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St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow



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It is hard to believe that we have reached the final half term of the academic year. As always, this promises to be a busy and exciting time, with much to look forward to across the school.

We begin the half term with our Year 6 pupils embarking on what has become our annual and memorable trip to the beautiful Holy Island, alongside our Jarrow cluster schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore Lindisfarne, reflect on their time at St Joseph's, and look ahead as they prepare for the transition to high school alongside their peers.

In the coming weeks, we have a number of sporting and musical events planned, as well as our Summer Fayre next Friday (12th June). Please read to the bottom of the newsletter for more information about the Fayre!

We will also be celebrating a 'Wear Your Colours' Day to mark England's first game of the World Cup, giving pupils the chance to show their support. We hope for the return of good weather as we move further into the term so we can fully enjoy our sports days, transition mornings and end-of-term events, including leavers' assemblies, the Year 6 production and our celebration Mass.

We are finalising a small number of additional events and will confirm details early next week. I appreciate this is a busy period for families, and that attending events requires careful planning.

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to thank you for your patience and support during this period of transition as I complete my first year at St Joseph's. Your feedback and understanding has been invaluable in helping us continue to develop our school and strengthen our wonderful community.

Finally, this Sunday, some of our Year 4 pupils will make their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to support them on this special occasion. I know they will be in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr Kennedy



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TAPESTRY

Our Tapestry communication App is up and running. We now have over 200 users signed up.

If you have not signed up but would like to do so, please complete the form below.

If you are experiencing any issues please let the office know.

Register for Tapestry by clicking [HERE](#) or call the school office who will support you to gain access.

Attendance Matters



"Every day counts! Regular attendance helps children build friendships, develop skills, and achieve success. Let's work together to ensure every child gets the best start in their education."

Our Current overall attendance is
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PARKING NOTICE

Please help us keep all our children and families safe at the beginning and end of the school day (and our neighbours happy) by remembering to park safely, considerately and legally.

Do NOT park on the double yellow lines, pavements and grass verges, particularly on the main approach to the main gates. We are very lucky to have many designated spaces and street parking close to school. Please be considerate to others and always consider the safety of our pupils. Thank you.



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Nursery Places for September

We have places for our wonderful Nursery for September Starts. You can register your interest for a place by visiting our website and completing a short form.

You can use this link to take you directly to the page.

<https://stjosephsjarrow.co.uk/nursery-admissions/>

Please share this information with anyone you may know who is looking for a nursery in the local area. We have great access to transport links with bus routes and Metro station within minutes walk.

Please contact the school office if you would like to come and visit our Nursery setting. Telephone: 0191 5364311

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*Our Nursery offers 15 and 30
hours funded places for children
aged 3-4 years*

We welcome children of all faiths and beliefs.
Contact us to arrange a visit:

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Important dates for assessments

1st June - 12th June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The check is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

8th - 12th June

The 2026 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check



This statutory check is a one-on-one assessment consisting of 40 words and non-words designed to assess phonics skills up to the end of Year 1.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the upcoming assessments. We understand that assessment periods can sometimes feel challenging for children and families. Please be assured that we take a careful and considered approach, with the aim of reducing unnecessary stress. Assessments are delivered in a supportive environment, with a focus on children doing their best rather than on outcomes alone.



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Allergies Information

This week's guide helps parents, carers and educators understand the warning signs and feel more prepared to support children with allergies.

The guide covers:

- Key signs of anaphylaxis
- Symptoms linked to airway, breathing and circulation
- Common food allergens, including milk, eggs, fish, peanuts and sesame
- Non-food triggers such as pollen, insect venom and medication
- The role of adrenaline auto-injectors

Clear, practical awareness can help adults respond quickly and confidently when it matters most.

Read the guide here: <https://vist.ly/55kcf>

ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

An allergy is an overreaction of the immune system to a food or substance that's usually harmless. Symptoms can be mild, but for some people they can be very serious. This is known as anaphylaxis.

HOW TO SAY ANAPHYLAXIS: ANA-FIL-AX-IS

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

- Mild allergy symptoms are treated with antihistamines.
- Anaphylaxis is treated with adrenaline, which is administered via an adrenaline device, injected into the outer upper thigh or using a nasal device.
- Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency and a threat to life.

WHAT ADRENALINE DOES

Adrenaline reduces swelling, opens the patient's airways and raises their blood pressure. Patients must go to hospital for monitoring, as the reaction could return.

TWO DOSES:
0.15 mg or 0.3 mg

ANAPHYLAXIS SYMPTOMS

AIRWAY
 Symptoms include swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways; tightening of the throat; a hoarse voice; and difficulty swallowing.

BREATHING
 Symptoms include persistent cough; sudden onset of wheezing; breathing difficulty; and noisy breathing.

CIRCULATION
 Symptoms include pale and clammy skin; dizziness; feeling faint; sudden sleepiness; tiredness; confusion; and loss of consciousness.

In extreme cases of anaphylaxis, there could be a dramatic fall in the patient's blood pressure. The patient may become weak and floppy, and have a sense of something terrible happening. Any of the ABC symptoms listed above may lead to collapse and unconsciousness and, on rare occasions, be fatal.

