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### Upcoming events

#### Monday 10th June

Y1 Phonics Screening week  
Y5 QuadKids Athletics at Monkton Stadium all day (arrive back approx 3.30pm)  
Y4 Discovery Museum visit all day  
CAFOD Club in lunchtime  
Girls' football in lunchtime  
Year 6 swimming pm  
Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

#### Tuesday 11th June

Heel & Toe Odd Sock Day  
School Council in lunchtime  
School Nurse Y6 puberty talk pm  
Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

#### Wednesday 12th June

Y6 Mass in church 10.00am, followed by 'Stay & Pray'  
Guitar club in lunchtime  
Laudato Si club in lunchtime  
MFL club in lunchtime  
Cheerleading (mixed groups) pm

#### Thursday 13th June

Y6 STC Road Safety Session am  
Football training in lunchtime  
Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.15pm

#### Friday 14th June

Y2 Newcastle Keep visit all day  
Y6 Nexus Bus Induction am

#### Monday 17th June

CAFOD Club in lunchtime  
Girls' football in lunchtime  
Year 6 swimming pm  
Lego Club 3.15-4.15pm

#### Tuesday 18th June

Y6 Visit to Holy Island all day  
Y5 (8 pupils) School Challenge at Durham Town Hall am  
School Council in lunchtime  
Little Movers 3.15-4.15pm

#### Wednesday 19th June

Y5 Mass in church 10.00am, followed by 'Stay & Pray'  
Guitar club in lunchtime

### Dear Parents and Carers

First of all, I would like to thank the dedicated staff who took some of our KS2 pupils to Thurston OEC for the week. Without them, it would be impossible to give these pupils the experiences that they have encountered this week. I know they will be welcoming a quiet weekend!

We were also extremely proud of all the pupils who attended. The instructors stated that they were an amazing group of children who overcame many fears and supported each other throughout.

### Summer Fayre

Our annual Summer Fayre takes place on Friday 21st June. Information regarding the event will be shared by the Friends of St Joseph's. A poster advertising the event is attached below. A letter regarding the collection of children has been shared today.

We are looking for donations of raffle/tombola prizes and bottles for the bottle stall. This could be juice, alcohol or toiletries. If you can help us with this, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much to our Friends volunteers who have organised this. It takes a significant amount of time and effort and is valued by everyone in the St Joseph's community. Thank you.

### Family Learning

We have organised a family learning event which is hosted by The Foundation of Light every Thursday afternoon. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone it this week due to the lack of response. We really would like this event to go ahead next week and we need your help. The sessions are for Reception and KS1 and involve an adult attending for one hour from 1pm on Thursday afternoons. The children then join for the next hour. The theme is 'multiply and sports'. You can sign up for this event in the Arbor parent portal. Please don't be shy, it is a great way to meet new people and the children love getting involved too.

### Odd Sock Day

We are holding an 'Odd Sock Day' on Tuesday for the Heel & Toe Charity. Heel & Toe provide a range of therapies to children with disabilities across the North east, and is the chosen charity for Hilda House. We ask for a £1 voluntary donation which can be paid via Just Giving.

[Heel & Toe Just Giving Page click here](#)

### 'Tinny Tuesday'

Just a reminder that we are asking for any support for The Key Project each Tuesday. Any tins will be greatly appreciated!

### Colour Run

Unfortunately, the bad weather won again and the Friends Colour Run was cancelled at the end of half term. This has been rescheduled for Friday 28th June. This was originally the date set for EYFS Sports Day, which has been rescheduled for Friday 12th July.

Guitar club in lunchtime  
Laudato Si club in lunchtime  
Football training in lunchtime  
MFL club in lunchtime  
Cheerleading (mixed groups) pm

**Thursday 20th June**

Y3 visit to Discovery Museum all day

Y1 Class Liturgy in school 9.00am  
Mindfulness Club 3.15-4.15pm

**Friday 21st June**

Summe Fayre 1.00-3.15pm

**Website**

We have refreshed our school website ([www.stjosephsjarrow.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsjarrow.co.uk)) so that it is more accessible and less 'busy'. There are a few pages left to complete, but please let us know what you think of the changes.

**Sports days**

As long as the weather is good (here's hoping!), we will soon be holding our Sports Days for KS1 (Wednesday 26th June) and KS2 (Tuesday 2nd July). All members of our community are invited to come along and support the children. As in previous years, pupils will be involved in team events, followed by the finals of the sprint events that have taken place during the week. We will also be holding some fun races for those who didn't qualify for the sprints. We may even have races for parents, as long as everyone promises not to fall over! Sports Days start at 1.00pm.

