

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025

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This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a memorable moment for our Year 6 Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation along with other young members of our parish on Wednesday evening at Sacred Heart Church which was celebrated by Bishop David Evans. Thank you to the school staff, parents and sponsors who have supported the children on their faith journey.

A reminder that we are still collecting non-perishable items including dried foods (such as pasta and rice), sauces, tinned foods, biscuits, crisps and any suitable Christmas food items. This is part of our school and wider Diocesan charitable outreach in support of Fr. Hudson's Caritas this Advent season. The deadline for items is next Wednesday (10th December) as the items will need to be transported to the Trust's designated drop-off point by Friday (12th December). Thank you for your support to those in need at this time.

At St Joseph's, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. This means we are all deserving of respect and kindness. We encourage our children, parents, and carers to treat our dedicated staff with the same love and respect we show to one another. Our teachers, support staff, and everyone in our school community work hard to create a nurturing and positive environment for your children. Let's continue to build a school where kindness, understanding and mutual respect are at the heart of all our interactions.

Take care and have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Carry
Principal

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Celebration of the Word of God



Buying presents, decorations and planning our Christmas meal are all good ways of preparing for Christmas. But through all these preparations we do need to keep in mind the real reason for all these festivities. It's important that we spend some time preparing ourselves too.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist calling the people to repent (to come back to God) and to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival.

'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way. A voice calling in the desert: Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his path.'
(Isaiah 40:3)

Christian 'repentance' is a wholly positive experience when we invite God into our lives and take a grip on ourselves, changing some of our ways or even, maybe, our direction in life. So let's listen to John the Baptist and prepare our hearts well - being ready to receive and share God's love with all we meet as part of this week's Christmas preparations.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to prepare well for Christmas and show us how we can help others to do the same. Amen.

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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching – Dignity of the Human Person
Year 1	Jaden	Zara	Viza
Year 2	Bonnie	Olivia	Joseph
Year 3	Logan	Ivan	Bethan
Year 4	Kenzie	George B	Pippa
Year 5	Kaia	Lorelai	Dorian
Year 6	Sophie & Betty	Bailey	Charlie

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Well done to **Year 4** for the best attendance this week at **94.17%**.

House Points

Congratulations to **Year 2** for gaining the most house points this week.



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Upcoming Events



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thursday 11 December 2025

£1.00 donation for **Save The Children UK**
Thank you for your support!



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Letters to Santa

Santa's Elves are on their way from the North Pole to deliver a special postbox to St Joseph's School!

It will arrive on Monday 1st December and you have until Tuesday 16th December to write your letter to Santa.

The Elves will then come and collect the letters for Santa to read, and he will reply by special delivery on Thursday 18th December.



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Upcoming Events

Stories by candlelight



You are warmly invited to share a story in class with your child this Advent.
A time to snuggle up, share a story and relax.

Tuesday 16th December 8.30 – 9am
& afterwards for biscuits and hot drinks served by Year 6.



Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

We will need all the food by the 12 December 2025

Thank you for your support!

1 House Point per food item!

During the season of Advent, we will be collecting non-perishable food items, including dried foods (such as pasta and rice), sauces, tinned foods, biscuits, crisps and any suitable Christmas food items for Father Hudson's Caritas.

Monday 15th December Eco Council Toy Swap

Pre-Christmas clear out

Bring up to 3 toys to swap.
Toys must be in good condition and games have all the parts.

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Reverse Advent Calendar

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All food donated will be to support of Fr. Hudson's Caritas.

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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

DECEMBER

Every Tuesday – Book And Biscuit (3pm–3.20pm)

You are welcome to collect your child and pop along to the hall to hear them read and share a book.

A member of staff will be on hand to welcome you.

Every Tuesday 3pm–4pm – Lego Club (Year 1 upwards)

Tuesday 9th December

Reception and Year 1 Nativity for parents/carers – 9.15am and 2pm
Last swimming session for Year 5

Wednesday 10th December

Rock Steady Concert – 9.15am
Pre-School craft afternoon all parents welcome – 1.15pm

Thursday 11th December

Open Day 4 for Reception 2026 intake – please contact the office to arrange a tour with one of the team
Years 4 and 5 Confessions – 10.30am
KS2 Movie Night 3pm–5.15pm £3 a ticket
Tickets on sale via Arbor or cash to the office

Tuesday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day – £1 donation for Save the Children

Friday 12th December

KS1 Movie Night 3pm–5.15pm £3 a ticket
Tickets on sale via Arbor or cash to the office

Monday 15th December

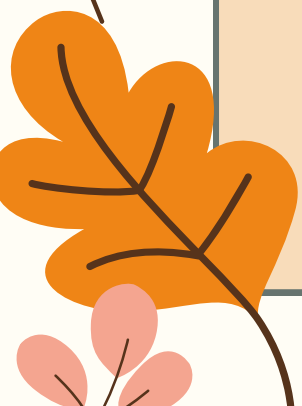
Eco Council Toy Swap – 10am–10.30am
Pre School Christmas Party – 1pm

Wednesday 17th December

Nativity Mass – 10.30am (led by Year 2) Open to all
School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December

Class Party Day – Arrangements to be confirmed
School and Parish Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church – 6pm



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