Newsletter Autumn 1

18th September 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Wesham

Newsletter

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

"All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man." - St Francis of Assisi

As we come to the end of another busy week at St Joseph's, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel of the generosity and goodness of God. In the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1–16), Jesus reminds us that God's love is freely given to each and every one of us.

We were delighted to announce our new Year 6 House and Vice Captains today! A huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward, prepared speeches and had the courage to stand for election. Congratulations to those who were chosen by the children to take on these important roles. We know they will represent their houses and our school with pride. Over the coming weeks, we will be looking to fill other pupil leadership roles across school, giving even more of our children the opportunity to have a voice, take responsibility and make a positive difference here at St Joseph's.

We also have some exciting events to look forward to in the coming weeks. One being, children from Dahl Class through to Morpurgo Class (Y1-6) will be visiting Beacon Fell as we mark the end of the Season of Creation. The Season of Creation runs from 1st September until 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis saw the whole of creation as a wonderful gift from God. He recognised that people, animals, plants, the sun, moon, water and earth are all part of God's creation and should be treasured and cared for. Our visit will give the children a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the world around them, thank God for our common home and think about the part each of us can play in protecting it. This is another way that we can live out our call to be faith-filled and hopeful, recognising God in creation and having hope that even our smallest actions can make a difference.

On Sunday 27th September, we warmly invite our new Reception children, along with all other children and families who have recently joined St Joseph's, to be welcomed into our parish community at Mass. It would be lovely to see as many members of our school community there as possible as we come together in faith to welcome and celebrate the newest members of our St Joseph's family.

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Mrs Wyke

Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 27th September: Welcome Mass 9.30am- New starters & school community
- Friday 2nd October: Harvest Mass (9.30am) followed by Macmillan Coffee morning in school hall-all welcome.
- Tuesday 6th October: Trip to Beacon Fell (now payable on MCAS)
- Wednesday 7th October: Dahl Class Leading celebration of the Word. 9.15am Parents invited.
- Wednesday 7th October Open afternoon 2pm / Evening 6pm
- Wednesday 14th October: Castlerigg Residential (Now payable on MCAS)
- Wednesday 21st October: Parents 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 faithfilled and hopeful during this half term. You are warmly invited to join.

This Sunday's Gospel links beautifully with our Jesuit virtues for this half term, Faith-filled and Hopeful. We encourage our children to be faith-filled by trusting in God's goodness and recognising His love in the people and world around them. We are hopeful because we know that, through our words and actions, we can bring that love to others. It has been wonderful to see so many examples of our children living out these virtues in school this week.

Forthcoming PTFA Events for your Diary!



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.

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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. Rowling class will have their first session this Wednesday (9th September). 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.

PE Days this half term

Donaldson Class & Little Joeys: Monday & Wednesday

Dahl Class: Monday & Thursday (swimming)

Rowling Class: Monday & Thursday

Morpurgo Class: Wednesday & Friday

Monday Mondays!

Children in Little Joeys and Donaldson class need to being outdoor clothes into school every Monday as they will be taking their learning outside during Muddy Mondays!

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

Homework

At St Joseph's, we value the important partnership between home and school and recognise the vital role families play in supporting their children's learning. We also believe that time outside of school is precious. Children need time to enjoy being with their families, play, be active, explore their interests and, importantly, rest and recharge.

With this in mind, our approach to homework is purposeful, manageable and focused. We do not believe children need large amounts of additional work at home; instead, we aim to provide simple activities that reinforce key learning while allowing children to enjoy a healthy balance between school and home life.

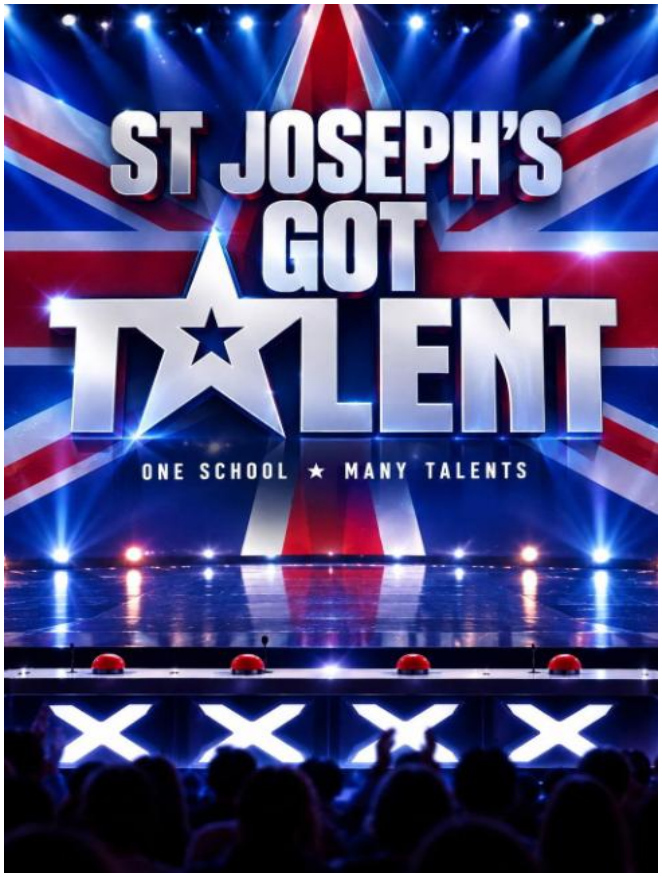
Our approach is informed by current educational research, including evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). The EEF stresses that the quality of homework is more important than the quantity and that homework is most effective when it is clearly linked to learning taking place in school.

Our Homework Expectations

There are three homework expectations at St Joseph's:

1. Reading
2. Phonics or spellings
3. Times tables or number facts

These are the areas where regular, short practice at home can support the learning taking place in school. Our priority is not the quantity of homework completed. We want children to develop secure knowledge, fluency and positive learning habits through regular, purposeful practice.



It's Back!

We are very excited to announce the return of St Joseph's Got Talent!

Children from Dahl through to Morpurgo class will have brought home an application form which they need to bring back by Monday 21st September with the details of their act. All acts must be able to practice together in their own time and be able to attend the show on Thursday 22nd October at 6pm. The children will get the chance to showcase their talents to staff in school in the coming weeks for feedback ahead of the show in October.

We can't wait to see the range of talents that the children show to us this year!

BEST START IN LIFE

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUB NETWORK

NEW HORIZONS

Bookable group for parents focusing on resilience, emotional wellbeing and confidence

Kirkham Family Hub

Every Wednesday starting 7th October

1 – 2.30pm

For 6 weeks – term time only

Contact: 01253 741117

To book your place email:

cfwfyldeandwyrecommunity@lancashire.gov.uk

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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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