Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE

Weekly Newsletter

20th November 2026
33rd Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

A note from Mrs Delahay

Dear Parents and Carers,
We marked Anti-Bullying Week with a sea of odd socks and a thoughtful assembly led by our School Council. This year's theme, 'Break the Silence', reminded us how important it is to speak to a trusted adult if we experience or see bullying. Thank you to our school councillors for sharing that message.

Year 6 enjoyed a trip to the cinema, and Reception led their very first class assembly. They were expert wigglers and jigglers and brought smiles to everyone watching. Well done, Reception!

We also have some very special news. The prayer book our children made for the Pope was presented to one of the Gentlemen of His Holiness. We are so proud of the care and love the children put into their prayers. A special thank you to Mrs Keith for making the book with the children.

Is we look ahead, Advent is fast approaching. We will share more information soon about chosen charities and upcoming fundraising activities.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!
Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Last week's average attendance:
98.1%
Our best attendance last week:
98.9%
National attendance: 95.4%

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:

Isabelle, Logan & David

who celebrate their birthdays next week.



House Points

House points winner for last week: St Hilda

Remember every house point counts!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events week beginning 23.11.26

Monday - UK Parliament Week; 9.05 Whole School Celebration of the Word; 3.30-4.30 WVA Street Dance Club

Tuesday - Y1 School Trip; 9.00-9.15 Praise and Sing (Parents welcome); 9.00 Piano; 3.30-4.30 WVA UV Dodgeball Club

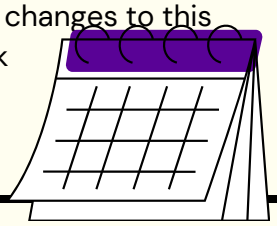
Wednesday - 11.00-12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.10 CAFOD Workshops and CAFOD Assembly; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.10 Y5 Football at HHS

Thursday - 9.15 Y5 & Y2 at Mass; 1.45 Y4 Swimming; 3.30-4.30 WVA Football Club; Reception & Y1 Bedtime Stories Evening 5pm; Y4 Parent Information Evening for MTC 5pm

Friday - 1.30 Y6 Sewing; 3.00 Y5 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

24th - Y1 Class Trip
26th - Reception & Year 1 Bedtime Story Evening 5-5:45pm, Y4 MTC Parents Information
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
10th - Choir Trip (details to follow)
11th - PTFA School Panto, Christmas Dinner
15th - Y5 Panto Performance 2:30pm
16th - Y5 Panto Performance 6pm
18th - School closes 3:30pm for Christmas

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

🧵 Sewing Volunteers Needed – Year 6's Sewing Extravaganza!

Our Year 6 sewing extravaganza is returning, and we would love some helping hands! This year, the children will be designing and sewing waistcoats for their teddy bears, and we are looking for volunteers to help bring their creations to life.

If you can spare an afternoon (or more!), we would be enormously grateful. Our sewing sessions will take place on:

Friday 27 November 13:30 – 14:45
Friday 4 December 13:30 – 14:45
Friday 11 December 13:30 – 14:45
Friday 8 January 13:30 – 14:45

Please contact the school office (Amy Keith) if you can help. You don't need to be a sewing expert — just willing to lend a hand, thread a needle and perhaps untangle the occasional knot!

Thank you for helping us make this another memorable experience for our children! 🧸🪡

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.

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Class highlights

Class highlights will now be on our Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/share/1D2Nfb19nj/?mibextid=wwXIfr

PTFA





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