Newsletter Autumn 1
23rd October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Wesham
Newsletter

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

"Have faith in God." Mark 11:22

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this morning's Jesuit Virtue Celebration Assembly. I think you'll agree that the children did a fantastic job of sharing how they have been growing to be Faith-filled and Hopeful throughout this half term. It was lovely to see them speaking so confidently and reflecting on the many ways they have been putting these virtues into action, both in school and beyond.

During our assembly, we listened to the words of Jesus from Mark's Gospel, reminding us to "Have faith in God." Jesus teaches us that with faith, trust and prayer, even the biggest mountains can be moved. What a beautiful message to take into the half-term break! We reminded the children that being faith-filled and hopeful doesn't mean everything will always be easy, but that we can trust in God to guide us, even when things feel difficult.

We also celebrated our winning house for this half term! A huge congratulations to St Catherine, who collected the most Dojo points for living out our Jesuit Virtues. They will enjoy a special treat during our first week back. Well done to everyone for working so hard to put our virtues into practice each day.

WOW! What a night Thursday evening was! Our second *St Joseph's Got Talent* certainly didn't disappoint! What a fantastic evening of entertainment, laughter and some truly amazing talent. Every single child who stepped onto that stage in front of a packed audience showed such courage and confidence, and we couldn't be prouder of them all.

From singing and dancing to magic and everything in between, we certainly have some very talented children at St Joseph's! A huge congratulations to Jaxon, our St Joseph's Got Talent 2026 champion, who wowed the audience with his mesmerising magic tricks! A very worthy winner indeed!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children and helped make the evening such a special occasion. Events like these really do remind us what a wonderful school community we have.

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a busy few weeks, filled with lots of learning, laughter and wonderful opportunities for our children.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely, restful half-term break, with plenty of time to spend together as families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term,

Mrs Wyke

Dates for your Diary (New Dates in Bold)

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) 9.15am

Wednesday 11-13th November: School Book Fair

Friday 20th November: Christmas Fayre. 3.30-5pm in the school Hall

Monday 30th November: Rowling Class leading Celebration of the Word (all invited) 9.15am

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: No forest school the first week back

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!

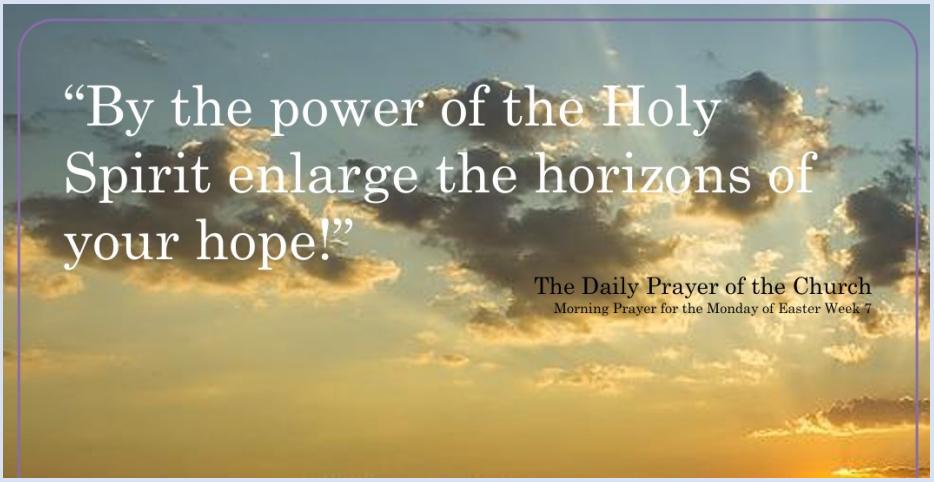
All children should have a pair of wellies in school to use for OPAL.

Warm Clothes

As we start to see more cold, wet and windy weather, please ensure that all children come to school with a warm coat so that they can get outside at breaktimes for some much needed fresh air and a run around. Thank you.

Jesuit Virtues

This Half Term we have been growing to be *Faith filled* and *Hopeful.*







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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🎄🎟️ **PTFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!** 🎟️🎄

Get into the festive spirit and be in with a chance of winning one of our **lovely Christmas hampers!** 🎁✨

We're delighted to launch our **Christmas Raffle ticket presale** ahead of the St Joseph's Christmas Fayre on **Friday 20th November**. We have lots of lovely hampers up for grabs, making this the perfect opportunity to get involved, support our school and maybe win a festive treat!

🎟️ **Online Raffle Ticket Prices**

- £1 for 1 ticket
- £10 for 12 tickets – extra chances to win!

🎁 **How to Enter**

Simply purchase your tickets online using the link below:

👉 https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/st-josephs-wesham-ptfas-christmas-raffle--2026

💚 **Help Us Make Christmas Extra Special!**

Every ticket purchased helps our PTFA raise vital funds for the children of St Joseph's, supporting school activities, resources and those extra special experiences that make school life memorable.

