



*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 a fantastic half term at St Joseph's with much to celebrate and lots achieved. Thanks to the hard work of school staff, led and championed by Miss Raymond, we have been awarded Dyslexia Friendly Status. This is a fantastic achievement and could not have been gained without the dedication of Miss Raymond. At St Joseph's we take pride in promoting the physical, mental and emotional well-being of our children, staff and families. Following our success in 2020, we are working towards reviewing and regaining the Well-Being Award for our school. Mr Lewis and Miss Howard are working with staff within school to ensure well-being is a focus for all. Miss Butterfield has been working hard at promoting physical well-being and our Year 5 and 6 football team played against Over St John's on Wednesday night and won by a staggering 14-0! It must have been the new sports kits donated by Friends of St Joseph's PTA that brought them good luck! Today we say goodbye to Miss Horn who leaves St Joseph's to start a new career. We wish her the best of luck.

Have a relaxing and restful half term break.

### Attendance Whole School

**95.5%**

#### **1st Place**

Miss Howard's Class

97.8%

#### **2nd Place**

Mr Lewis's Class

97.5%

#### **3rd Place**

Miss L Bennett's and Miss

C Bennett's Classes

96.4%

### WORLD DIABETES DAY

We will be marking World  
Diabetes Day on **Tuesday 14th**

**November** and we are  
inviting all children to wear  
something **blue**.

A £1 donation should be  
made via School Gateway. All  
funds will be donated to  
Diabetes UK.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20th October

**SCHOOL CLOSES**

Monday 30th October

**SCHOOL OPENS**

Wednesday 1st November

School Photos

Reception Library Visit

Robinwood Meeting 3.30pm

Friday 3rd November

Book Fair

Monday 6th November

Mixed Football Final

Book Fair

Tuesday 7th November

Parent Meetings

Parent Budgeting Workshop

Book Fair

Wednesday 8th November

EYFS Party Day

Mr Lewis & Miss L Bennett Class Mass 10am

Book Fair

Tuesday 14th November

Wear Blue for Diabetes

Wednesday 15th November

Year 1 trip to Nantwich Museum

Year 5 & 6 to Winsford Library

Miss Weir & Mrs King Class Mass 10am

Thursday 16th November

Year 2 trip to Nantwich Museum

### Lunch Menu after half-term

Week 2

### Forest School

Monday 30th  
October

**Year 1**

Monday 6th  
November

**Reception**

Monday 13th  
November

**Nursery**

### 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.

### Friends of St Joseph's PTA

The first PTA meeting of the academic year and AGM was held on Monday 16th October. The meeting was well attended and there are lots of parents keen to support fundraising for St Joseph's.

The Friends of St Joseph's PTA Committee for this academic year are:

Chair—Emma Simpson

Vice Chair—Suzanne Howley

Treasurer—Kelsey Finney

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Secretary—Melanie Duckworth

The next Friends of St Joseph's PTA meeting will be in school on **Wednesday 8th November at 2:45pm**. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to support PTA events or have any fundraising ideas, you can contact the committee directly at [pta@stjosephs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stjosephs.cheshire.sch.uk)

### Letters and Reminders

Don't forget to book a meeting via School Cloud with your child's teacher.

School closes on 20th October for our half term break. We return to school on Monday 30th October.

[Motherwell Community Share Hub](#)

Click on the link to find out more.

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

### Sunday's Gospel—Matthew 22:15-21

"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."



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