Newsletter Autumn 1

9th October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Wesham

Newsletter

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

'I am a link in a chain, a connection between persons.' St John Henry Newman.

What a wonderful week we have had at St Joseph's, filled with opportunities to celebrate our faith, appreciate God's beautiful creation and come together as a school community.

Earlier this week, three of our children accompanied Mr Lawrenson and I to the Trust Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It was lovely to join with other schools from across the Trust for such a special celebration. Our children were beautifully prayerful and respectful throughout, and were a real shining light for St Joseph's. We were incredibly proud of them!

Continuing our celebrations of St Francis and the Season of Creation, Dahl, Rowling and Morpurgo classes enjoyed a day exploring Beacon Fell. Despite the rather wet conditions, the children had a fantastic time enjoying the great outdoors and appreciating the wonders of God's creation. They returned to school muddy and with huge smiles on their faces, the very best combination! Our youngest children in Little Joey's and Donaldson Class have also been busy enjoying God's wonderful world during a special Forest School session. It was lovely to see them exploring, discovering and getting their hands muddy as they experienced the beauty of nature firsthand. What a wonderful way to develop their curiosity, sense of wonder and appreciation for God's creation!

On Wednesday, Dahl Class led us in a beautiful Harvest Celebration of the Word and what a wonderful job they did! They reminded us of the importance of giving thanks to God for all that we have, caring for His creation and remembering those who are less fortunate than ourselves. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated to our Harvest collection so far. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We will continue collecting for another week, so there is still plenty of time to send in any last-minute donations. Every contribution, however big or small, will help support families in our local community.

As you know being active and school sport is an important part of St Joseph's culture-we are always on the move! And on Wednesday, we celebrated another sporting achievement with our netball team winning the netball league at Carr Hill. Well done!

Finally, please take a moment to read the information further on in this newsletter regarding some work taking place on our school grounds next Monday (12th October).

Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend with your families.

Mrs Wyke

Dates for your Diary

- 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 11th November: Morpurgo Class leading Celebration of the Word (all invited)
- 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. 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: Rowling (Wednesday 14th October)

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.

Work on the School Grounds

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our children safe, we will be carrying out some essential work to increase the height of the fencing around our school grounds. These improvements are necessary to strengthen our safeguarding measures and ensure that St Joseph's remains a safe and secure environment for all our children.

Work will begin on Monday. All children will enter and leave school via Donaldson Class classroom door. Please make your way down to the bottom of the car park to drop off and collect your child(ren).

There will also be further work taking place with fencing at a later date, we will keep you informed of any changes to drop off and pick up.

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.

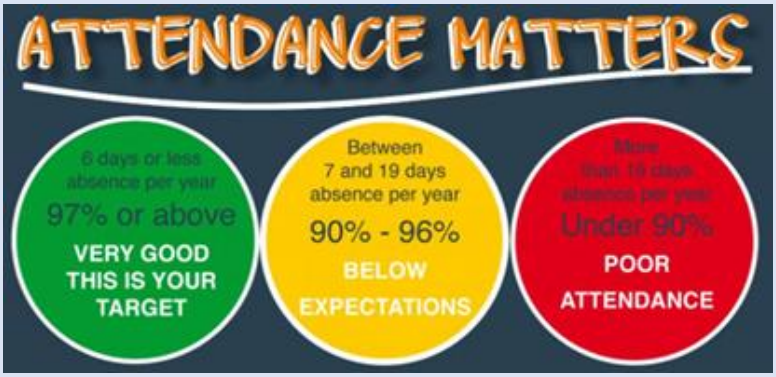
We would be very grateful for donations of non-perishable food items for our local food bank, such as tinned foods, pasta, rice, cereals, sauces and other dried goods. Donation, however small, will make a difference. Thank you, as always, for helping our children see how we can put our faith into action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



This week's attendance:

Donaldson Class: 95%

Dahl Class: 99%

Rowling: 95%

Morpurgo: 98%

Swimming

There will be **no** Swimming next week for Dahl Class. (Thursday 15th October).

Parents Afternoon/ Evening

Parent consultations will take place on Wednesday 21st October. Please do make every effort to attend, as this is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, celebrate their achievements, discuss the progress they are making and identify how we can work together to support their next steps in learning. Strong partnerships between home and school make such a difference, and we look forward to welcoming 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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