As mentioned, our EYFS Sports Day for Nursery and Reception will take place on Friday 12th July. This year, we are going to 'trial' parents being able to watch the event. We do politely ask parents not to ask their children to come and see them, give them drinks/food etc as this will cause upset. Further details will be shared.

**Arbor Parent Portal**

We are using the Parent Portal more and more to communicate with parents. We will send In App messages to you. However, we do not receive a notification when parents use this function to send a message to school. Email is still the preferred option for this. You should send emails to [enquiries@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjosephsjarrow.co.uk). We have sent feedback to Arbor to ask if this could be something they can develop for the future.

**Nursery/Reception places**

Meetings for parents of 2024-25 Nursery and Reception pupils will take place soon. We have one place available in Reception, so if you know someone who did not get a place in our reception class, please let them know. We also have a limited number of Nursery places (both 15 and 30 hours).

Take care,  
Mr P Craig  
Headteacher



ALL	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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June	Date	Event
	Monday 10th - 14th June	KS1 Phonics screening week
	Monday 10th June	Y5 Quad Kids Athletics all day
		Y4 visit to Discovery Museum
	Tuesday 11th June	Heel & Toe 'Odd Sock Day'
	Wednesday 12th June	Y6 Wednesday Mass 10.00am, followed by 'Stay & Pray'
	Thursday 13th June	Y6 Road Safety Sessions AM
	Friday 14th June	Y2 visit to Castle Keep 14/6
		Y6 Nexus Bus Induction am
	Tuesday 18th June	Y6 visit to Holy Island all day
		Y5 (8 pupils) School's Challenge am
	Wednesday 19th June	Y5 Wednesday Mass 10.00am, followed by 'Stay & Pray'
	Thursday 20th June	Y1 Class Liturgy in school 9.00am
		Y3 visit to Discovery Museum all day

	Friday 21st June	Friends of St Joseph's Summer Fayre 1.00-3.15pm
	Tuesday 25th June	New to Nursery parents' evening 5.00pm
	Wednesday 26th June	Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm all day
		Y5 visit to St Joseph's Academy all day
		<b>Y4 Wednesday Mass 10.00am, followed by 'Stay &amp; Pray'</b>
		KS1 Sports Day 1.00-3.00pm
		New to Reception parents' evening 5.00pm
	Friday 28th June	Y6 SSOC Surf & Taster session AM (selected pupils)
		Friends of St Josephs 'Colour Run' pm
July	Monday 1st July	Alternative KS1 Sports Day 1.00-3.00pm
	Tuesday 2nd July	KS2 Sports Day 1.00-3.00pm
	Wednesday 3rd July	<b>Y3 Wednesday Mass 10.00am, followed by 'Stay &amp; Pray'</b>
		Choir in the Big Sing at the Glasshouse pm
	Thursday 4th July	Friends of St Joseph's Break the Rules Day
	Friday 5th July	INSET DAY
	Tuesday 9th July	Alternative KS2 Sports Day 1.00-3.00pm
	Wednesday 10th July	Together Forever Trust 'Pink & Blue Day'
		Y6 South Tyneside Leavers' Mass (pupils only) am
		<b>Y2 Wednesday Mass 10.00am, followed by 'Stay &amp; Pray'</b>
		St Joseph's Talent Show 1.30pm
	Thursday 11th July	Y6 Transition visits to secondary school
		'Moving Up Day'!
	Friday 12th July	Y6 Transition visits to secondary school
EYFS Sports Day 1.00-3.00pm		
Lost property table out		
Tuesday 16th July	KS2 Gold Book Assembly 2.15pm	
Wednesday 17th July	Y3 Greek Day	
Thursday 18th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass 9.15am	
	Reception Graduation 2.30pm	

	Friday 19th July	<b>Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.00am</b>
		Half day finish 1.00pm and end of school year

**Pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd September 2024**

		Girls' Football	Y4/5/6
	3.15-4.15pm	Lego club	All pupils
Tuesday	Lunch	School Council	KS2
	3.15-4.15pm	Little Movers	Reception & KS1
Wednesday	Lunch	Guitar club	KS2
	Lunch	Laudato Si club	KS2
	Lunch	MFL club	Y3/Y4
Thursday	Lunch	Football training	Y4/5/6
		Open the Book club	All pupils
	3.15-4.15pm	Mindfulness club	All pupils
Every day	8.20am	Library club	All pupils