



Newsletter 22nd September 2023



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With love we grow!

"Pray and forgive." - St Theresa of Calcutta

Books are mirrors: you only see in them what you already have inside you.

Attendance Matters - Whole School Target - 96%+.

Each week we will report on the whole school attendance and individual class attendance.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Total Sept to date	98.14%	95.19%	96.70%	100%	95.23%	96.79%	93.97%	96.48%
This week	95.83%	100%	98.66%	100%	96.5%	92.50%	95.42%	96.64%

Well done to Year 3 who are leading overall attendance and Years 1 & 3 for 100% weekly attendance - We fully understand genuine illness cannot be helped but it also highlights the importance of ensuring your child/ren do not miss school on other occasions such as holidays in term-time.

We will be sending home the term dates for 2024/2025 as soon as we are able, we are awaiting dates from feeder schools at present.

RE inspection - As you are aware we were visited by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Thank you for the support and feedback that you sent to the Inspectors via your parent questionnaires, we received 102 responses which is amazing. The children were amazing, and we could not have asked any more from them, demonstrating prayerfulness, kindness, good behaviour and true examples of the lovely family and community spirit that we have here at St Joseph's. We are not able to share the outcome of the visit at this stage but we assure you that we will as soon as we are able.

Open Days - We are having three 'Open Days' for current and prospective parents. These will take place on **28th September and 4th October from 9.10 - 10.15am: 5th October from 6 - 7.15pm.** Please come along and bring any new parents who have children due to start school in September.

PE Days - On PE days children must attend school in their full PE kit. The children have all returned with their full PE kits so far and look amazing - thank you.

Parent Volunteers - We are always looking for additional adults in school to help to support the children. If you could spare a morning, afternoon or a day and would like to offer your help, please let us know.

Special Menu for Census Day - The kitchens are having a special menu on Thursday 5th October, this can be pre booked online.

Jewellery - Earrings must be removed before the children come to school. Any earrings which were pierced at the beginning of the school holidays should be removed or covered with a plaster at home. We will allow children who have had their ears pierced over the holiday to wear the plastic transparent earrings whilst their ear completely heal. The only jewellery allowed is a small wrist watch (no smart watches please).

KS2 Peripatetic Music - Apologies for delay in sending payment details, these will be sent next week, we hope to catch up the two missed keyboard lessons, if not this will be amended in the costings. Any keyboards which are being loaned can be collected from the office next week if you have returned the loan agreement form.

Meet the Teacher - Thank you to those who came along to meet their new class teachers yesterday. It was lovely to see so many parents in school.

School Admissions - The admissions process is open for Reception 2024 and Year 6 going to high school. Apply via link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> As such, we are having three open sessions as detailed over for prospective and current parents to come and have a look around.

Holy Cross are having an Open Evening for **Yr 6** parents on Thursday 12th October 6pm - 8.30pm. Other high schools will be having open evenings too, details will be available on their websites.

Y4 With You Always - Please note that this programme is run by the catechists from Church and is not organised or run by school. If you have any questions or queries about the programme, you can ask the catechists directly at the meetings. Please do not address queries to school as we are not able to answer them. The next meeting is on Monday 25th September at 6.30pm in Church.

Teacher Emails & Class Twitter Accounts - Each class teacher can be contacted via their new class email accounts. Please note, these will only be monitored periodically during the school day and will **not** be monitored in the evenings or weekends. If your message is urgent ie last minute appt or change to home arrangements, please contact the school office **by phone**, as teachers cannot access their emails during teaching time.

EYFS - Miss Singleton's email EYFS@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk
'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/EYFSwithMissS>

Year 1 - Mrs Pearson's email year1@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk
'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year1withMrsP>

Year 2 - Miss Johnson's email year2@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk
'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year2withMissJ1>

Year 3 - Miss Ashton's email year3@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk
'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year3withMissA>

Year 4 - Mrs Brooks' email year4@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk
'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year4withMrsB>

Year 5 - Miss Wallis' email year5@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk
'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year5withMissW1>

Year 6 - Mr Merrick's email year6@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk
'X' (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/Year6withMrM1>

Office email - Mrs MacLeod bursar@st-josephs-anderton.lancs.sch.uk

School Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsandertonprimary>
School "X" (formerly Twitter) <https://twitter.com/STJOSEPHSANDER2>

Own Clothes Days - We are spreading out own clothes days to collect items for the Christmas Fair to try and spread the burden by having one each month ahead of events. On own clothes days, the children may come to school in their own clothes in exchange, we request that they bring one of the items requested as a prize donation for upcoming PTFA event.

Dates for your Diary

25th September - Y4 'With you Always' meeting @ 6.30pm in Church

26th September - Mr Gaughan, Holy Cross to talk to parents of Yr5 & Yr6 @ 6pm in school

28th September - **Open Day** - 9.10 - 10.15am For current & prospective parents

29th September - PTFA Own Clothes day in exchange for bottles

3rd October - Start of the Year Mass in Church @ 10am (parents and carers are welcome to attend)

4th October - **Open Day** - 9.10 - 10.15am For current & prospective parents

5th October - **Open Day** - 6 - 7.15pm For current & prospective parents

9th October - Y4 'With you Always' meeting @ 6.30pm in school

10th October - PTFA Family Quiz Night (more info to follow)

15th October - Family Mass in Church

20th October - PTFA Own Clothes day in exchange for novelties (preferably Christmas related)/toys

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