



St Joseph's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER



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'Christ be our Light'

April 2024

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Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for once again another action-packed term - with a bank holiday and statutory assessments thrown in for good measure. This newsletter will outline some of the key dates to put in your diary! Many thanks for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events in the near future. Mrs Birrell.

End of KS2 SATs Tests

Our Year 6 pupils have been working extremely hard for the past 6 years and are currently revising so that they feel confident with the upcoming SATs. Whilst we all know that the SATs results do not define our children, we want to encourage them to do their very best to prepare them for the next stage in their educational journey. It is important to us, that our children leave St. Joseph's as well rounded, confident young people. Thank you to our parents for your support and encouragement at home.

SATs Dates 2024

Monday 13th May -- English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers 1 & 2

Tuesday 14th May – English Reading

Wednesday 15th May – Mathematics papers 1 & 2

Thursday 16th May – Mathematics paper 3

Please remember that Y6 pupils can come into school at 8.30am for 'Bright Start' club, free of charge.

As a school community, we will keep all our children in our prayers as they embark upon this rite of passage.

Year 5

Over the summer term our Year 5 children will be visiting St. Michael's to gain some experience of secondary schooling, on this occasion children will partake in different experiments in the science labs and use the sports facilities. On Monday 8th July, Year 5's will compete in a mini-Olympics hosted by St. Michael's, with other children from across our Trust schools.

On Thursday 16th May at 5pm, St. Michael's staff will host an information evening in St. Joseph's school hall, for both Y5 parents & children. This will be an opportunity to hear all about what the school has to offer, and staff can answer any questions from children and parents.

Attendance

Good school attendance is of great importance if children are to learn and have the aspiration to achieve. We would therefore ask for your continued support in making sure that your child attends school regularly, and on time. Class attendance percentages from September are as follows:

Class 2 - 95%
Class 3 - 96%
Class 4 - 97%
Class 5 - 97%
Class 6 - 96%
Class 7 - 95%
Class 8 - 96%
Class 9 - 95%
Class 10 - 96%
Class 11 - 95%

Whole school attendance is 95.8% - let's see if we can achieve our school target of 97%.

Thankyou & Good Luck

Mrs Butterworth will be leaving St Joseph's to take up a new appointment as a Maths teacher at St. Michael's Secondary school in Billingham.

We are sad to see Mrs Butterworth leave, we are grateful for her contributions to our school over the past 6 years, she has been an integral part of our school family and will be missed greatly. No doubt some of you will see Mrs Butterworth again at St. Michael's!

Miss Houghton will return to school from maternity leave after half-term and will teach in Class 11 until the end of term.

Dates for the Diary

(Please note, letters will be sent out to parents with further information about specific events. Dates where external providers are used may be subject to change - check MCAS for reminders)

