

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

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This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been our Trust-wide assessment week, which has provided the opportunity for teachers to assess and review children's progress and attainment so that targets can be set for the term ahead.

This weekend we start the journey of Advent together as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus. It is also a time to think of others within our local community and beyond. Once again, we will be supporting the Diocesan charity, Fr. Hudson's Caritas, through the Reverse Advent Calendar initiative - further details can be found within this week's newsletter (Kind Hearts and a Hunger for justice).

A reminder that children can wear purple to school on Monday to mark the season of Advent as a school community.

Details of our Advent and Christmas events are also detailed below for your information.

Next week, we also pray for our Year 6 Confirmandi at school and within the parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans on Wednesday 3rd December starting at 7pm.

Let us be ready to start the season of Advent together.

Take care and have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Carry
Principal

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Celebration of the Word of God



The season of Advent begins this Sunday. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

Advent is also the season of hope: a time to think deeply about Jesus' return at the end of time, which we read about in this Sunday's Gospel.

This is also a Jubilee Advent where we are invited to look back on the year that has gone with gratitude. We rejoice in the present with joy. We look to the future with hearts full of hope in God's love and mercy.

So let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome the Lord, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God. The message is clear for all of us: we are to stand ready!

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to 'stay awake' and to be aware of your presence in the people that we meet in this Advent season. Amen.

Following St. Joseph, we grow closer to Jesus through our hard work, perseverance and kindness.

Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching – Dignity of the Human Person
Year 1	Dominik		Esme
Year 2	Anna	Sophia	Polly
Year 3	Henry	Harvey	Enzo
Year 4	Jonathan	Ben	Jess
Year 5	Kaia	Jacob	Lena
Year 6	Theodora	Rocco	Jude

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Well done to **Year 6** for the best attendance this week at **99.17%**.



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Upcoming Events

Advent

On Monday 1st of December ,
please wear purple to mark the beginning of the season of Advent.



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.



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

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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.

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

Thank you for your support!



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

NOVEMBER/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)

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

Monday 1st December

Children wear purple to school to mark the beginning of Advent

Wednesday 3rd December

Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop David Evans
(The Bishop will be meeting with the children at 6.30pm)

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

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

KS1 Movie Night 3pm–5.15pm £3 a ticket

Tickets on sale from the 1st December

Friday 12th December

KS2 Movie Night 3pm–5.15pm £3 a ticket

Tickets on sale from the 1st December

Monday 15th December

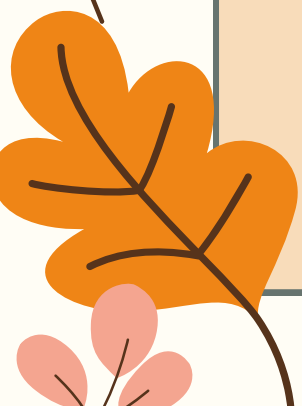
Eco Council Toy Swap – 10am–10.30am

Pre School Christmas Party – 1pm

Wednesday 17th December

Nativity Mass – 10.30am (led by Year 2)

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It Takes A Village

How we can all support children's reading in their Early Years and beyond



Reading together

Reading on the go



Reading by modelling

Reading a variety of print

Reading in the library



Reading different languages

Reading diverse books

Reading outdoors

Reading for special events



Reading for celebrations

Reading fiction and non-fiction books

Reading books via audio

Reading activities



"Books have the ability to change hearts and minds."

-Laura Henry-Allain

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