Please **share the raffle link with your friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues** to help us reach as many people as possible and raise as much money as we can for our wonderful children. The more people who get involved, the more we can do together! 🙌🎄

Thank you for your continued support, and good luck to everyone who enters! 💚
St Joseph's PTFA

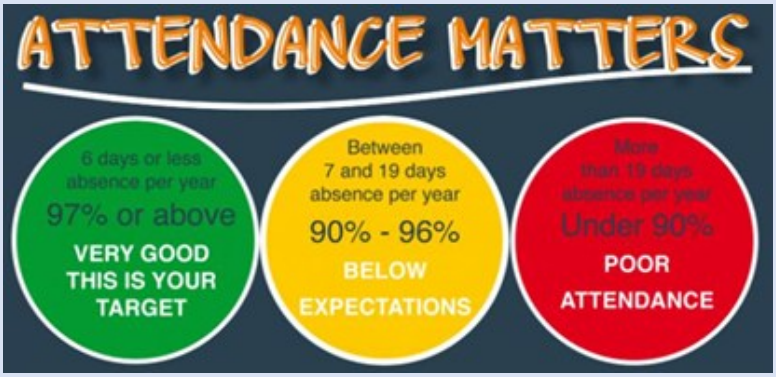
Uniform Reminder

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. Please note that trainers must not be worn as part of the school uniform, unless it is a PE day. Smart, black school shoes only.

Thank you for helping us maintain our high standards.

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: 92%

Dahl: 90%

Rowling: 98%

Morpurgo: 95%

Your child's attendance can be found on MCAS.

Poppy Appeal

House captains will be selling poppies and other Poppy Appeal items after half term. They will visit each class each day. Please send your child in with a small amount of money if you wish for them to buy something.

TTRS Day

On Friday 6th November, we will be having a Timestable Rockstar day. Children have the chance to dress up as a rockstar for the day in exchange for items for the Christmas Fayre. Please send in donations of chocolate or toys, or alternatively you can make a donation online to the PTFA. Children will spend the day Rocking out learning number facts and timetable facts!

HALF TERM SPOOKY WEEK

Festival Timetable

BLOSSOMING BUDS

Monday 26th October – Sunday 1st November 2026

SPOOKY SEASONAL PLAY, PARTIES & HALLOWEEN FUN

MONDAY 26TH	**9:30–10:15** TRICK OR TREAT STREET Stay + Play included until 12:30pm	**10:30–12:30** SPOOKY STAY + PLAY
TUESDAY 27TH	**9:30–10:15** SPOOKY SENSORY TAKEOVER Stay + Play included until 12:30pm	**10:30–12:30** SPOOKY STAY + PLAY
WEDNESDAY 28TH	**9:30–10:30** SPOOKY BABY SPA Stay + Play included until 12:30pm	**10:45–12:30** SPOOKY STAY + PLAY
THURSDAY 29TH	**9:30–10:15** WITCHES & WIZARDS POTION LAB Stay + Play included until 12:30pm	**10:30–12:30** SPOOKY STAY + PLAY
FRIDAY 30TH	**10:30–12:30** STAY + PLAY	**6:15–8:00** SPOOKY CINEMA & PYJAMA NIGHT
SATURDAY 31ST	**9:00–10:15** THE BIG BLOSSOMING BUDS HALLOWEEN PARTY 0–6 years	**11:15–12:30** THE BIG BLOSSOMING BUDS HALLOWEEN PARTY 0–6 years
SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER	**10:00–12:15** SPOOKY CHILLED OUT SENSORY STAY + PLAY	

Fancy dress welcome • Limited spaces • Book online

www.blossomingbuds.co.uk

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All tickets include ONE child + ONE adult. Additional adults £2.

STAY & PLAY IS £7 PER ADULT AND INCLUDES ONE CHILD. ADDITIONAL PARENTS/CARERS OR SIBLINGS CAN BE ADDED ON FOR £2 EACH. PLEASE NOTE, THIS DISCOUNT IS ONLY FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY.

MEMBER PERKS

- Spooky Stay + Play sessions included
- £9.50 Spooky Week event credit to use towards one event
- 24-hour priority booking

Little Moments Make Big Memories

NHS
Lancashire & South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

DROP IN SESSIONS

With our Primary Mental Health Worker Team

- Aimed at Parents, Children and Young people and professionals seeking advice around Mental Health
- Including information around signposting and best services that meet your Mental Health needs

Where?

Kirkham Library

PR4 2HD

Thursday 29th October 2026

10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Lancashire Health Visiting and School Nursing

NHS

School Nurse Drop In



We can help with:

- Physical and emotional health
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Healthy eating and lifestyle
- Sleep and routines
- Growing up and changes
- Any other health worries

Where?

- **Kirkham Hub, Chapel Walks.**

When?

09:30am – 11am

- 16th September 2026
- 14th October 2026
- 18th November 2026
- 16th December 2026

For more information about our service scan the QR code to our website, for general enquires or to make a referral, please contact our Single Point of Access Tel: 0300 247 0040 Email: vcl.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net

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St Joseph's PTFA

EVENT CALENDAR 2026 – 2027

Supporting our children, our school and our community

OCTOBER

Autumnal Disco

9th October

Raised £401.15



NOVEMBER

Dress Down Day

6th November



Christmas Fair

Friday 20th November

DECEMBER

Movie Night

3rd December



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Date to be confirmed

More info to follow



JANUARY

Break from PTFA fundraising

A well-earned break before we're back with more exciting events next year!

FEBRUARY

Valentines Disco

5th February



MARCH

Movie Night

18th March



APRIL

Break the Rules Day

23rd April

(More rules you want to break the more you pay!)



MAY

Movie Night

Date to be confirmed



JUNE

Summer Fair

25th June



JULY

Glitter Ball / Prom

16th July



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Autumnal Disco (Oct) raised: £401.15

Thank you to everyone who supports our events – it really does make a difference!

GET INVOLVED!

There are lots of ways to help:

- ✓ Help at events and stalls
- ✓ Donate prizes or items
- ✓ Share your ideas
- ✓ Support through social media
- ✓ Join our meetings (or just help when you can)

Every little bit helps!

Together we can make a difference!


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!


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