- **Thursday 25th April** – KS1 Mass (9:30am)
- **Monday 29th April** – Class 9 Trip
- **Tuesday 30th April** – SEN and Wellbeing Coffee Morning
- **Tuesday 30th April** – London Trip (Y6)
- **Thursday 2nd May** – LKS2 Mass (9:30am)
- **Friday 3rd May** – Class 3 Trip
- **Friday 3rd May** - Year 4 Times Table Check Meeting (8.45am)
- **Monday 6th May** – School closed (Bank Holiday)
- **Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th May** – EY/KS1 Starbooks
- **Wednesday 8th May** – Pupil Parliament
- **Thursday 9th May** – UKS2 Mass (9:30am)
- **Thursday 9th May** - Y5 children to St. Michael's 9 – 12pm (PE kit for children)
- **Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May** – Year 6 SATs
- **Thursday 16th May** – Y5 parents & children meeting with St. Michael's (5pm)
- **Friday 17th May** – End of SATs Celebration
- **Saturday 18th May** – First Holy Communion (9.30am)
- **Tuesday 21st May** - First Holy Communion Photographs
- **Tuesday 21st May** – Year 5/6 Athletics
- **Thursday 23rd May** – St Bede House Mass (9:30am)
- **Friday 24th May** – School breaks up for half term
- **Monday 3rd June** – School reopens
- **Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June** – Year 4 Times Table Check
- **Tuesday 4th June** – KS1 Literacy Trail (Class 4)
- **Wednesday 5th – 7th June** – Year 3 Retreat to Osmotherley
- **Thursday 6th June** – LKS2 Mass (9:30am)
- **Monday 10th – Friday 15th June** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- **Monday 10th June – Friday 15th June** – Assessment Week
- **Monday 10th June** – 2 weeks Swimming for Class 8
- **Thursday 13th June** – UKS2 Mass (9:30am)
- **Thursday 13th June** – Reception New Starters 5pm
- **Monday 17th – Friday 21st June** – KS2 Starbooks
- **Tuesday 18th June** – Class 5 Trip
- **Thursday 20th June** – KS1 Mass (9:30am)
- **Thursday 20th June** - Y6 parents St Michael's information session 5pm
- **Friday 21st June** – Year 3/4 Boys Football Competition
- **Monday 24th – 28th June** – New Reception starters staying for lunch
- **Wednesday 26th June** – Year 6 at YMT
- **Wednesday 26th June** – EY Sports Day (AM & PM)
- **Thursday 27th June** – LKS2 Mass (9:30am)
- **Friday 28th June** – Year 3/4 Girls Football
- **Monday 1st and Tues 2nd July** – OLSB & St. Michael's Year 6 Transition Day
- **Wednesday 3rd July** – KS2 Sports Day (1.30pm)
- **Thursday 4th July** – UKS2 Mass (9:30am)
- **Thursday 4th July** – Year 5 STEM (Middlesbrough College)
- **Monday 8th July** – Transition Morning
- **Monday 8th July** – Y5 to St Michael's for mini-Olympics 1pm (back to school 3.30pm)
- **Wednesday 10th July** – KS1 Sports Day (1.30pm)
- **Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th July** – Year 6 Residential
- **Friday 12th July** – Reports sent to parents
- **Monday 15th July** – Optional Parents Drop In
- **Wednesday 17th July** – Leavers Mass in Church (1.30pm) followed by celebration in the hall
- **Thursday 18th July** – End of Year Celebrations
- **Friday 19th July** – School breaks up for the summer holidays
- **Monday 2nd September** – PD Day (closed for pupils)
- **Tuesday 3rd September** – School reopens to pupils

Well Done!

Well done to Ashton and Morgan in Y6 who represented County Durham in the Northeast and Yorkshire Combined Regional Athletics Final and came a brilliant 2nd in the U11 boys' team.

What an amazing achievement, we are very proud of this success!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

Myla H	Scarlet W
Willow S	Jennifer W
Ada-Mae W	Martha S
Henry K	Nancy M
James B	Amber B
Theertha V	Mabel S
Morgan R	Eden B

May

Jessie W	Ada C
Alfie H	Parker F
Samuel E	Elizabeth E
Lucas Mck	Harry M
Sophia O	Alana C
Meredith B	Logan S
Amelia C	Oliver H
Oliver M	Samuel M
Joshua N	Guy N
Lucy L	William H
Eryn C	Sophie S
Benjamin H	Maggie A
Maria B	Connie H
Scarlett R-R	Louix C
Chinwendum E	

A Reminder form NHS England - Vaccinations

We know your child's health is your top priority and so protecting them from serious disease is incredibly important. That is why the NHS offers a free childhood vaccine programme, safeguarding your child from certain illness.

Vaccines work by causing the body's immune system to remember the specific infection targeted in each vaccine. If your child comes into contact with an infection and they have had their vaccines, your child's body will recognise that infection and quickly respond to fight off diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and more. Because vaccines have been used so successfully in England, they prevent more than 5,000 deaths and more than 100,000 hospital admissions each year.

Sadly, England no longer has the levels of population immunity recommended by the World Health Organisation of 95%, and this has led to increased risk for those who are unvaccinated or under-vaccinated. It means that infections like measles and whooping cough are rising.

Such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school due to time spent unwell, be hospitalised, and even experience life-long complications, disability and in some cases tragically can cause death.

We understand that you may have questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness. All childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have been used in millions of children and have an excellent safety record. All health authorities worldwide agree that immunisation is the safest way to protect our children's health.

If you do have any questions, do not hesitate to speak to your GP or health visitor – they will be happy to address any concerns and guide you through the vaccination schedule.

Although it important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection, if you or your child have missed a vaccine, it is never too late to contact your GP to check if you can catch up.

Please visit www.nhs.uk/childhoodvaccinations to find out more.

