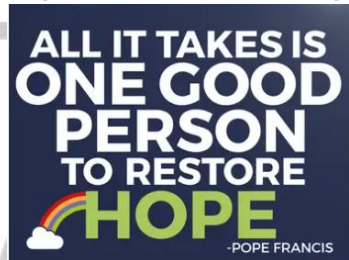




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 31st January 2025



Friday 24th January marked the launch day of the churches Jubilee Year - a year of HOPE. Jubilee years happen in the liturgical calendar once every 25 years and they are special times of forgiveness, prayer and standing in solidarity. Hope being a great choice for us as it is one of our special virtues. We can be inspired by Jesus' mission to create a world of justice, peace and love, Pope Francis has named the Year Pilgrims of Hope. He asks us to be signs of hope for others by putting our catholic social teaching into action by caring for our common home and supporting our brothers and sisters who are experiencing war, poverty or who are hungry.

Pope Francis says:

By our actions, our word, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness - wherever we find ourselves we want to sing of Hope and reawaken in every heart, the joy and the courage to embrace life to the full.

Last week, Mrs Carr led a special assembly where she explained to the children what the Jubilee year is all about and the children then made a jubilee pledge:



Jubilee Pledge 2025:

We are pilgrims of hope.

We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys.

We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally.

We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.

They considered the problems they could see locally and nationally, thought about our teachings in school, how they can help them to make decisions and what actions they can take themselves and together as a school community to make a difference.

Mrs Barron has also been working with the Chaplaincy Team to decide on the events that we will take part in during this celebratory year – some as a school, some with our MAT schools and some with the Diocese...look out for exciting things to come.....

Funding Secured

Charlotte Blanch, our CEO has managed to secure some funding for all of the schools in the trust. The funding will provide new bibles across our schools to support the new and currently being introduced RED RE curriculum. It will upgrade the clothes for the prayer tables across the school and there is a donation of £1400 towards the prayer garden that has been an ongoing shared project for the Chaplaincy Team and School Council. The School Council has been raising funds towards this for many years and now with this funding the dream is starting to look like a reality.

Mr Barron was also commissioned to make lecterns for 5 of the schools – he delivered ours on Tuesday – it’s beautiful – we are so lucky to have such a talented person as part of our school community – thank you so much Mr Barron!

Music Curriculum



This term Year 6 and Year 4 are lucky enough to have music lessons that enhance our music curriculum. Year 4 are having violin lessons and Year 6 are working with Salo during music Tech lessons learning how to compose using iPads. Both of these courses are 10 weeks long, I am looking forward to seeing the end results.

House News



Falcons enjoyed their house treat, planned and organised by Tansy and Samuel – this was their reward for winning last term with the highest number of house points for Autumn Term 2. They had a creative session with music of their choice and

snacks.

Kestrels too had their treasure hunt today as a reward for winning Autumn Term 1, planned and organised by Maya and Felix.

Well done to the house captains for supporting their teams and organising a fun reward for them to celebrate their achievements. Which house will win this term?

Louise White – Visit

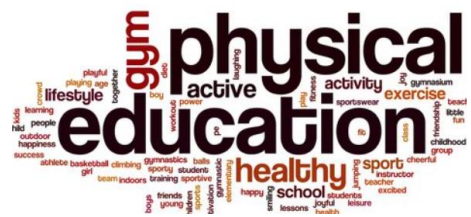


We had a visit last week from Louise White, the school’s RE advisor. Some of you will remember her from previous visits in the lead up to our section 48 inspection.

We had a busy day, in and out of the classrooms and talking to the children about their learning. It was a really positive day and the children were stars – demonstrating what and how well they are being taught. It is hard work for the staff introducing a completely new curriculum, the staff are doing a great job and I would like to thank them all for their continued hard work in ensuring that the children get the very best.

PE

I have been so impressed with how quickly the children are developing their dance routines. It is a pleasure to drop in, see their progress, the concentration and effort that they are putting in. I can’t wait to see what they will perform at the end of term.



Tournaments 2025



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 girls who took part in the girl's football festival. They went to Rednock last week to learn new skills in a fun and engaging way, they came back buzzing with excitement! Thank you to Miss Gardiner who was willing to support this event and Mr Pinnock and Mr Holmes who helped with transport - without you the children would not have been able to enjoy this great opportunity.

Cross Country Race 3, done! Well done to all of our runners – it was a tough one, straight after Christmas and quite cold making breathing more tricky – especially for our children with asthma. But, as you can imagine they all did their best – Mr Amigoni was delighted with their performances – it is clear to see the progress that they are making. Three down, one more to go! More information to follow about the final race and awards which will be held in the village hall – to those parents who have not been there before - it's a bit of a squeeze!