TOP 14 FOOD ALLERGENS: (However, be aware people can be allergic to anything.)

CELERY	FISH	CRUSTACEANS	EGGS	MILK
SOYA	LUPIN	CEREALS	TREE NUTS	SESAME
MUSTARD	MOLLUSCS	PEANUTS	SULPHITES	

NON-FOOD ALLERGENS:

POLLEN	PET HAIR/DANDER	INSECT VENOM	MEDICATION/DRUGS

LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES - Scan the QR codes to find out more

AllergyWise®	EpiPen	Jext	ADRENALINE AND AADs

Meet Our Expert

Anaphylaxis UK is the only UK-wide charity operating solely for the growing numbers of people at risk of serious allergic reactions and anaphylaxis. While there is no treatment or cure for anaphylaxis, we believe that by providing information, training and support, there's a brighter future for people living with serious allergies.



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The Key Project - Community Bus - Donations Appeal



The Key Project, are once again, unfortunately, in urgent need of support with food donations. It is, of course, very concerning that the need remains so high, especially with the Summer holidays in a few weeks. I know in the past St Joseph's community have been very generous with donations.

Donations would be warmly received any day of the week and can be handed into the school office.

The Key Community Bus is a mobile community service run by the charity Key Community in South Tyneside. It is a converted double-decker bus that travels to different neighbourhoods, bringing essential support directly to local people.

The project has several important aims within the community:

- Improve access to affordable, healthy food for all residents
- Reduce food poverty and financial pressure on families
- Cut food waste by redistributing surplus food
- Promote health and wellbeing through better nutrition and support
- Reduce social isolation by creating opportunities for connection
- Build stronger communities and link people to services, advice and opportunities

The Key Community Bus is much more than just a food service—it is a community hub on wheels, designed to support people, reduce hardship, and help communities across South Tyneside thrive.



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To celebrate the start of the World Cup and England's first match against Croatia, we are excited to be holding a 'Wear Your Colours' day, at school on Wednesday 17th June.

On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of a national team of their choice.

This could include football shirts, kits, or simply clothing in the appropriate colours – we look forward to seeing a range of countries represented!

We kindly suggest a £1 donation, which will go towards supporting school resources. Payments can be made via Arbor Pay.

There will also be a special themed lunch menu available for pupils to enjoy as part of the day's celebrations.

We hope this will be a fun and inclusive way for the children to mark this exciting sporting event



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Cheer on England Picnic Lunch

PICNIC BOX MENU

Assorted Sandwiches

Mini Savoury Roll

Mini Pizza

Carrot and Cucumber Sticks

Snack Pack

Biscuit

Carton of Juice



CHADWICK'S KITCHEN



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ST JOSEPH'S SUMMER FAYRE

Friday 12th June

1.15pm - 3pm

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!



Food Stalls

Bouncy Inflatables

Raffle and Tombola

Childrens Activities

Games and Activies

Balloon Making

Drinks and

Refreshments

Stocks

Face Painting

...and more



For more information speak to the school office



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SUMMER FAYRE

The Friends of St Joseph's annual Summer Fayre takes place on Friday 12th June. This is the biggest fundraising event of the year, as well as being a great opportunity for our community to get together. The Information about the event has already been shared, but can be requested again from the school office. All money raised is invested back into school.

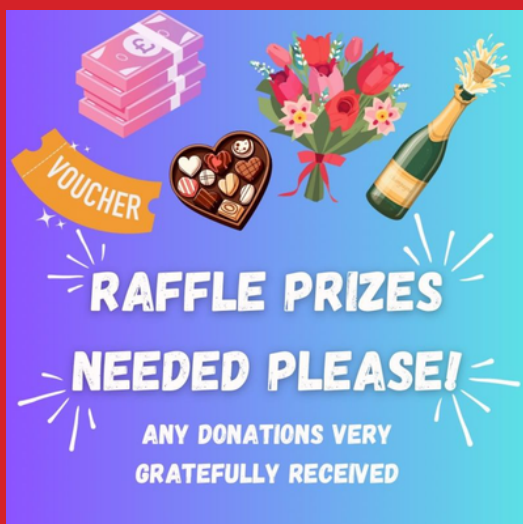
The Friends of St Joseph's have been a great support to school over the years. As well as supporting improvements to the playground and school building - they also subsidise school trips, fund playground equipment and give hours and hours of their own time to help improve and develop oportunities for our children and community



HELP NEEDED



We are in need for parent helpers to support the fayre. If we do not have enough adults to supervise some of the stalls and activities they may not be able to go ahead. If you can help on any of the stalls, even if it is for a part of the afternoon, this would mean the children would be able to access all activities. You can let us know you are available either by letting the office know as soon as possible. We also need to know if you are collecting your child at 1.00pm. You can do so through the form which has been sent out by Mrs Lloyd. If the form is not completed, your child will not be ready to be collected at 1.00pm and you will need to wait until all other pupils are collected.



RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

We still need as many raffle and tombola prizes as possible. If you have anything that we can use, please send them to the school office. We will take anything (within reason!). We are also holding a non uniform day on Tuesday 9th . We ask that children bring in a bottle for the bottle stall. Please remember that if this is alcoholic, this must be handed into the office by an adult.