



*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 very busy start to the half term and it has been straight back into learning.

A significant number of children are still arriving late for school each day. Children need to be in class for registration at 8:45am. Children who arrive late miss out on the morning routines and activities and this has a direct impact on their ability to concentrate and engage in learning throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is in school, on time, everyday.

Many of you will have seen that the swimming pool has arrived at school and has been set up on the patio. Swimming starts next week for children in Key Stage 2 and a letter has been sent out explaining the plan for the first week. Please monitor your communications from school to ensure you know when your child needs their swimming kit after the first week.

### Attendance **Whole School**

**94%**

**1st Place**  
**Mr Ellam's Class**

**98.6%**

**2nd Place**  
**Miss Weir's Class**

**97.3%**

**3rd Place**  
**Miss C Bennett's Class**  
**97.1%**

### Parking

Parents and carers continue to park irresponsibly on the yellow zig zag lines, along Woodford Lane and on Quarry Bank Rise despite continuous requests to keep our school community safe. Please leave home a couple of minutes earlier and park further away from school to ensure no one is put in danger and that our neighbours are not inconvenienced. Thank you.

### St Joseph's Skydivers!

It's only 2 weeks now until Mrs Burkey, Mrs Di Vito and Mrs Gum take part in the sky dive for St Luke's Hospice. Any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 4th March**

Swimming commences

**Thursday 7th March**

Year 3-6 Cross Country event at St Nicholas

**Friday 8th March**

BIGGEST EVER Football Session!

**Monday 11th March**

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel starts

**Tuesday 12th March**

Year 3/4 Mixed Netball Competition

**Wednesday 13th March**

Year 3/4 Lenten Camp Fire Night

**Monday 18th March**

Year 5/6 Lenten Party and Prize Night

**Tuesday 19th March**

Year 3/4 Mixed Football Competition

**Wednesday 20th March**

KS1 Lenten Party Night

**Friday 22nd March**

Year 4 Activity Day St Nicholas Catholic High

Nursery Lenten Film Night

**Tuesday 26th March**

Eco Fayre

Generation Rock Concert

**Wednesday 27th March**

Easter Bonnet and Egg Competition

**Thursday 28th March**

Reception and Resource Provision Sleepover.

**SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15pm**

**Monday 15th April**

SCHOOL OPENS 8.45am

### Lunch Menu

Week 2

### Forest School

**6th March**  
**Nursery**

**13th March**  
**Reception**

**20th March**  
**Nursery**

### Letters and Reminders

[SPRING MENU](#)

### 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.

### Lenten Fundraising

Our first Lenten fundraising activity for UNICEF takes place on 13th March.

Please ensure that you have registered your child via School Gateway for them to take part in their phase fundraising activities.

Together we could raise over £2000 for UNICEF. Let's see what we can do!

### Friends of St Joseph's PTA

Upcoming PTA Events

**Sunday 31st March**

Easter Party @ Meadowbank

Tickets can be purchase via  
ClassList.

P	positivity
R	respect
I	independence
D	determination
E	enthusiasm

### Sunday's Gospel John 2: 13-25

Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up."



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