



NEWSLETTER



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow

Newsletter no. 24

February 21st 2025

END OF HALF TERM

So we come to the end of another very busy half term at St Joseph's. In these 7 weeks, we have been cheerleading, joined in Panathlon, had Open Mornings, learned about Multiskills, taken part in Science Day with a REAL SCIENTIST, been Mega Super Heroes in Reception, taken part in Saints Day, had our photos taken, represented the school in swimming and girls' football, as well as started our Year of Jubilee celebrations.

No wonder everyone is tired!



HEADTEACHER ANNOUNCEMENT

I am sure that you read with interest the letter shared on Wednesday, which announced Mr Anthony Kennedy as new Headteacher of St Joseph's from September 2025. I will be liaising very closely with Mr Kennedy in the months to come to ensure a smooth transition to his start at this wonderful school.



MR MARATTY

And with news of a welcome, we sadly say goodbye to Mr Maratty. In his short time here, Mr Maratty has had a profound impact on both pupils and staff and he will be really missed. We will make sure that we stay in touch. Mrs Amy Douglas will be teaching Year 5 for the rest of the school year.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM

Well done to our brilliant girls' football team, who performed wonderfully in the South Tyneside tournament on Monday. They won 3, drew 1 and lost 2 during the (very cold) day. As usual, they performed with fantastic energy, as well as great support for each other and the other schools. Well done girls! Thank you to Mrs Armour & Miss Doran for their time and effort with the team this year.



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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Mass will take place on Wednesday 5th March in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome.



PARENTS' EVENING

Bookings for Parents' evenings went live yesterday. These take place on Tuesday 11th & Monday 24th March, and give you an opportunity to discuss how your child is getting on in school. There is also an opportunity to speak to Mrs Bertram as SEND lead. As usual, we offer both in person and telephone bookings.

AMAZON WISHLIST

If you would like to gift a book off our Amazon wishlist, here is the [link](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3rd March
Pupils return to school
Tuesday 4th March
Y6 Westoe Colliery Banner visit am
Wednesday 5th March
Ash Wednesday Mass 10.00am
First Holy Communion pupil session 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 6th March
World Book Day
Friday 7th March
Girls' Biggest Football Day

Monday 10th March
Science Week
Inclusive Bowling (selected KS2 pupils)
10.15am-12.15pm
Tuesday 11th March
Parents' Evening A 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 12th March
Nursery Wednesday Mass 10.00am
Cafod Fairtrade treat stall in school
Thursday 13th March
Nursery 'Stay & Play' 9.00-10.00am & 2.15-3.15pm
Friday 14th March

PANCAKE DAY MENU

To celebrate Pancake Day, we will have a Pancake Day menu on Tuesday 4th March. Children will be able to choose a Pepperoni pancake (pizza style), as well as pancakes for dessert (with an assortment of toppings). The normal Tuesday menu will also be available. See menu attached.



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NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:39-45

THE THEME OF THE SCRIPTURE

In this week's Gospel, Jesus shares five parables! Why? Jesus knows that we need help to understand the things of Heaven. Pupils will learn that His stories give us clues about how to live holy lives and love like God loves.



SAFEGUARDING, SEND AND HEALTHY & SAFETY

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mr Craig, Mrs Bertram and Mrs A Gibson (Governor)

Our SEND Leads are:

Mrs Bertram and Miss E Shaughnessy (Governor)

Our Health & Safety Leads are:

Mr Craig and Mr D Laws (Governor)



ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance this week is 94.4%

Best class attendance is 97.41 %
Year 5