Newsletter Autumn 1

25th September 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Wesham

Newsletter

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

"My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me." — John 10:27

This Sunday's Gospel shares the Parable of the Two Sons, reminding us that our actions often speak louder than our words. It also gives us a lovely message to share with our children -that we won't always get things right the first time, but we can always stop, think, make a better choice and try again. That is something we talk about a lot at about in school-mistakes are important. We are always learning from our mistakes, putting things right and showing through our actions the kind, caring people we want to be.

We have had another lovely week in school. We were delighted to welcome Margaret Wright, who spent time in each class sharing Godly Play and telling the story of Creation. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged as they listened, wondered and reflected together.

This Sunday is also a very special one for our school as we welcome our new Reception children and families new to the school into the Parish. We hope it will be a lovely opportunity for them to feel just how much they are already part of our St Joseph's family.

Next Friday 2nd October, we will come together with the parish for our New School Year Mass at 9.30am in Church, where we will give thanks for the year ahead and ask God to guide and care for us all throughout this school year.

After Mass, we will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall. We would be very grateful for any donations of shop-bought cakes or biscuits that we can sell on the morning. Please do come along to Church and the coffee morning if you can, everyone is welcome! It would be lovely to see as many of our families there as possible for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wyke

Dates for your Diary

- Sunday 27th September: Welcome Mass 9.30am-all welcome
- Friday 2nd October: New School year Mass & Macmillan coffee morning 9.30am-all welcome
- Monday 5th October: Collection of dried goods/tinned food for the Food Bank begins
- Wednesday 7th October: Dahl Class Harvest Celebration of the word 9.30am-all welcome
- 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
- Friday 23rd October: Jesuit Virtue Celebration Assembly 9.15am
- Tuesday 3rd November: Open Afternoon 2pm
- Wednesday 9th December: EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm & 5.30pm-all welcome
- Tuesday 15th December: Whole school trip to the panto
- Wednesday 16th December: Advent Service led by KS2 2.30pm-all welcome

Macmillan Coffee morning

We are asking for donations of shop bought cakes and biscuits for our coffee morning on Friday 2nd October. If you are able to donate, please bring items into school on Thursday 1st October. Thank you in advance.

We would love to see you there!



Harvest

As we prepare to celebrate Harvest, we are reminded to be thankful for all that we have and to think about those in our community who may be in need. This links beautifully with our Jesuit virtues of being Compassionate and Loving. We can show our love for others not only through our words, but through small acts of kindness and generosity.

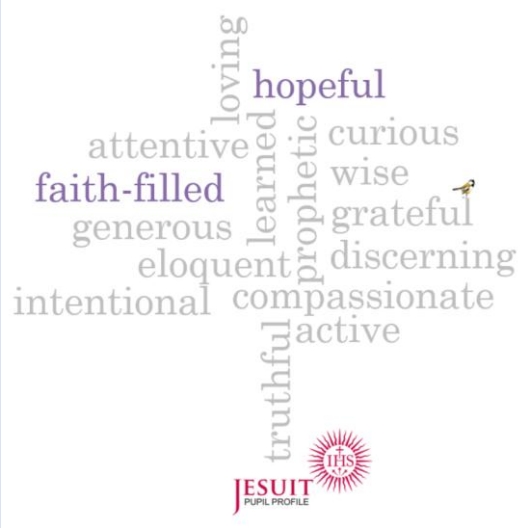
We would be very grateful for donations of non-perishable food items for our local food bank, such as tinned foods, pasta, rice, cereals, sauces and other dried goods. Donation, however small, will make a difference. Thank you, as always, for helping our children see how we can put our faith into action and show love and compassion to others.



Please bring donations in from Monday 5th October.

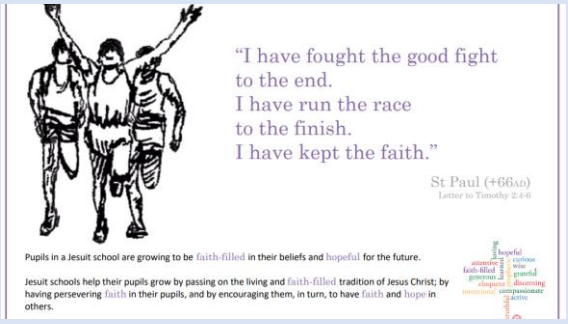
Jesuit Virtues

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.

We hope these are values that our children will carry with them not only in school, but into their homes and our wider community too.





Attendance Matters

Being in school every day gives children the best opportunity to learn, grow, build friendships and feel part of our school family. Regular attendance helps children feel settled, confident and ready to make the most of all the opportunities school has to offer.

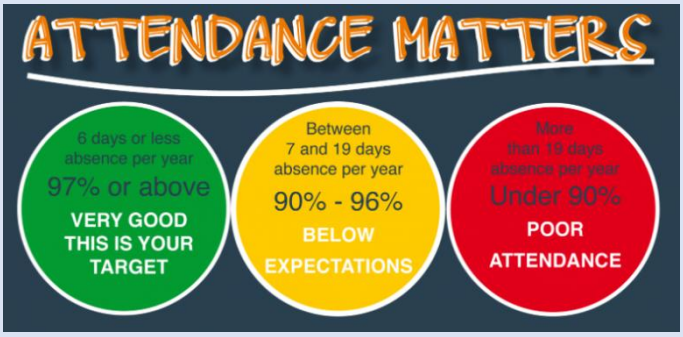
This week's attendance:

Donaldson Class: 96%

Dahl Class: 99%

Rowling Class: 97%

Morpurgo Class: 96%



Your child's attendance can be found on MCAS.

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.

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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: Dahl Class (Wednesday 30th 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

Muddy Mondays

Children in Donaldson Class and Little Joeys will be taking their learning outside every Monday. Please send children in with appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear.

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

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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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