Newsletter Autumn 1

2nd October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Wesham

Newsletter

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

"The kingdom of God… will be given to a people producing its fruits." *Matthew 21:43*

What a wonderfully busy week it has been at St Joseph's, school really has been buzzing!

This morning, children from Dahl, Rowling and Morpurgo Classes joined with the Parish in church to celebrate Mass together for the first time this school year. It was a beautiful celebration and a lovely opportunity for us to give thanks for the year ahead. Father Andrew commented on how beautifully the children sang and how reverently and enthusiastically they joined in with the Mass. We were incredibly proud of them all. Thank you to those who sent in donations, joined us for coffee and cake and those who bought cakes at the end of the day. We will total up the donations and let you know how much we raised for Macmillan. Thank you for your generosity.

There has also been plenty to celebrate beyond school this week! Two children from Morpurgo Class represented St Joseph's at the Fylde Primary Schools Debating Event. They spoke with such confidence and conviction and were voted the winners of their debate, perhaps we have some future politicians in the making! Our Morpurgo girls and boys also represented the school brilliantly at the Fylde Schools Football Tournament, finishing in a very respectable 4th place. Well done to everyone who took part; as always, we were proud not only of their performance but of the way they represented St Joseph's.

At the other end of school, our newest members of the St Joseph's family continue to settle in beautifully. Our Reception children spent some time today with their Year 6 gardeners, learning and working alongside their friends. Watching them together is really special, our Reception children have settled so well that it feels as though they have always been here!

Next Wednesday at 9.15am, Dahl Class will lead our Harvest Celebration of the Word, and families are warmly invited to join us. From Monday, we will be collecting Harvest donations for Fylde Foodbank. Please give as much or as little as your family is able to, every single donation will make a difference. Harvest gives us a wonderful opportunity to thank God for all that we have while remembering our responsibility to share with those who may be in need.

Next week, we are also looking forward to our visit to Beacon Fell as we mark the end of the Season of Creation. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience God's creation first-hand, to notice its beauty, give thanks for it and think about the part we can all play in caring for our common home.

Have a lovely weekend with your families,

Mrs Wyke

Dates for your Diary

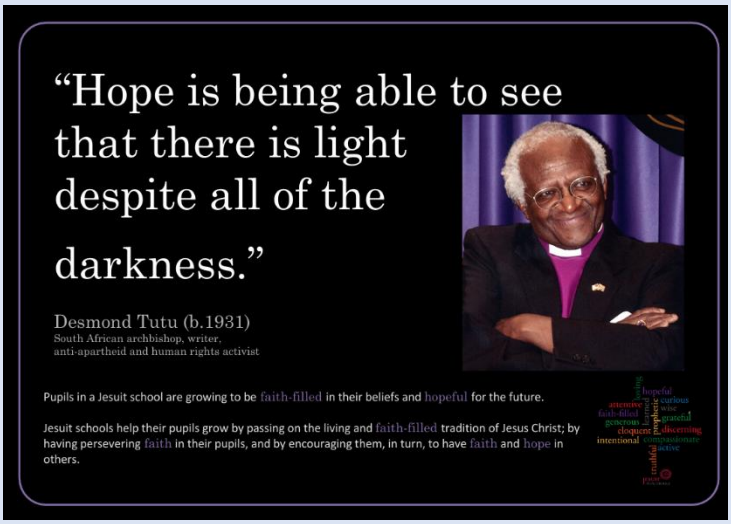
- Monday 5th October: Harvest donations collected from today.
- Tuesday 6th October: Trip to Beacon Fell (now payable on MCAS)
- Wednesday 7th October: Dahl Class Leading celebration of the Word. 9.15am Parents invited.
- Wednesday 7th October Open afternoon 2pm / Evening 6pm
- Wednesday 14th October: 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
- 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

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.



Forthcoming PTFA Events for your Diary!

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

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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/



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

Muddy 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.

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.

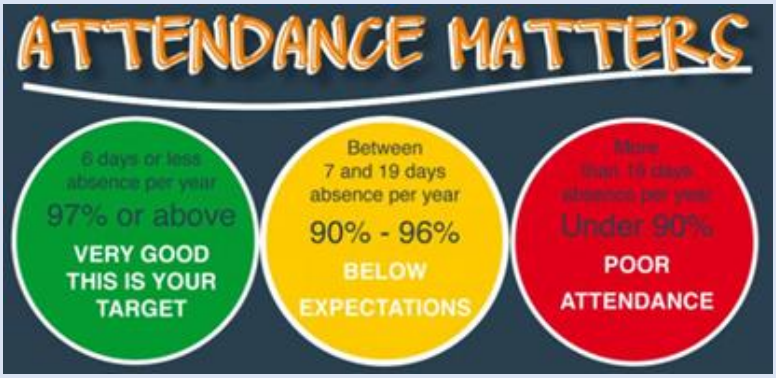
We would be very grateful for donations of non-perishable food items for our local food bank, such as tinned foods, pasta, rice, cereals, sauces and other dried goods. Donation, however small, will make a difference. Thank you, as always, for helping our children see how we can put our faith into action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



Please bring donations in from Monday 5th October.

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.



If your child has mild symptoms such a slight cough or cold, they can attend school if they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Beacon Fell Trip

On Tuesday 6th October, children from Dahl, Rowling and Morpurgo class will be going on a school trip to Beacon Fell to mark the end of the Season of Creation. Children should come to school wearing their own clothes suitable for being outside all day…in all weathers! Sturdy footwear is advised. For children those children who normally have a universal free school meal, school will provide a packed lunch, if your child normally brings a packed lunch to school, please send their lunch in a disposable bag. We will be leaving school at 9.15am prompt and we will be back for the end of the school day.



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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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