



Newsbite
Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parent's and Carers,

It has been an incredibly fast first week back and the children have all been very busy learning.

I would like to thank the Friends of St Joseph's, PTA for organising a fundraising event at school. The children all enjoyed participating in the 'Leap' Event. Please do try to collect your sponsorship money return by the 8th of March. Monies raised will be helping towards the refurbishment of our school library. This will help with supporting the enjoyment of reading throughout the school. Something that we all know is an incredibly important life skill and an experience that should be enjoyed.

Thank you also to the Sustrans [Home - Sustrans.org.uk](https://www.sustrans.org.uk), who came into school on Wednesday to service your bikes and then again on Thursday, for a day of riding skills with our year 5 children. The children loved participating in these sessions with some of our children riding a bike for the very first time. Well done year 5!



Uniform

Please may I also take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of school uniform. I have noticed in recent weeks that some children are not wearing the full uniform. Please do follow the school uniform guidance: [School Uniform - St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester \(st-josephs.leicester.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-josephs.leicester.sch.uk), as having the correct school uniform has a positive impact on behaviour and learning. If you are experiencing cost of living difficulties. Please email me cdedman@st-josephs.leicester.sch.uk for a discussion so that we can support you in this current climate.



Don't Forget

Monday 4th March

·Eco Hedgehog Event- next Monday (4th March) straight after school. Competition - 50p to enter, school prize and a winner will have their design used as the badge for Leicestershire schools taking part in the project. All proceeds go to fund Eco work at school.



World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Please refer to the World book day letter, shared before half term, for further information.

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless

Mrs Dedman

Dates for the Diary

4.3.24 Fairtrade fortnight		Hedgehog Event After school - all welcome			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



Today is the feast of Saint David, the Patron of Wales. He lived in the south west corner of Wales, and founded several monasteries. He died about the year 588 in his own monastery of Menevia, where he was also bishop. After his death, the village was re-named "St Davids". Although only a village, St Davids has a huge cathedral - technically making it a city.

We pray today for all Welsh people. Some will be wearing a daffodil, being one of the national emblems of the country.

As the month of March begins, we can pause for a moment in silence to think of some of the signs that remind us that winter is past, and spring is upon us - signs such as daffodils and other bulbs that have flowered...

Lord of life, we give you thanks for the beauty of creation, and we rejoice when we see signs of new life. May we be Spring to others and never Winter. Amen.

Attendance at St Joseph's

Class	Class attendance YTD (Before Christmas)	Class Attendance Year to Date 12.01.24	Class Attendance Year to Date 26.01.24	Class Attendance Year to Date 09.02.24	Class Attendance Year to Date	Class Attendance Today
Mrs Bailey	93.4	93.4	93.6	93.1	93.1	95.2
Mrs Abel	95.1	94.9	94.8	94.6	94.4	86.7
Mr Crewe	94.6	94.7	94.8	94.3	94.2	93.3
Mrs Spencer	93.3	93.1	93.2	93.3	93.4	94.1
Mr Challoner	95.4	95.1	95.2	95.3	95.5	97.0
Mrs Darby	93.1	93.3	93.1	93.2	93.3	96.4
Mrs Stack	95.6	95.1	95.3	94.9	94.9	100
Mrs Murray	96.9	96.6	96.4	96.2	96.2	92.6
Whole School (This year so far)	93.7	93.9	93.4	93.9		
National Average YTD (Year to Date)	94.6	94.4	94.0	94.2		

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 **15.3%** of children at school who are classed as Persistently absent. This equates to **33** children out of 216. In comparison to National Persistnet Absence data which is currently at 18%

Congratulations everyone - Keep up the hard work on attendance - we are now below the national percentage - Let's see if we can get it below 10%

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

Congratulations Mrs Stack and Your class for 100% attendance today.

Other Notices



CALLING CATHOLIC TEACHERS

Catholic teachers working outside Catholic education

An invitation for you!

Date & Time

Monday 4th March 2024
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue

VIRTUAL - Microsoft Teams

Teaching has an extraordinary moral depth and is one of humanity's excellent and creative activities, for the teacher does not write on inanimate material, but on the very spirits of human beings.

The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium

If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education, we'd love to meet you! Whether you have taught in a Catholic school before or not, we would like to invite you to find out more about the exciting and immensely rewarding opportunities in Catholic education within the Diocese of Nottingham, including our Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts.

Teaching in a Catholic school is not just a job, it is a vocation. For us, education is about far more than academic success, it is about the formation of the whole person.

This occasion is designed to provide information about how best to prepare for a role in a Catholic School and to answer any questions you may have. There will also be an opportunity to register for a mentoring programme for those senior leaders who wish to be accompanied and supported on their journey into Catholic education.

To reserve your place please contact Julie Sweeney: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk



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FROM THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF

Will be talking about his time on Bake Off and how his love of gardening and his work as a Chemist have influenced his journey

£15 A TICKET | THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024

7:30pm start at Warning Zone Life Skills Centre with Interval and licenced bar



Bring your own bake to share with everyone during the interval

Exciting raffle prizes including a signed copy by Josh of "The Great British Bake Off - Kitchen Classics" book, along with other Baking themed prizes.



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