



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Statement to Live by 'I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you.'

Dear parents/carers,

We can't quite believe there is only 2 weeks left of this half term. The weather continues to be dark and dreary but the children always come into school with a smile and ready to learn. Well done everyone.

Celebration of the Word

Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes points to the wonderful way of God's Kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:
For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:
For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:
For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:
For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:
For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:
For they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness's sake:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Catholic Life in School:

Angels of Hope



To mark the end of the Jubilee year the children made 'Angels of Hope' to mark the promise they have made during the Jubilee year. They are displayed in our key stage 2 corridor. They brighten up the corridor and remind us that we are pilgrims of hope.

Mini – Vinnies



Our Mini-Vinnies have been busy this week making valentine messages for the residents of the 'White Ladies' care home. They will be delivered to them in time for Valentine's Day.

Year 1 Infant Agility

Well done to Year 1 for their super infant agility skills at Sunderland Tennis Centre. The children participated in a range of different sports aimed at developing their fine motor skills and hand eye co-ordination. The children had a great fun filled morning.



Number Day

We celebrated Number Day in school on Friday. The children came into school wearing clothing with a number or shape, they participated in lots of fun Maths activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in a rock band battle for their times table rockstars.



Year 4

Year 4 have been loving their experiments in Science. This week, they made string tele-phones to help them investigate how sound travels. They even managed to make one nearly the length of the school yard!

Attendance

Meet 'Bingo the Bear' our school attendance mascot! Each week during achievement assembly the class who has the highest attendance and punctuality, gets to win Bingo for their class for the rest of the week.

This week Year 3 had 98.3% attendance, closely followed by Reception class. This was a great achievement as we have also had the highest overall daily attendance in school of 99% on Thursday.

We have 128 children who have achieved 97% attendance or above, so far this year!

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support with our school attendance.



We know children do get poorly from time to time and please be assured that we do take this into consideration when monitoring attendance. We are grateful for your support, let's see if we can together achieve that 100% daily attendance!

Year 6 Booster Class

Our Year 6 children are working extremely hard in the lead up to their SAT's tests. On a Monday evening after school Mrs Kelly and Mrs Maher provide a SAT's booster class until 4.20pm. As a reward to those children who attend, the children will receive a raffle ticket which will be entered into a prize draw. This will be drawn every 3 weeks during SAT's booster for the children to win a small prize as a reward for their effort, hard work and attendance at booster class.

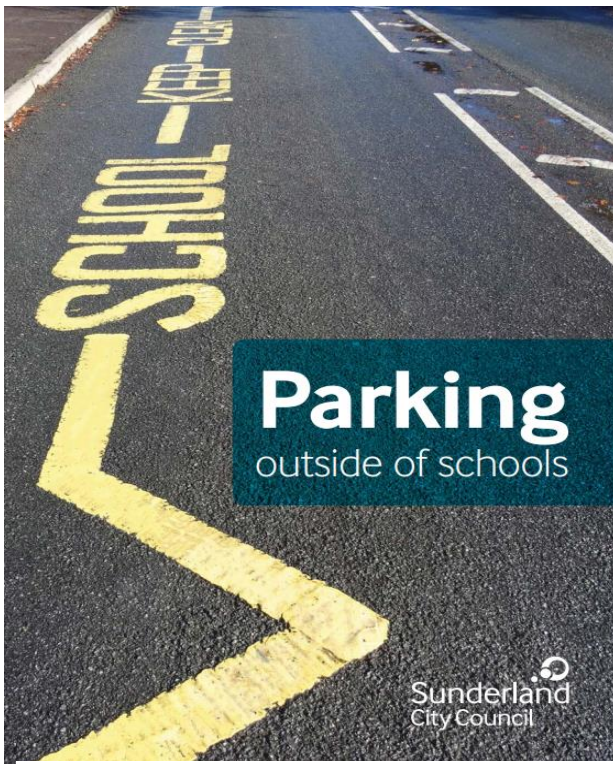
Careers Week

National Careers Week is happening in school between the 2nd and 6th March. Thank you to all of the parents who have previously let us know they would be interested in talking to the children about their chosen career. We may be in touch with you to find out if you are still interested and be willing to come into school to inspire the children.

Staff Shout Out

This week's staff shout out goes to Mrs Ward for being quite simply 'amazing!'

SHOW YOU CARE – PARK ELSEWHERE!



Parking outside of schools

Nobody should be forced into the road

Parking on a pavement can obstruct and inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, those with visual impairments, and people with prams and pushchairs. Cars parked on pavements can force our children into the road to face oncoming traffic.

How can you help improve road safety outside of schools?

Never stop or park on keep clear markings. They are there to make sure that children can cross the road in and out of their school safely. The markings not only highlight the school entrance to other road users, but also mean that the area must be kept clear of stationary vehicles.

School keep clear markings have a 'No Stopping' Traffic Regulation Order on them. The sign indicates the times the restriction is in place. There may be additional waiting and loading restrictions in order to regulate parking.

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There was a near miss outside of school last week. Luckily no one was hurt, but cars are parked along the road in such a way that it reduces visibility both for drivers and pedestrians. We are sure that you agree with us, when we say, we do not want this near miss to be a fatal accident in the future.

There are two car parks next to school, the Church car park always has an abundance of spaces left on an afternoon that are not utilized. Please do not block garages and driveways next to houses or park in the bus stops, on the paths or the grass verges.

Families should be able to cross the roads safely around school and unfortunately, they cannot do so due to the amount of cars parked on the road outside of school. Please be mindful that some families do need to cross the road to reach school and crossing between parked cars on a busy road is not safe. Please help to keep children safe when coming to school by parking safely.

Keeping Children Safe

Every member of staff in school will act to keep children safe. Our designated staff who have a lead role in keeping them safe are:

- Mrs E Maher – Headteacher
- Mrs F Lawton – Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs J Johnson – Senior Leader
- Mrs P Swanston – Business Manager
- Mrs R Topping – Safeguarding Link Governor

What's on this Term – this may change and new dates maybe added:

(Refreshments will be available in the School Hall after our Celebration of the Word)

Friday 6 th February 2026	Number Day in School
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Mass in Church 10am – Year 2 attending
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Year 2- Rickleton Primary School, Infantasia singing event
Tuesday 17 th February 2026	Mass in Church 10am – Year 4
Tuesday 17 th February 2026	Year 1 – Special Meal in school hall 9am. 1 parent/carer welcome to attend
Friday 20 th February 2026	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Monday 23 rd February 2026 – Friday 27 th February 2026	HALF TERM – School Closed
Monday 2 nd March 2026	Return to School
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Mass in Church 10am – Year 2 attending
Friday 6 th March 2026	Year 1 – Celebration of the Word – 9am School Hall
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	Mass in Church 10am – Year 5
Friday 13 th March 2026	Reception Class – Celebration of the Word – 9am School Hall
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Parents Evening – School Hall (Further Details to follow)
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	Parents Evening – School Hall (Further Details to follow)
Thursday 19 th March 2026	Mass in Church 10am – Whole School (Reception to Year 6 attending) St. Joseph's Day
Friday 20 th March 2026	Year 4 – Celebration of the Word – 9am School Hall
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Mass in Church 10am – Year 1 attending
Friday 27 th March 2026	Year 3 – Celebration of the Word – 9am School Hall
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	School Breaks up for Easter
Friday 3 rd April 2026 – Friday 17 th April 2026	School Closed for Easter Holiday