



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Statement to Live by: I try to love others as I love myself



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back after the Easter break! We hope you had a peaceful time with your families. The children have certainly come back to school with renewed energy and enthusiasm at the start of our busy Summer term.

## **Celebration of the Word**

This week in the Gospel, Jesus opened the eyes of two disciples as He broke bread with them. Through exploring visual illusions, we learned that we sometimes need help to recognise things as they really are – Jesus gives us new eyes to see Him!

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

## **Mass and Celebration of the Word**

Please take a moment to look at the dates for Mass and Celebration of the Word for this term. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. As a reminder, at the end of Celebration of the Word in the school hall there will be refreshments for parents and for the children who have led on the day. We would welcome parents to stay after Celebration of the Word to have refreshments with their child.

All parents and carers are invited to attend school mass at 10am on Tuesday's. In Key Stage 2 the children lead the Mass, with the readings and offertory. In Key Stage 1, children attend Mass, but they love to see members of their family there to support if possible.

Just to remind you, all our class Celebration of the Word dates and Mass dates can be found on the website under the 'Our Faith' heading.

### **Attendance**

We will continue to monitor attendance this term. Attendance letters will be sent out to parents if there are any concerns. We would like to thank you for your support with our attendance as this has improved to 96.3% for whole school, with continued effort we can achieve the Trust target of 97%. Year 6 won 'Bingo the Bear' this week, their attendance was 98.79% for this week, well done Year 6!

Traditionally in Summer term we do tend to have more absences for unauthorised holidays, we would like to remind parents that taking children out of school for unauthorised holidays could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

### **Sun Cream**

It is lovely to see the sun starting to shine, with that in mind, could parents please apply sun cream to their child, before school. Staff in school cannot apply sun cream and children should not have this in their bags to apply themselves. Sun hats and water bottles should also be brought into school during this term.

### **Staff Shout Out**

This week's staff shout out goes to Mrs Laws in Year One.

Mrs Laws also leads on Music and is also our Sustainability Coordinator.

She works so hard as a member of our super team and her enthusiasm and commitment to her role is fantastic. Thank you for all that you do Mrs Laws! 😊

### **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 is subject to change and new dates maybe added:

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

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Reception Class – Hearing Tests
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Year 1 – Attending Mass in Church 10am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 5 – Celebration of the Word 9am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 5 – Puberty Talk by the School Nursing Team
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 2 – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6 – SATs Tests
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 1 – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 5 – Bikeability Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 2 – Attending Mass in Church 10am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Half Term – School Closed
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Reception Class – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Police Education Team – Year 5 and Year 6 – The Internet and Us presentation.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 1 – Phonics Screening Checks
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 3 – Mass in Church 10am
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Tempest Photography – Reception and Year 6 group photographs, Football Team group photograph and Year 6 individual photographs.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 2 and Year 3 – Visit to Beamish Museum – Further details to follow
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 6 – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 4 – First Holy Communion Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Reception Class – Attending Mass in Church 10am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	Year 2 – Attending Mass in Church 10am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 6 – Emmaus Village Primary Festival – Further details to follow
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 4 – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 5 – Mass in Church 10am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Year 3 – Celebration of the Word – School Hall 9am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 1 – Attending Mass in Church 10am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Whole School Mass in Church 10am (Year 6 Leavers Mass)