

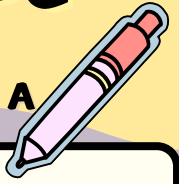
Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE

Weekly Newsletter



A note from Mrs Delahay

27th 9th October 2026
Week of Ordinary Time, Year A



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another action-packed week at St Joseph's, with plenty of excitement, a little adventure and some very brave Year 6 pupils!

We were delighted to welcome prospective Reception parents to our Open Afternoon, where our Year 6 pupils took on the role of tour guides. They did a fantastic job, speaking confidently and enthusiastically about life at St Joseph's. Many visitors commented on how impressed they were with our pupils. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and we couldn't be prouder.

Our Mini Vinnies have also been busy, leading our Harvest Assembly and Praise and Sing, reminding us of the importance of gratitude, generosity and helping others. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Harvest collection for Harrogate Foodbank. Donations are still very welcome, so please keep them coming!

Meanwhile, Year 6 have been enjoying their residential adventure at Herd Farm, tackling the giant swing, crate stacking and plenty of other exciting challenges. There have been lots of smiles, laughter and perhaps a few nervous faces along the way! We suspect they'll return with plenty of stories to tell and hopefully enough energy left to make it through Friday!

A special well done to Year 3, who treated us to a lovely class assembly. The children did a wonderful job sharing their learning with confidence and enthusiasm.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend — particularly our Year 6 families, who may be welcoming home some rather tired children (and a bag full of washing)!

Best wishes, Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Last week's average attendance:

99.3%

Our best attendance last week:

99.7%

National attendance: 96%

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:

Thomas D
who celebrate their birthdays next week



House Points

House points winner for last
week: **St Bede**

Remember every house point counts!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events week beginning 12.10.26

Monday – Flu Immunisations 9.05 Harvest Whole School Collective Worship; 3.30–4.30 WVA Dance Club

Tuesday – 9.00–9.15 Praise and Sing (Parents welcome); 9.00 Piano; 3.30–4.30 WVA Lego Club

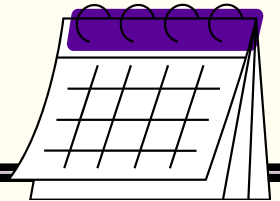
Wednesday – 11.00–12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.10 Y3 Football at HHS; 6.00 Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Meeting

Thursday – 9.15 Y6 & Y3 at Mass; 1.45 Y4 Swimming; 3.30–4.30 WVA Football Club

Friday – 3.00 Y6 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



October 2026

- 12th – Flu Immunisations
- 14th – Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation Parents Meeting 6pm
- 16th – Y6 Class Assembly 3pm
- 17th – Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 1 10am–2pm
- 20–21st – Parent Consultations 4–7pm
- 22nd – School closes for half term 3:30pm
- 23rd – School Closed (Training Day)
- 24th – Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 2 10am–2pm

November 2026

- 4th – Individual School Photos
- 6th – Y1 Class Assembly
- 9th – Y6 Class Trip (details to follow)
- 12th – PTFA Disco
- 14th – Reception 2027 Open Day
- 20th – Reception Class Assembly
- 28th – Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 2 10am–2pm

Virtues

Love of Learning Virtues Winners

Reception – Thomas

Y1 – Elle

Y2 – Savannah

Y3 – Elsie

Y4 – Rosa

Y5 – Abena

Y6 – Harry



Living Out the Gospel

Invitation

Matthew 22:1–10

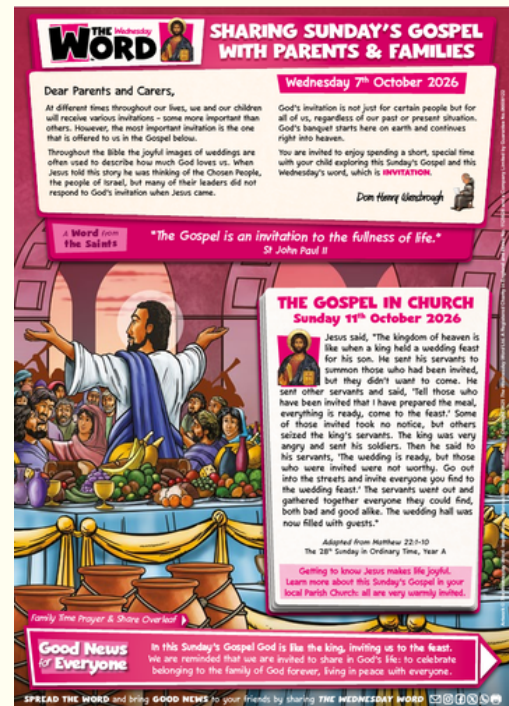
In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us about a king who invites everyone to a wonderful feast. Just like the king, God invites each of us to be part of His family, sharing in His love, joy and peace. His invitation is for everyone, reminding us that nobody should feel left out.

Next week at St Joseph's, we will be encouraging the children to live out this Gospel message by making a special effort to include others. Whether it is inviting someone new to join a playground game, welcoming someone into a friendship group or noticing a child who may be feeling lonely, small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Our challenge for next week: Be the person who invites others in, rather than leaving anyone out!

Wednesday word

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



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 – Y6 & Y3

22nd October – No Mass

5th November Y5 & Y2

12th November – Y6 & Reception

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

Online Safety

Online Safety – Be Internet Legends

This term, our KS2 children will continue taking part in the Be Internet Legends live online assemblies, helping them develop the knowledge and skills to stay safe, confident and responsible online.

Although there is no new Wake Up Wednesday guide to share this week, we encourage parents and carers to keep online safety conversations going at home. Take time to chat about the games and apps your child enjoys, who they interact with online and what they should do if something makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

By working together, we can help our children become safe, kind and confident digital citizens!



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



OPEN DAYS
ST JOSEPH'S, HARROGATE
Come and see our happy, welcoming school in action

Learn Grow Belong

Brighter Future Together
Kind Curious Brave

Amazing Animals

Friday 2nd October
9:30am–11:00am

Monday 5th October
1:30pm–3:00pm

Saturday 14th November
10:00am–12:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME
No booking required

Coppice Rise, Harrogate, HG1 2DP
01423 562650

admin@stjosephsharrogate.org
www.stjosephsharrogate.org

Can't make these dates? Contact our school office to arrange a visit.

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=wwXlfr>





Fundraising Updates

We are delighted that the new Sports Tops arrived this term!

The school has already started using these for sporting events and galas with their first outing at the Brownlee Triathlon!



Thank You!

A massive thank you to our incredible PTFA volunteers!

We are absolutely buzzing after our recent fundraising events, and we couldn't have done it without your energy, time, and enthusiasm.

Whether you were flipping burgers, running a stall, or helping us clear up at the end, your support makes a world of difference to our school and the children.

Thank you for being so brilliant!



**2025/2026
Funds Raised
£7,470!**

2025/2026
PTFA Fundraising Target

2024/2025
Funds Raised
£5,009.00

£10,000.00
£9,000.00
£8,000.00
£7,000.00
£6,000.00
£5,000.00
£4,000.00
£3,000.00
£2,000.00
£1,000.00
£500.00

July 2026

In addition to the usual annual items the PTFA fundraise for and provide, the school leadership team request funds for larger items.

This year, in addition to our usual funds, we are helping to raise funds to invest in updating the technology to enhance classroom learning, items such as Tablets and Laptops.

This is a big target which we will continue to raise funds for in addition to our usual funds requirements and additional support requests from school.

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](#)