

St Joseph's Journal

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Happy Christmas!

At a time when it is so easy to be stressed with the preparations and materialistic demands our world has placed on this time of year, let us remember the words of Pope Francis, that 'The true spirit of Christmas is being loved by God'. Spending time with one another and showing each other that we care in a way that no present can replace, is at the centre of this beautiful celebration. All the staff and Governors at St. Joseph's would like to wish our families a very happy and holy Christmas with best wishes for the new year. Thank you for all the continued support you give our school and for the many cards, gifts and well wishes that have been sent in over the past week. We are looking forward to a rest but will be raring to go and to achieve so much more as a school in 2020!

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
and Happy New Year!

St Joseph's are top of the Class!

If you haven't seen it already, our school has made the front page of this week's Hebden Bridge and Todmorden News. Our end of KS2 results have been confirmed as the highest in Calderdale and we are so proud that the school has been highlighted in this way. As we have said previously, whilst we always strive for the very best results, we will always place importance on ensuring our children are well rounded, confident pupils that leave the school with memories to last a lifetime. However, achieving this academic success is a wonderful way to celebrate just what an incredible family we are part of here at St. Joseph's. Results like this do not happen without the children, families and staff of the school working together. I can not thank our staff enough for the dedication they give and the opportunities they provide for our children day after day.



Photograph taken by Halifax Courier photographer Bruce Fitzgerald

Attendance Target 97.0%

Beech	98.3%	Elm	97.6%	Oak	98.3%
Cedar	98.3%	Larch	100%	Acorns	100%

Whole School Attendance this week 98.5%

Whole School Attendance this term 96.2%

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve 7pm

Christmas Day 10am

Let the joy and love of Christmas into your hearts this year.



Northern Powerhouse Boxing Academy Open Day

Sunday 12th January 2020 10am - 4pm

**Perseverance Mill, Unit 5, Halifax Road, Todmorden.
OL14 6EG.**

Come to our open day!

Take part in sample fitness and boxing classes for free

Watch our members in the ring

Just pop in and learn more about what we do

All levels of fitness, all genders, all ages (12+) are welcome!

We're the UK's first female-led boxing club and we provide girls and women, boys and men access to coaching sessions, in a safe, welcoming environment.

To find out more, call us, check out our website or Facebook page.

Call our Head Coach, Alex Muncie 07818 661 223

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthernPowerhouseBoxing/>

<https://www.northernpowerhouseboxing.org.uk/>

Schedule

10.30am - Sample fitness classes including Boxercise, Circuits and Bootcamp

11.30am - Watch our boxers sparring in the ring.

12.30pm - Boxing Basics - Come and learn the basics of boxing

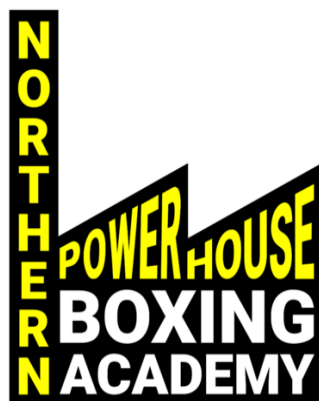
1.30pm - Sample fitness classes including Boxercise, Circuits and Bootcamp

2.30pm - Mothers and Daughters Boxercise class.

About NPBA:

NPBA is the UK's first female-led boxing club, registered as a not-for-profit, Community Interest Company.

We offer girls and women a safe, welcoming environment to train in, whether that's for amateur competition or fitness and well-being. Boys and men are welcome, we coach mixed sessions and offering training tailored for over 50's, under 11's and competing boxers. We work with schools, community groups, social services and individuals - we believe boxing has something to offer



Music and Festivities

We had a wonderful, festive afternoon together through music with our children in Key Stage 2 performing yesterday. We joined in carols that were led by string, woodwind, and keyboard ensembles celebrating all the work and talent that has been happening in our school thanks to both Music for the Many and Calderdale Music Trust this term. We look forward to our next concert in 2020!

Pantomime Trip

Our whole school family had a fabulous trip on Tuesday to see Beauty and the Beast at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax. The children enjoyed the experience and are asking if we can do it again next year! We would like to thank you all for enabling this trip to take place through your contributions and timely payments. If you would like to leave any feedback about how you might like to structure payments differently for trips like this, please call into the office in the new year.

Uniform Consultation Evening

Following our conversion to academy and joining Romero Catholic Academy, there has been a strong suggestion that our uniform should be updated to reflect our new identity. This is something we would like to consult you on to obtain your opinions. We are proposing a consultation evening on Tuesday 11th February where a short presentation will be given, your initial reactions can be captured, as well as hopefully being able to share samples and ideas if the change goes ahead. Any changes to uniform, including PE Kits would not be implemented until September 2020.



Playgroup will return on Wednesdays from 8th January - 9:15 to 11am. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Caregivers, pre-school children and babies all welcome

Christmas Dinner

We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner today and would just like to thank Miss Thorne for all her hard work in making it such a special occasion.



Monday 6th Jan

We look forward to seeing you all back for the beginning of our Spring Term on Monday at 8:50am.