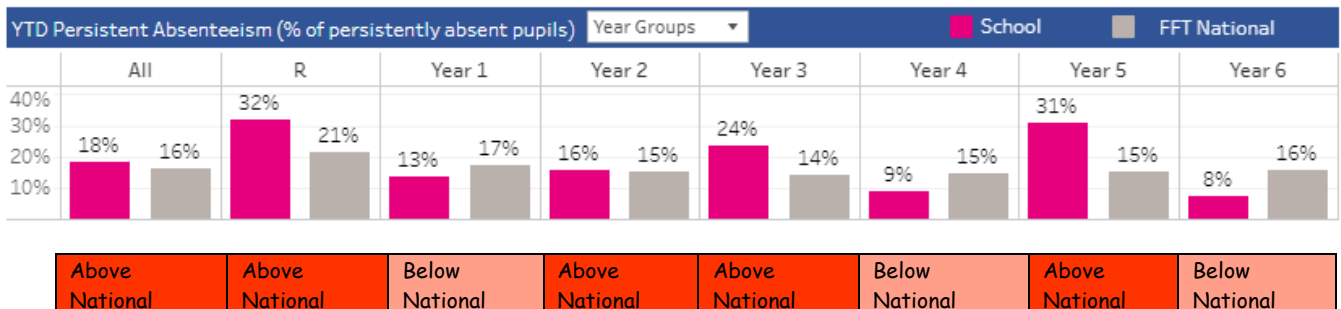
To find out what your child's attendance is - Please have a look at your Arbor App or ask in the school office.



The Tables below show where we have more persistent absence in comparison to National Data.

The areas that are below National Data are still too high.

Please let us know if we can help you to reduce our attendance concerns.



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