Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE

Weekly Newsletter

13th November 2026
32nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

A note from Mrs Delahay

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at St Joseph's, with lots happening both in and out of the classroom!

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils visited the Commonwealth War Graves at Stonefall Cemetery as part of our Remembrance commemorations. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many, and the children showed great respect throughout their visit.

Our Year 6 and Reception children also attended Mass together this week. It was a particularly special occasion for Reception, as it was their very first school Mass! Year 6 did a wonderful job of looking after our youngest pupils and helping them feel at ease.

Well done to Year 2, who presented a lovely class assembly about anti-bullying, sharing important messages about kindness, friendship and respect. This leads us nicely into Anti-Bullying Week next week, with this year's theme, 'Break the Silence', encouraging children to speak up and look out for one another. We will begin with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. Dig out those odd socks (the more mismatched, the better!) and celebrate what makes us unique!

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTFA for organising another brilliant school disco! It was a great success, with lots of dancing, laughter and some rather enthusiastic moves on the dance floor! Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.

Online Safety – A Useful Website for Parents

Keeping children safe online can be a challenge, especially with technology changing so quickly! We recommend Internet Matters, a useful website offering practical advice and tips for parents on everything from screen time and parental controls to age-appropriate apps and staying safe online. It is well worth a look!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Last week's average attendance:
96.4%
Our best attendance last week:
97.8%
National attendance: 95.5%

At St Joseph's, we understand that excellent attendance and punctuality are essential for every child's academic success. Arriving promptly by 8:50 AM ensures pupils never miss key learning, morning prayers or valuable time with peers. Regular routines build confidence, strong friendships and a solid foundation for lifelong learning.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to:

Alex C, Fred, Hanna & Jessica

who celebrate their birthdays next week.



House Points

House points winner for last week: St Margaret

Remember every house point counts!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events week beginning 16.11.26

Monday - 9.05 Whole School Anti-Bullying Assembly; 3.30-4.30 WVA Street Dance Club

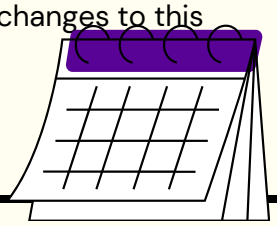
Tuesday - 9.00-9.15 Praise and Sing (Parents welcome); 9.00 Piano; 1.30 School Council planting saplings 3.30-4.30 WVA UV Dodgeball Club; 4.00-6.40 Y5 Parent Consultations

Wednesday - 11.00-12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.10 Y5 Football at HHS

Thursday - 9.15 Y6 & YR Height and weight checks; 9.15 Y4 & Y1 at Mass; 11.00 Y6 Into Film; 1.45 Y4 Swimming; 3.30-4.30 WVA Football Club; 4.00-6.40 Y5 Parent Consultations; 5.45 PTFA Annual General Meeting

Friday - 9.05 YR Class Assembly

Mass times are as follows: 17:30 Vigil Mass; Sunday 8am, 11:00 Mass; Weekdays Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday 9.30am, Thursday 9.30am, Friday 9.30am. Please check the parish weekly bulletin for changes to this schedule, Feast Days and Holy Days of Obligation. See www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk



Dates for your diary

November 2026

14th - Reception 2027 Open Day
16th - Odd Socks Day, Anti-Bullying Week
19th - Y6 Class Trip
20th - Reception Class Assembly
24th - Y1 Class Trip
26th - Reception & Year 1 Bedtime Story Evening 5-5:45pm
27th - Y5 Class Assembly
28th - Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 2 10am-2pm

December 2026

1st - Y6 Class Trip, Reception Christmas Carol Performance 2:45pm
2nd - Reception Christmas Carol Performance 9:30am
3rd - Y4 Class Trip
4th - Y4 Class Assembly
8th - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance 2:30pm
9th - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
11th - PTFA School Panto
15th - Y5 Panto Performance 2:30pm
16th - Y5 Panto Performance 6pm

Catholic Life

Virtues

Prayer

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah, 29 : 12)

Signs you are prayerful:

- ***I spend time with God***
- ***I listen to God***
- ***I rest in His presence***
- ***I tell God I love Him***
- ***I grow in friendship with God***
- ***I pray from the heart***

Wednesday Word

Wednesday Word is emailed each week to share Sunday's Gospel with families.



Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching in Action

Human Dignity

At St Joseph's, we teach children that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with kindness, dignity and respect.
As we prepare for Anti-Bullying Week, we will be reminding children that our differences make us special and that everyone deserves to feel safe, included and valued. Through our words and actions, we can show love and respect for others, living out our school mission each day.

A little challenge for home: Can you find a way to make someone feel especially valued this week? A kind word or small act of friendship can make a big difference!

Class Mass Times

18th September - Start of Year Mass
24th September - Y5 & Y2
1st October - Y4 & Y1
8th October - No class at Mass
15th October - No Mass
22nd October - No Mass

5th November Y5 & Y2
12th November - No class at Mass
19th November - Y4 & Y1
26th November Y5 & Y2
3rd December - Y3
10th December - Y6 & Reception
17th December Y4 & Y1

Notices

Sacrament of Confirmation Important Dates

Parent Meeting
Wednesday 14th October 6pm at St Joseph's Church

Preparation Days and Catechesis
All sessions will run from 10:00am - 2:00pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall
Saturday 17th October
Saturday 24th October
Saturday 28th November

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday 3rd December 6:00pm at St Joseph's Church

Wake Up Wednesday

Discord is a hugely popular communication platform where young people can chat, play games and join communities built around shared interests. This #WakeUpWednesday guide explores some of the risks that can come with using it, including contact with strangers, inappropriate content, harassment and the potential for gaming and socialising to become a distraction from everyday life.
The guide also offers practical advice for parents and educators, from using Discord's Family Centre and checking privacy settings to talking openly about suspicious behaviour and reviewing spending controls. It also encourages families to agree on clear expectations around screen time, helping young people enjoy the platform while making safer and more informed choices online.

Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe and happy is at the heart of everything we do. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we value the important partnership we have with our families.
If you ever have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, however small it may seem, please speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team or contact the school office. It is always better to share a concern.
Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Delahay and Mrs Keith
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Dalby



Notices



School Applications

We currently have space in KS1 for in-year admissions. For instructions on how to apply: www.stjosephsharrogate.org/admissions. Please feel free to pass on details to family and friends if they would like to arrange a visit to our wonderful school. All faiths are welcome. If you would like to book a tour of the school, please contact the school on 01423562650 or admin@stjosephsharrogate.org

Need Support?

We know that family circumstances can change and that financial pressures can add to the burden.
If you're facing financial difficulties, St. Vincent de Paul Society may be able to help. Call 07350 857356 to find out more.

St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Class highlights

Class highlights will now be on our Facebook page.
https://www.facebook.com/share/1D2Nfb19nj/?mibextid=wwXIfr

PTFA

ST JOSEPH'S PTFA EVENT CALENDAR

September	October	November
Welcome Back!	2nd - Colour Run	12th - Disco 19th - AGM
December	**January**	**February**
11th - Pantomime	Happy New Year!	2nd - Athlete Visit 5th - YES! Day
March	**April**	**May**
Lent & Easter	11th - Junior Park Run Takeover 29th - Disco	2027 Fundraiser
June	**July**	**August**
18th - Family Fun Day	Bounce-A-Thon - TBC!	Have a wonderful Summer!

ST JOSEPH'S PTFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Thursday 19th November 5.45pm School Hall

Everyone is welcome, stay informed and get involved!

The PTFA plays a vital part in the school community & all parents & carers, as members of the PTFA, are invited to support the AGM.

Come along to hear & see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school & join the vote to elect committee members for the 2026/2027 school year.

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits will be served

Did you know we need an elected committee for the PTFA to run? Our current committee has 3 members, who are also trustees of the charity (*which is a requirement*).

It is important to state that other people can still put themselves forward for these roles, as the positions are filled by a formal vote at the AGM.

If you would like to be a new committee member or parent class ambassador, please send nominations to: ptaestjosephsharrogate.org

Nominations should be received by 11th November 2026 to enable the AGM Agenda to reflect this & be included in the vote.

Parentkind Member Association

Useful Links

Email us here: pta@stjosephsharrogate.org
St Joseph's Harrogate PTFA Facebook Group
St Joseph's PTFA Volunteers Chat
St Joseph's PTFA Sum Up Store
St Joseph's PTFA Pre-Loved Uniform Online Shop
St Joseph's PTFA Event Feedback Survey
St Joseph's PTFA Easyfundraising Cause Page