Newsletter Autumn 1

16th October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Wesham

Newsletter

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

The heart that knows how to say, 'thank you' is a good heart, it is a heart that is content' Pope Francis

It has been another busy and joyful week in school. Firstly, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all the kind messages and good wishes I have received following my appointment as Headteacher. I am absolutely thrilled to be leading such a special school and feel incredibly proud and privileged to be part of its next chapter.

This week, pupils from Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed their retreat at Castlerigg Manor, taking time away from the usual school routine to reflect, pray and develop their spirituality. Opportunities such as these are an important part of our Catholic life, giving our children precious time to deepen their faith and their relationships with one another.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that while we all have responsibilities in our everyday lives, we must also remember what we owe to God.

Jesus tells us to "give to God what belongs to God." This invites us to think about what we can give back to God, and one of the simplest and most powerful answers is our gratitude.

There is so much in our lives for which we can be thankful: our families, our friendships, our school community and the many opportunities we are given each day. Sometimes the smallest blessings are the easiest to overlook.

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA, who met on Tuesday evening to make plans for our Christmas Fayre which will be held on Friday 20th November in the school hall.

They have also produced a PTFA newsletter sharing all the great work they have done so far and some of their exciting plans for the future. Please take a little time to have a read and see how their support benefits our school.

Don't forget to look further down this newsletter for details of upcoming PTFA events and important dates for your diary.

Finally, a reminder to parents and carers to book your Parents' Evening appointment if you have not already done so. Parents' Evening is an important opportunity to hear about your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and discuss the next steps in their learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership,

Mrs Wyke

Dates for your Diary (New Dates in Bold)

- 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
- **Friday 6th November BEBCMAT Trust Times Table Rockstar (TTRS) Day-Come dressed as a Rockstar in exchange for Christmas Fayre donations**
- Wednesday 11th November: Morpurgo Class leading Celebration of the Word (all invited)
- **Wednesday 11-13th November-School Book Fair**
- **Friday 20th November: Christmas Fayre. 3.30-5pm in the school Hall**
- **Thursday 3rd December: PTFA Christmas Movie Night**
- 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

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: *There is no Forest School this week due to Parent's Afternoon/ Evening*

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!

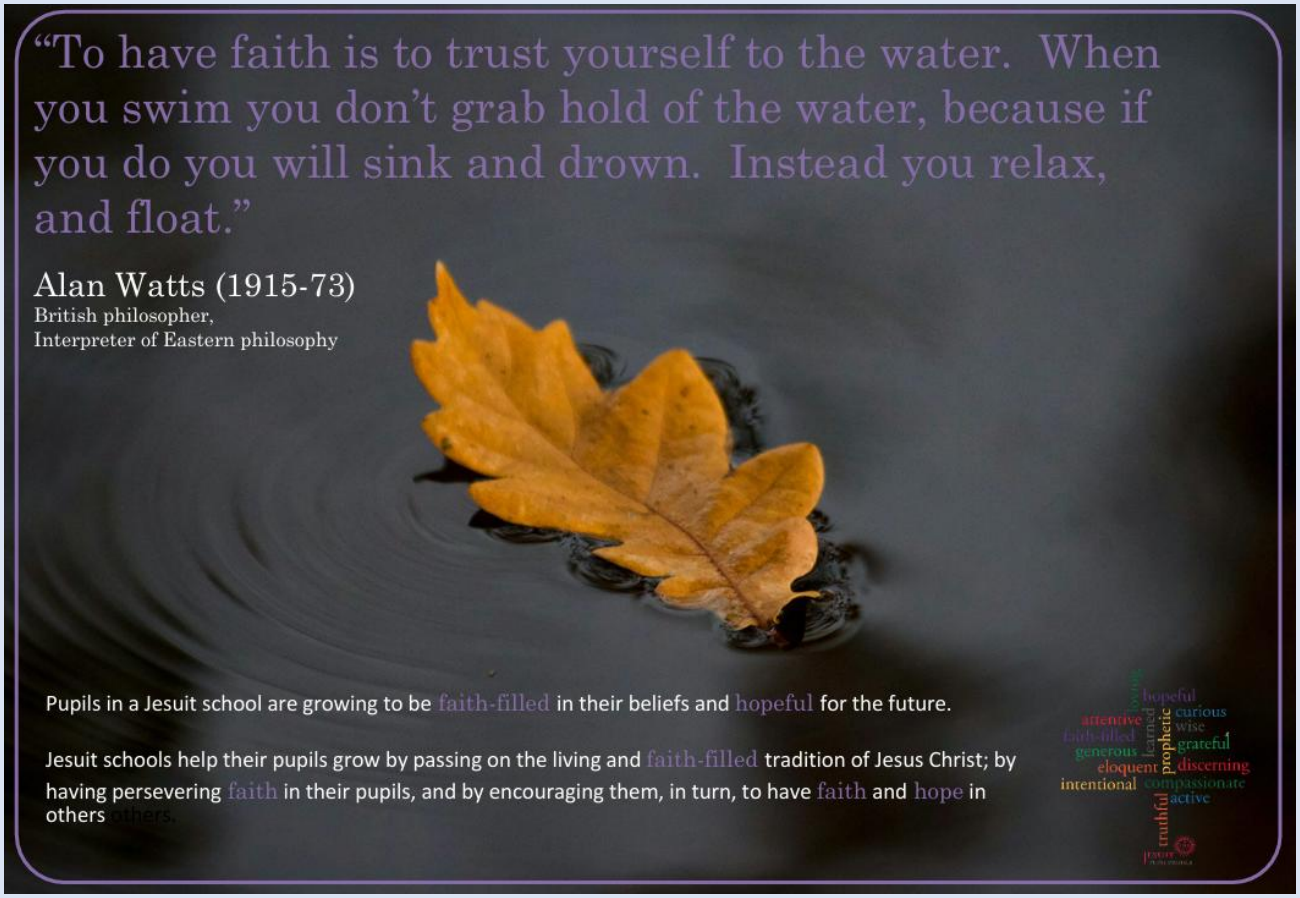
All children should have a pair of wellies in school to use for OPAL.

