



Spring Term 2022

8th April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Gospel

This week's Wednesday word is Holy Week. Holy Week is a very special time and begins with the commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, followed on Holy Thursday with the celebration of The Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday and ending with His Sabbath rest in the grave on Holy Saturday. The resurrection of Jesus on the eighth day, is celebrated as Easter, and marks the beginning of a new week, Easter week and the season of Eastertide. Let us all celebrate in the risen Lord.

Liturgical Prayer This Week

Three classes have led us in prayer over the last week as we have celebrated Holy Week in School. It was lovely to welcome parents back to these special times. I would like to thank all the children who were all so prayerful and reverent. A big thank you to the staff for preparing the children so well.

Last Monday Year 1 shared with us the Gospel of Palm Sunday where Jesus was welcomed like a King by the crowds.

On Wednesday Year 3 shared with us the Last Supper.

On Thursday Year 5 led us in The Stations of the Cross in Church.

Punctuality

It is very important that your child is in school promptly for the start of the day. Please ensure they are here for 8.50am every morning so they do not miss any part of their lessons.

Absence Due To Illness

If your child is going to be absent please contact school as early as possible on the first day of absence. It will be helpful if you could advise school as to how long you think your child will be absent, if at all possible. On your child's return please bring a note of explanation to school. Should your child need to be absent during the school day for a short while, for example a medical appointment, please inform school at your earliest opportunity. It will be helpful to also provide a medical appointment card and/or letter wherever possible.

Absence Due To Holiday

Due to Government regulations which came into force on 1st September 2013, School is unable to grant any leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term time.

Amendments to these regulations remove references to family holidays and children's absences, therefore, will be unauthorised. I would hope that parents are able to support this decision in line with the Local Authority and Government policy that leave should be restricted to the 13 weeks school holidays except in

exceptional circumstances.

If your child is going to be absent, please email school with the dates of absence and flight details (if applicable). Please give as much notice as possible.

Joe's Factor Is Back!

Please ensure that you have read the information from the Friends of St Joseph's with regards to this event. If your child would like to enter they must return the application form to their class teacher.

Please keep Wednesday 25th May 3.30pm free so you can come and enjoy this event. We are all very excited and can't wait to see the amazing talents your children have!

Tickets are priced at £2 per adult. To purchase a ticket, please enclose cash only in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, number of tickets required and JOES Factor all on the envelope. Please note that this event is run by the Friends of St Joseph's.

Jubilee Day

We will celebrate the momentous occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school on Friday May 27th. As part of the day we would like the children to dress as Kings and Queens. We will also do some other activities in school related to this special day.

Internet Safety

Please remember to keep a check on all internet sites that your children are using and make sure you keep them safe. We have a section on Internet Safety on our website. Please take a look – it is in the Parent's Section.

COVID

We are really happy to welcome parents back into school to our Liturgical Prayer. Please be aware that if you are showing any signs of COVID-19 you should not enter the school building. We ask all visitors to continue to wear a face covering.

In order to ensure that we limit the risk of transmission where possible, the following guidelines, in line with other Trust schools, have been established for pupils and visitors:

Where an individual is;

1. Displaying COVID-19 symptoms - if displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, they should stay at home and arrange for a PCR test to be taken. Pupils and visitors must not attend school if they are symptomatic. Symptoms or a positive test should be reported to the school as soon as possible.
2. If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a LFT, followed by another the next day – if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to school.

We will continue to put voluntary additional measures in place to minimise the risk of transmission within the school settings. These include:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone by encouraging pupils to sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day
- Maintaining proper cleaning regimes
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated

Following Public Health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

New Website

We are delighted to let you know that we now have a new-look website. Please take a look <https://www.stjosephssunderland.school/>

Thank you

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to a Year 3 parent who has donated sun cream, stationery and hand sanitiser's for our children. They are very much appreciated.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, we have a no jewellery policy; only watches are permitted to be worn. Any earrings, bracelets, rings etc. must be left at home.

School Uniform

We pride ourselves at St Joseph's in being a very special place and achieving better than our best. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, including a tie from Year 1 upwards. Could I politely remind parents to check the length of skirts that your daughters are wearing. I realise that the children can grow very quickly but to save embarrassment in school please ensure the skirt is knee length. Thank you for your support in this area.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Any concerns about safeguarding should be reported to our designated safeguarding lead, Miss Brown or the deputy designated safeguarding leads Mrs Toward, Mrs Forbister, Miss Forbister and Mrs Teasdale. Ask at the school office if you would like a paper copy of the safeguarding policy. All of our Safeguarding policies are available on our school website.

Twitter

Please remember to join in our Twitter account if you have not already done so.

