



# NEWSLETTER

*'Walk in the Light of Christ'*

March 2025

## St. Joseph's Day Celebrations – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

We are excited to announce that this year, we will be celebrating St. Joseph's Day with a series of special events for our school community.

We invite our children to showcase their unique talents in our very own **'St. Joseph's Got Talent'** competition! Whether it's singing, dancing, comedy, or another special talent, children are encouraged to share their abilities with their class by Friday, 14th March. Each class will vote for their class winner, and the winning performances will take place in the grand final on St. Joseph's Day.

We would also like to extend a warm invitation to all families to join us for a **St. Joseph's Day Coffee Morning** in the school hall between 8.45 – 10am on Wednesday 19th. This will be a lovely opportunity to connect and celebrate together as a school community. Any donation will be sent to the CAFOD Lenten appeal.

We will celebrate **Whole School Mass on Tuesday, 18th March**, at 10am in the school hall. In preparation for this, we kindly ask that children bring a daffodil to school on Tuesday morning, so we can decorate our hall and create a beautiful setting for our Mass as we celebrate St. Joseph.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you all and creating wonderful memories together!  
Mrs Birrell

## Our School Curriculum

At St. Joseph's Catholic Primary, we are dedicated to providing a purposeful, progressive, and inclusive curriculum that meets the needs of all our learners. We deeply value each child and celebrate the diversity of their experiences, needs, interests, and achievements. Our curriculum is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need for the next steps in their learning journey, while also inspiring a love of learning that will last a lifetime and open doors to the wider world.

To find out more information about our curriculum please go to <https://stjosephsbillingham.bhcet.org.uk/curriculum>. Here you will find information about each subject taught and the rationale behind the topics taught.

Additionally, on our website we also have class pages which give information about what is being taught each term. Follow the link below and click on your class, here you will find termly class newsletters, long term subject plans and the different learning platforms available for children e.g. TTRS, Accelerated Reader, Spelling Shed.

<https://stjosephsbillingham.bhcet.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subject-areas/year-group-information>

If you have any questions about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

## Dojo Platform

The Dojo platform is for sharing and celebrating your child's successes and information about events specific for your child or class, anything else will be sent via MCAS. If staff need to contact you about other matters this will be done via telephone or face to face.

Please contact the school office for sharing information with school on absences, child pickup or drop off, holiday dates, after school clubs, behaviour issues or any other matters. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or welfare, this needs to be done via the school office, and if needed, a meeting can be arranged quickly. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Exciting News – New Build Progress Viewing

We are thrilled to invite parents to come and view the progress of our new build! On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2.30pm, Roy, our site manager, will be on hand to guide families through the site and show the work that has been completed so far. This will be a great opportunity to ask any questions and see firsthand how the project is progressing.

We look forward to seeing you there – don't forget your hard hat!

### Important Playground Update

Due to the ongoing new build, our school playground is currently not at full capacity. To ensure the children have more space to play, we will be opening up the school field on drier days. Please bear with us, as your child may come home a little muddier than usual.

If you would prefer your child to remain on the playground until the summer term, please let your class teacher know.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

### Year 6 SATS

Year 6 SATs 2025 will take place Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. It is vital that children are in school every day that week.

The Year 6 teachers will meet with parents on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 8.45am in the school hall, to inform parents of what the children should expect during SATs week and the best way to prepare your child for this important week.

### Year 1 Phonic Screening

Y1 phonic screening week takes place in June. We would like to invite our Y1 parents to a meeting to let them know about the screening check and the best way to support your child.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am in the school hall.

### Dates for the Diary (Please check MCAS for reminders)

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Return to school
4 – 9 <sup>th</sup> March	National Careers Week
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Trip to London
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Photograph Day
10 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Day
13 <sup>th</sup> March	First Holy Communion Preparation Session
19 <sup>th</sup> March	St. Joseph's Day
Wk 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Swimming Week
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Tri Golf
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 SATS Meeting 8.45am
Wk 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y5 Swimming Week
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y5 Hockey
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Parents visit to new build 2.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	First Holy Communion Preparation Session
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Phonics Screening Parents Meeting 8.45am
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents Evening
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 Racket Skills
11 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term achievement assembly, Easter Raffle End of term
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term begins