Chaplaincy News

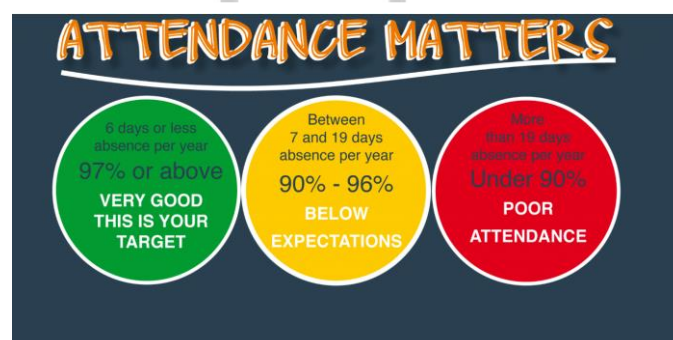
When your child brings the prayer bag home, you will see that the contents have been updated with items that link to our Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope. Please enjoy the contents of the bag at home with your child but make sure that they are all returned to school so that the next family can enjoy using them.



If your child is in the Chaplaincy team, they will be leading Celebration of the Word on Monday. Most of the time this involves them reading/asking questions to the rest of the school. Mrs Barron meets with the children on a Thursday to go through and prepare them and the children are asked to practise at home over the weekend to help them with their delivery. To help your child to remember, a message will be sent home via the Admin Team to let you know that they will be reading on Monday so that you can remind them to practise over the weekend. Thank you for your support with this, it will really help your child's confidence when they are stood in front of the rest of the school.

Attendance Matters, Moments Count

Unfortunately, following the DfE attendance guidance and in line with our attendance policy, we have submitted our first Fixed Penalty Notice to the county. We are in process of changing to the MAT attendance policy – there will be no significant change other than the letters that we send to you will have the trust logo at the top.



PTA



It was lovely to see a new face at the PTA meeting last week where we were discussing the events for the remainder of the year. It's always good to have new ideas and perspectives, please do come along if you are able.

The PTA will be holding their AGM at school on **Wednesday 5th February at 7.30pm**, do join us if you can, the PTA play a vital role in enhancing your children's educational experience.

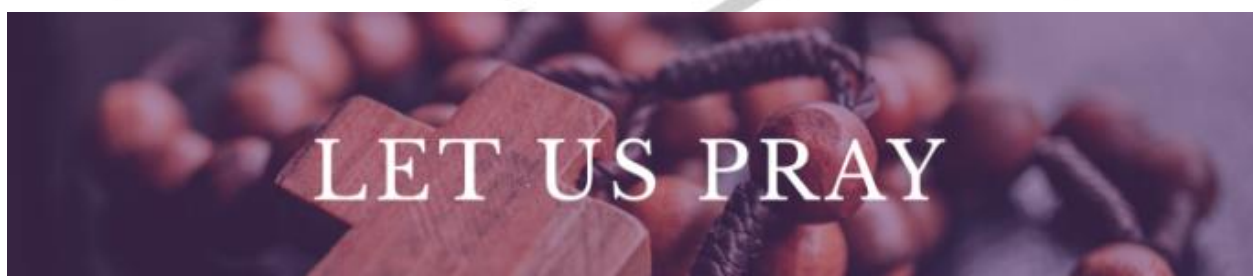
Dates for your diary

28 th February	School disco
17 th March	Non-uniform day in exchange for a gift for the Easter Raffle
6 th April	Easter Event
19 th May	Quiz at the Fox pub, Coaley

Governor News

We would like to welcome Mrs Barrowman to the LGC who has volunteered to support this committee as an additional committee member. We would like to warmly welcome her to the board, and say a huge thank you for her interest and support in leading our school.

There are still foundation governor spaces – to be a foundation governor you need to be catholic. If you know of anyone who is catholic and may have a little spare time to get involved in shaping the future of our school, then please do let us know.



Mass Schedule

Mass begins at 10am

Thursday 6th February – Year 4
Thursday 13th February – Year 3
Half Term
Thursday 27th February – Year 2
Tuesday 4th March – Lent Retreat 1.30pm -
all welcome
Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday
Mass
Thursday 13th March – Year 1

Wednesday 19th March - St Joseph's
Feast Day
Thursday 27th March – Year 6 and
Reception
Thursday 3rd April – Year 5
Thursday 10th April – Year 4
Friday 11th April – Stations of the Cross – all
welcome



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Just a reminder that you are able to access and see the focus for our Liturgies through the Ten Ten monthly Parent Newsletter.

This week's prayer is written by Charlotte:

Dear Lord,

Please help me to be part of a community of good acts and happiness.

Amen



Dates for your



February

W/B 3rd - Children's Mental Health Week

Saturday 8th - Last Cross Country race and prize giving

Tuesday 11th - Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th - Half Term

Spring Term 2

WB 24th - Week of Awe and Wonder

Friday 28th - Topic letters and Welcome letters to parents

Friday 28th - Y4 In the Net internet safety event at Nailsworth Primary School at 1.30pm

Friday 28th - PTA school disco 6-7.30pm

March

Scholastic Book Fayre this week

Tuesday 4th - Lent retreat

Thursday 6th - World Book Day

W/B 10th - Science Week

Monday 17th - PTA Non-uniform day in exchange for a gift for the Easter Raffle

Tuesday 18th - Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 19th - St Joseph's Feast Day

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April

Friday 4th - Y6 PCSO online relationships talk

Sunday 6th - PTA Easter event

Thursday 10th - House singing Competition

Friday 11th - Stations of the Cross

Friday 11th - End of Term 1.30pm



A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen

*Written in
collaboration with Missio.*