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

https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/st-josephs-rc-primary-wesham1740750465



Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder that wearing the correct school uniform is an important part of belonging to our school family. It helps children feel smart, proud and ready to learn. Please ensure that children wear their school tie each day. If your child's tie has been misplaced, replacements are available to purchase through MCAS for collection at the school office. Thank you for helping us maintain our high standards.

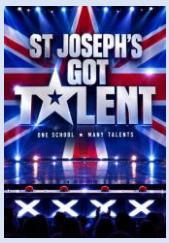
Parents Afternoon/ Evening

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. Please book your slot via MACAS.

St Joseph's Got Talent!

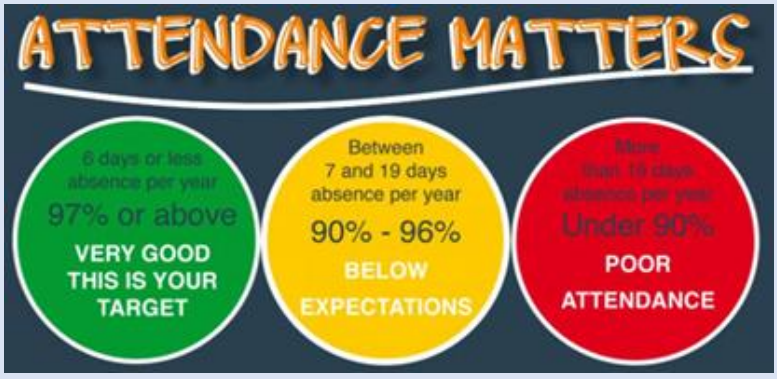
Thursday 22nd October 6pm

Don't forget to get your tickets for St Joseph's Got Talent! It promises to be a fantastic evening of talent, fun and entertainment, as our children take to the stage and show us what they can do! Please purchase your tickets using the link below. We'd love to see you there, cheering on our St Joseph's stars!
https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q699UAMW



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%

Thank you! *Do not forget to do good and to share with others...*

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Together, we raised a fantastic £96! Thank you for your generosity.


TTRS DAY
TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
Dress up as a rockstar for the day!
In exchange, please bring a donation of:
MONEY, CHOCOLATE OR TOYS
Get ready to ROCK your times tables!


Thank You!
To everyone who came to the
Autumn School Disco
tonight!
You helped us raise
£401.15
This will go towards treats
for the children during
the year.


SANTA'S GROTTO
at the Christmas Fayre
Meet Santa
Receive a Gift
Make Magical Memories
Friday 20th November
Tickets £3.50 each
Tickets can be purchased via Sumup link:
https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QFYW7S5G



CHRISTMAS LANTERN WORKSHOP

Drop in Event for kids and family to make their own lantern for the Kirkham Christmas Lights procession (to take place November 21st)

DROP IN BETWEEN 12 AND 4PM
KIRKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE - MILL STREET - PR4 2AN
TEL: 01772 682755

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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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