



Newsbite
Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parent's and Carers,

What a busy first week back! Many thanks to the parents who were able to celebrate Mass with us on Monday; it was a lovely way to start the new term. Thank You also Father David and the school Chaplaincy team for organising this for us.

My thanks also for your contributions towards supporting the whole school Pantomime 'Robin Hood', without your contributions this would not be possible. The children really enjoyed this event, particularly at this point in the year, not only is this great for their well being but the children learn about the art of performance and make links with prior learning and understanding of the themes and story performed. My thanks also to the PTA for contributing financially towards this event so that we can keep the costs as low as possible.



Thank you all for your continued support as we all get back into the rhythm of the school routine.

UNIFORM

Two quick reminders: The children do need to be wearing coats and warm winter uniforms. The weather is set to possibly bring the snow and we will still play outside if it is safe to do so. Also, please remember to label their clothes so that if they do get misplaced we can get them returned to their rightful owners.

SNOW

If the white stuff does fall and it is heavy, there may be cause to close the school. I do not choose to do this lightly and will remain open if I have enough staff to do this safely. In the event of me having to close the school you will receive a parent mail/ text message alert. We will follow the school procedure and place an alert on the school website too.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Dedman

Dates for the Diary

Topic	RE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15.1.24		Martin Luther King Day Balance Bikes: EYFS	Year 6 Children walking to St Pauls to see St Pauls			Y5/6 swimming Year 2 Parents Lunches
22.1.24		Balance Bikes: EYFS				Year 6 Class Assembly Year 5 swimming Holocaust Memorial day
29.1.24		National storytelling week	Feast Day Celebrations			Year 5 swimming Presentation of the Lord

St Th Aq feast day (28 th)		Balance Bikes: EYFS Urban Nature Project - ECO CLUB				
5.2.24		Children's mental health awareness week Balance Bikes: EYFS	Internet safety day			Year 5 swimming
12.2.24		Parents' evening Balance Bikes: EYFS	Parents' evening Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras	Ash Wednesday Mass 2pm		Year 5 swimming Non-uniform day

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Topic	RE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26.2.24 Fairtrade fortnight				Dr Bike		Year 5 swimming
4.3.24 Fairtrade fortnight					World Book Day	Year 5 swimming Mothers' Day (10 th)
11.3.24		National Science week				Year 5 swimming
18.3.24		St Joseph's feast day Mass 2pm All Welcome Year 3/4 dress rehearsal 9.30am - Children in school to watch	St Joseph's Feast Day	Year 3/4 Easter production 9.30am		Year 4 swimming Non-uniform day World Water day World Maths day (23 rd)

Prayer

God of all,

You know us all by our name, and love and care for us, because we are all your children. Help us also to love and care for our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.

Attendance at St Joseph's

Class	Class attendance YTD (Before Christmas)	Class Attendance Year to Date 12.01.24	Class Attendance This week
Mrs Bailey	93.4	93.4	100%
Mrs Abel	95.1	94.9	96.7%
Mr Crewe	94.6	94.7	91.7%
Mrs Spencer	93.3	93.1	96.0%
Mr Challoner	95.4	95.1	90.6%
Mrs Darby	93.1	93.3	94.2%
Mrs Stack	95.6	95.1	96.0%
Mrs Murray	96.9	96.6	100%
Whole School (This year so far)	93.7	93.9	93.9
National Average YTD (Year to Date)	94.6	94.4	94.4

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 **18.6%** of children at school who are classed as Persistently absent. This equates to **40** children out of 215.

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.

Well done Mrs Bailey, Mrs Abel, Mrs Spencer, Mrs Stack and Mrs Murray's Classes you're all off to a great start!! Keep up the hard attendance work.

