



**Our school is a family of faith, hope, love, fun and learning for all.**

# Newsletter

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### A message from Mrs Gum

It has been an incredibly chilly week! The children have enjoyed the snow but I think the adults are pleased it didn't last long. It has however been lovely to see the sun, despite the freezing temperatures. Our Year 4 children depart for Culmington Manor on Monday and whilst the temperatures are set to rise considerably, with that comes the rain; waterproofs will be essential I think! We were elated to welcome Mr Randle back to St Joseph's on Tuesday. Our older children will remember him as Mr Randle worked at St Joseph's as a Teaching Assistant and ELSA. Mr Randle delivered a wonderful assembly to the whole school and then provided musical workshops to various year groups. The children were so engaged and demonstrated a fantastic knowledge of rock music. We are excited to be able to offer Mr Randle's music lessons and it looks like he is going to be in demand.

I hope that you have a wonderful, family filled weekend.

### Attendance Whole School

**94.1%**

#### **1st Place**

Mr Lewis' Class

98.3%

#### **2nd Place**

Miss Howard's Class

95.8%

#### **3rd Place**

Miss C Bennett's Class

95.4%

### St Joseph's Wrap Around Club

As previously communicated it is parent's responsibility to book/cancel breakfast and after school club sessions via Clubs in the School Gateway. It is not the responsibility of the school office. Places are limited and we will not exceed the 16 offered places. Children **must** arrive for breakfast club by **8am**. Late arrivals will not be accommodated; this is to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the club.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 22nd January**

Year 4 at Culmington Manor

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**Wednesday 24th January**

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**Thursday 25th January**

EYFS to Chester Zoo

**Wednesday 31st January**

8.45am SEND Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 7th February**

Key Stage 1 Judo Assembly

**Monday 12th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

8:45am EYFS Stay and Read

**Tuesday 13th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

8:45am Key Stage 1 Stay and Read

**Wednesday 14th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

Ash Wednesday

8:45am Lower Key Stage 2 Stay and Read

**Thursday 15th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

8:45am Upper Key Stage 2 Stay and Read

**Friday 16th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

### Lunch Menu

Week 3

### Forest School

**24th January  
Reception**

**31st January  
Nursery**

**7th February  
Reception**

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The Governing Board have agreed that authorisation will **NOT** be given for **ANY** holidays taken in term time. Requests for authorised absence must be made using the absence request form at least 4 weeks in **advance** of the absence. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website. St Joseph's has adopted the Winsford Education Partnership Policy. Please ensure that your child is in school ready to learn by 8:45am each day.

### Reading

We are trying to promote a love of reading across school so that children's reading and comprehension skills improve. Reading is a life skill and once children start high school it is unlikely that their reading age or ability will increase. It is therefore essential that our children leave primary school as competent readers.

Please read with and to your child at every opportunity to encourage and develop this essential skill.

### Friends of St Joseph's PTA

Upcoming PTA Events

**Friday 9th February**  
Quiz and Chips Night  
7pm £10 a team

**Sunday 31st March**  
Easter Party @ Meadowbank

Further details and times will follow in due course.

**P** positivity  
**R** respect  
**I** independence  
**D** determination  
**E** enthusiasm

### Letters and Reminders

### SPRING MENU

Please ensure that you send your child to school with a change of footwear when snow has fallen.

### Sunday's Gospel Mark 1:14-20

"Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men."



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