



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Statement to Live By: I know what humility means.



Dear parents/carers,

We are racing towards the Easter holidays and the sun is shining which gives everyone a new sense of energy and positivity in school.

Celebration of the Word

This week in our Celebration of the Word, we explored the Gospel reading where Jesus healed the blind man and received the joy of sight and faith!

We are invited to celebrate the joy we have in following Jesus, so we can see with eyes of faith who He really is. This Lent, we know we can say 'Yes!' to the joy that Jesus offers us.

Prayer:

O God, remind us that we can grow closer in friendship with you through your Word. Please help us to follow you with open hearts and eyes of faith, as we look forward to the special celebrations of Easter with joy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen

Thank you to all of our Year 5 parents who attended Mass to support the children.

Our whole school attended Mass on Thursday 19th March to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph. Thank you to all of the parents who attended this wonderful celebration. As well as being our school namesake, St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers, fathers, families and the universal church. He is a Christian role model for devotion to family life, humility and faith.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers of our Reception children who attended their first Celebration of the Word with the theme of Mother's Day. We are sure you will all agree the children were excellent at conveying the message of how wonderful and special all Mothers and Grandmothers are in our lives.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers of our Year 4 children who attended Celebration of the Word with the theme of 'Self Discipline'. We had some lovely comments from parents at the end, which are fed back to the children.

Catholic Life in School:

Red Nose Day

It was wear something red or non-uniform day in school on Friday in support of the Comic Relief (red nose day). The charity raises funds to combat poverty globally and in the UK. It provides, food, shelter, healthcare and skill development to community led projects.

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful donations, we raised £157.80

Nursery – Red Nose Day



Our Nursery children decorated delicious 'red nose' biscuits in school and then enjoyed them with their snack.

Year 5

Our Year 5 class enjoying Red Nose Day



School Choir

Our school choir attended Washington Arts centre to perform in a vocal show. Our music teacher Mrs Ingram has been working with our school choir on developing their singing and performance. It was a wonderful showcase, with all of the children singing confidently.



Our choir and Year 2 children would like to invite their parents in to school on Monday 30 March at 9am for a singing extravaganza to show off their recent performances. We look forward to seeing you then.

Boccia Finals

Congratulations to some of our Key Stage 2 children who reached the Tyne and Wear Boccia County Finals. These were held at Gateshead stadium. It was a brilliant event, and even though we did not win the children showed resilience, team work and great Boccia skills. They even got to meet Paralympian Stephen Miller to get some inspirational tips.



Football Team

Over the last two weeks, our Girls football team have secured 3 wins and a draw. On Thursday evening they played in a cup game and got through to the final. We are very impressed by their determination, resilience and team sportsmanship. Our Year 6 team won their match against St. John Boste in a friendly last week. They have two cup games coming up, we wish them the best of luck, we are sure they will make us proud.

Sponsored Read

We raised:



£1416.00

Thank you to all of our amazing readers and their wonderful families for taking part in our sponsored read. Some children read over 100 books and even listed them on their sponsor form. Our love of reading has really shone through. We were overwhelmed hearing how many books you have read, what books you have read and your recall of the stories. You are all amazing.

Careers Week

During our careers week we welcomed into school some of our parents to talk to the children about their chosen career, how they chose their career, what they may have studied and what advice they could give our children. These were really informative presentations and gave our children further information about various job roles in our community. A huge thank you to the parents who gave up their time to do this, you were all inspirational.

School Disco

Tickets are still available for our school disco on Wednesday 1st April. Tickets can be purchased on Arbor through the school shop option. Times for the Disco are: **Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 – 3.30pm to 4.30pm** **Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 – 4.45pm to 5.45pm.** Nursery and Reception will have their disco in school on the afternoon. Any children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 who will be attending the disco can just remain in school and they will be taken along to the hall for the start of the disco. We are raising funds for a memorial in school to Anna Bradley.

Annual Easter Egg Raffle

Our annual Easter Egg Raffle will take place on Thursday 2nd April in school. All of staff have donated Easter eggs for prizes. Children will be able to purchase raffle tickets week beginning 30th March in school. They will be £1 per strip, maximum 2 strips. Good luck!

Attendance

We will continue to monitor attendance this term. Attendance letters will be sent out to parents if there are any concerns. Our whole school attendance is 94.9% which is down on our average for this year, but we know this can improve with your support. We will shortly be moving into our Summer term and would like to remind parents that taking children out of school for unauthorised holidays could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

Our Year 2 class won Bingo the Bear this week with 98.62% attendance, congratulations Year 2.

Staff Shout Out

This week's staff shout out goes to Mrs Easton, Miss Bell and Miss Craister, who do a brilliant job in supporting our football teams. Thank you so much.

Parish picnic in support of Cafod's Big Lent Walk

Everyone from our parish is invited to meet at Herrington Park Amphitheatre, 11am on Saturday 28 March for a short walk followed by a bring-your-own picnic.

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 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
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Year 5 – Dodgeball Event – Sunderland Tennis Centre
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Year 4 – Sports Event – Washington Leisure Centre
Friday 27 th March 2026	Year 3 – Celebration of the Word – 9am School Hall
Monday 30 th March 2026	Year 2 and School Choir Parents – Singing performance 9am School Hall
Wednesday 1 st April 2026	School Disco
Thursday 2 nd April 2026	Easter Egg Raffle in school
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