Newsletter Autumn 1

11th September 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Wesham

Newsletter

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

This week, during our Celebration of the Word, we revisited our Jesuit Virtues for the first time this year. We talked about how, throughout the year, we will be challenged to grow in different virtues and think about how we can live these out in our everyday lives.

This half term, we are focusing on being Faith-filled and Hopeful. We listened to Matthew's Gospel and explored what Jesus teaches us about forgiveness. We thought about what it means to forgive others, to have faith in God and to remain hopeful, even when things can sometimes be difficult. We reflected on how forgiveness is an important way in which we can live out our virtues and show God's love to others.

You may have noticed a change to our ClassDojo points. From this week, children can earn Dojo points for demonstrating each of our Jesuit Virtues. We want to celebrate the many ways our children show these qualities, both in their learning and in the way they care for and support one another. At the end of each half term, the house with the most Dojo points will receive a special reward! We are looking forward to seeing our virtues in action across school.

We will also be introducing a Jesuit Virtue Celebration Assembly at the end of each half term. During these special assemblies, children from each class will have the opportunity to share examples of how they have lived out that half term's virtue. You will be warmly invited to join us for these celebrations, as we recognise and celebrate the wonderful examples our children set each day.

Our Year 6 children have certainly been keeping us busy this week as they have been campaigning to become our new House and Vice Captains. The school has been buzzing with posters, speeches and campaign ideas, and today our candidates delivered their final speeches to the whole school. Children from across school then had the very important job of placing their votes in the ballot box. The votes are currently being counted, and we will be announcing our newly elected House and Vice Captains very soon! We are incredibly proud of all of our Year 6 candidates for showing such confidence, enthusiasm and leadership throughout the process.

Finally, this Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Cross. We would love for our school community to come together as one parish, with families and friends from The Willows, to celebrate Mass together at 10.30am. Following Mass, there will be refreshments in Father's Garden.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families and I look forward to another positive week together.

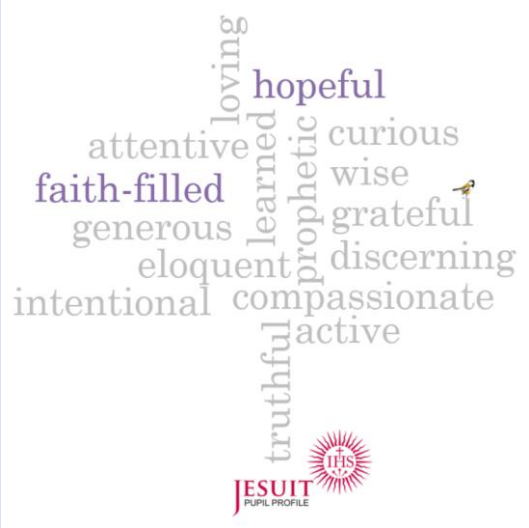
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Dates for your Diary

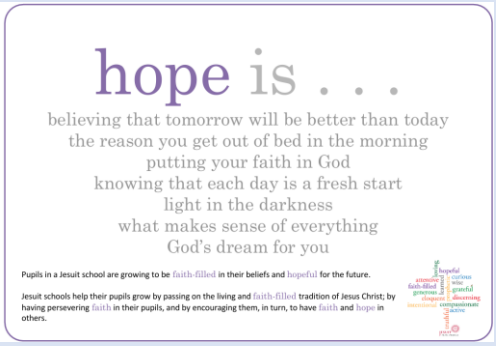
- Tuesday 15th September: PTFA meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 7th October Open afternoon 2pm / Evening 6pm
- Wednesday 14th October: Castlerigg Residential
- Wednesday 21st October: Parent Afternoon/ Evening 2.30-6.30pm
- Thursday 22nd October: St Joseph's Got Talent (more info to follow)
- Friday 23rd October: Jesuit Virtue Celebration Assembly 9.15am
- Tuesday 3rd November Open Afternoon 2pm

Jesuit Virtues

This Half Term we are growing to be *Faith-filled* and *Hopeful.*



There will be a celebration assembly on Friday 23rd October at 9.15am where the children will celebrate how they have grown to be faith-filled and hopeful during this half term. You are warmly invited to join.





Forthcoming PTFA Events for your Diary!

- First PTFA meeting of the year: Tuesday 15th September (6pm in school) Please come along if you can!

Support Us While You Shop

We are pleased to share that our school has joined **Easy Fundraising** — a simple and completely free way to raise money for the school while you shop online. Donations are made by retailers, not by you.

👉 Join here: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjosephcpswesham/YE14TF/c2s/AEWwwwVJ/CE058/facebook/

If you are able, please consider supporting our PTFA by signing up to the Parents Lottery

St Joseph's RC Primary Wesham - theparentslottery.org

The Parents Lottery is a simple yet powerful way for parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours to come together and invest in the future of our children. Your weekly ticket funds essential resources, from stocking the library with the latest titles to providing vital classroom technology and supporting a wide range of extracurricular activities.

www.theparentslottery.org

PE Days, PE Kit & Forest School

Forest School

Children in Dahl, Rowling and Morpurgo will be starting Forest School sessions with Mrs Ashton on a weekly rotation. Mrs Ashton will send out reminders before your child's session. Children need to bring their forest school clothes in a bag, this must include a long sleeve top and trousers, suitable footwear and weather appropriate coat. Children will not be permitted to take part in Forest School without appropriate clothing.

Next week's forest school: Morpurgo Class (Wednesday 16th September)

PE Days this half term

Donaldson Class & Little Joeys: Monday & Wednesday

Dahl Class: Monday & Thursday (swimming)

Rowling Class: Monday & Thursday

Morpurgo Class: Wednesday & Friday

All children should have a pair of wellies in school to use for OPAL.

Open Afternoon and Evening. Please share information to prospective parents about our upcoming open afternoons and evening. Thank you!

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Faith Learning Together

OPEN DAYS

COME AND SEE OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION

We warmly invite prospective families to visit our wonderful school, meet our dedicated staff and see for yourselves what makes St Joseph's such a special place.

OPEN AFTERNOON
Wednesday
7th October
2–3pm

OPEN EVENING
Wednesday
7th October
at 6pm

OPEN AFTERNOON
Tuesday
3rd November
2–3pm

Call **01772 683009** to arrange a 1:1 visit

We look forward to welcoming you!

A small, nurturing school where every child is cherished







- A welcoming Christ-centred community
- High aspirations for every child
- Respect, kindness and friendship
- Preparing our children to make a positive difference in the world

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