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Mass Times

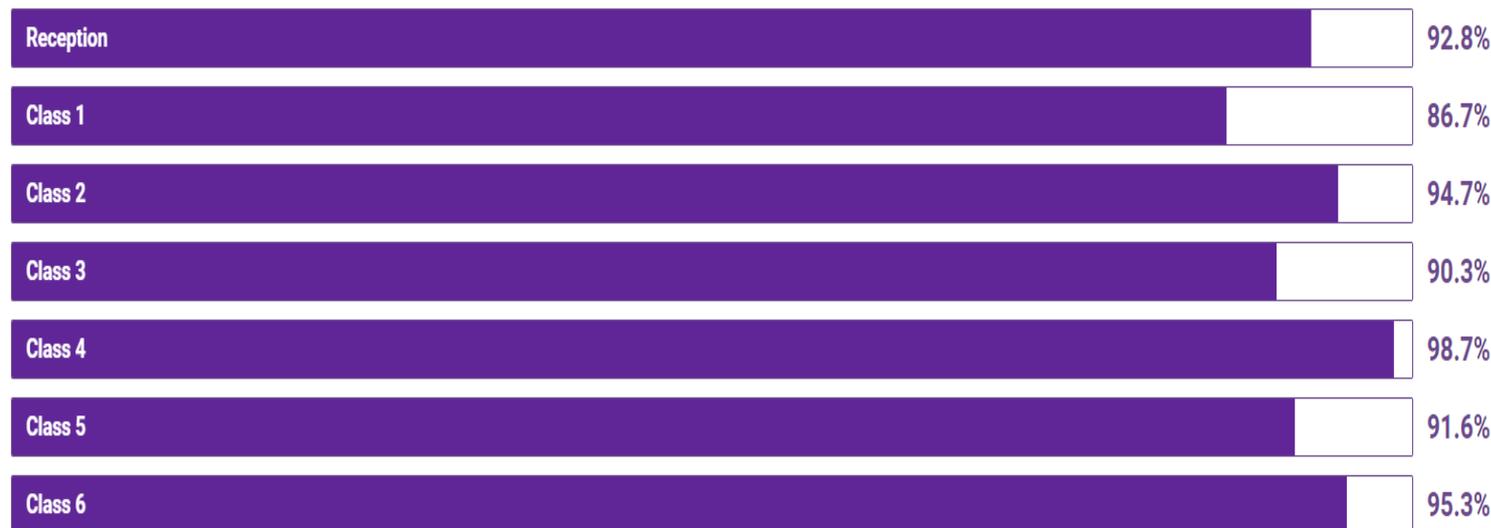
Please see below for Mass time over Holy Week and the Easter weekend.

Holy Week Mass Timings 2022

	St Joseph	St Anne & Holy Family	St Patrick
Holy Thursday	6:30pm	6pm	6pm
Good Friday	2:30pm Stations of the Cross 3pm The Passion of Our Lord	2:30pm Stations of the Cross 3pm The Passion of Our Lord	2:30pm Stations of the Cross 3pm The Passion of Our Lord
Easter Vigil	5:30pm	6pm	5:30pm
Easter Sunday	9:30am	11am	9:30am
Sunday 24th April	2:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm Holy Mass in honour of Divine Mercy		

Attendance

Last week's attendance:



Upcoming Events

11th April – 22nd April 2022 Easter Holidays

- 27th April Year 1 Road Safety Programme
28th April Year 5 visit to Centre for Life - *please login to ParentPay to give consent, advise school whether your child would like a packed lunch and to make payment*

May 2022

- 2nd May Bank holiday. School Closed
9th – 13th May Key Stage 2 SATs week
10th May Year 1 Road Safety Programme Catch-Up
17th May School Nurse visit - Emotional Health and Resilience Year 4 and Year 6
20th May Y6 at Empire Theatre to see Billionaire Boy- *please login to ParentPay for more information, to give consent and to make payment*
23rd May School Nurse - Safety –Year 2 and Year 3
25th May Joe's Factor 3.30pm. Tickets are available to purchase - £2 per adult

30th May – 3rd June 2022 Summer Half Term Holidays

June 2022

- 10th June Year 1- Year 6 Maths Event.)– *please login to ParentPay for more information, to give consent, and make payment.*
15th June Year 5 Puberty talk with the School Nurse
20th June – 1st July Sports and Fitness Fortnight
22nd June Nursery – Year 6 Healthy Lifestyle Sessions and Key Stage 2 Smoothie Bike
27th June Nursery and reception Sports Day
29th June Year 1- Year 6 Sports Day
29th June KS2 Maths Challenge with the Trust

July 2022

- 4th – 8th July Year 5 Bikeability
12th July Summer Music Soiree 6pm in school

15 th July	School reports
20 th July	Leavers Assembly and Presentation 9am
22 nd July	School closed for Jubilee Holiday

25th July School is closed for the Summer Holidays and reopens to the children on 7th September 2022.

Visits enhance learning and the school is keen that all pupils are able to enjoy and learn from these organised excursions.

Please help us by giving your permission and making your payment via ParentPay. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed and holy Easter. Let us all rejoice in the risen Lord.

Miss S M Brown
Headteacher

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