Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE

Weekly Newsletter

27th November 2026
34th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

A note from Mrs Delahay

Dear Families,

From a trip to the Railway Museum to stories at bedtime, there's been plenty to enjoy at St Joseph's this week. It's also been assessment week, and I've been proud of the effort the children have put into showing what they can do.

On Tuesday, Year 1 headed to the Railway Museum. Thank you to everyone who helped make the trip possible. We've also marked Other Faiths Week across the school, and Year 6 have been finding out how Parliament works as part of UK Parliament Week.

On Wednesday, CAFOD visited Years 3 and 6 to explore how Catholic Social Teaching can guide the choices we make and the ways we care for others. In assembly, CAFOD set us an Advent challenge. Can we raise £100 to fill a special Christmas stocking through World Gifts? The gifts will help refugee families affected by conflict and families in remote communities facing a harsh winter. It's a lovely way to put our school virtue of service into practice as we prepare for Christmas. We'll share details of our second Advent charity soon.

On Thursday, Key Stage 1 settled down together for a cosy evening of Bedtime Stories. This afternoon, Year 5 brought the week to a close with their class assembly. Well done, Year 5, and thank you for sharing your learning with us.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Last week's average attendance:
97.2%
Our best attendance last week:
98.4%
National attendance: 94.4%

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:

Edie, Kyle, Oliver H, Julia K, Oliver W & Abena

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 30.11.26 **1st Week of Advent**

Monday - 9.05 Whole School Celebration of the Word; 9.30 Be Internet Legends Assembly; 3.30-4.30 WVA Street Dance Club

Tuesday - Y6 School Trip; No Praise and Sing; 9.00 Piano; 2.45 Reception Nativity; 3.30-4.30 WVA UV Dodgeball Club

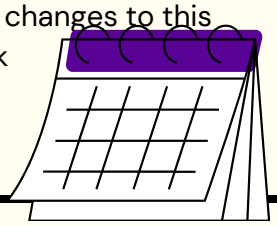
Wednesday - 9.30 Reception Nativity; 11.00-12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.10 Y6 Football at HHS; 6.00 Academy Council Meeting

Thursday - Y4 School Trip; 9.15 Y3 at Mass; No Y4 Swimming; 3.30-4.30 WVA Football Club; 6.00 Sacrament of Confirmation

Friday - 1.30 Y6 Sewing; 3.00 Y4 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

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
17th - Choir Trip (details to follow)
18th - School closes 3:30pm for Christmas

Catholic Life

Virtue Winners

Well done to all our winners of the Prayer Virtue Certificate!

YR – Harry
Y1 – Ivy
Y2 – Florence
Y3 – Aaliyah
Y4 – Niamh
Y5 – Hanna
Y6 – Harry

Wednesday Word

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



Virtue

Generosity

"You should give what you have decided to give, not grudgingly or because you are made to, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Signs you are generous:

- You notice when someone needs help.
- You think of others before yourself. You give freely without need of reward.
- You give more than what is expected.
- You are willing to make sacrifices for others.

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

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

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



Wake Up Wednesday

Balancing Screen Time
The Balancing screen time leaflet from Internet Matters shares five practical tips for parents and carers. It explains how to set a good example with your own device use, agree screen-time boundaries with your child, encourage a mix of activities on screens, avoid using screen time as a reward, and make time for sleep and active play. It also gives examples of how children can use screens to learn, create, keep in touch with family and friends, and relax.

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
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