



St Joseph's Journal

12th November 2021

Early Years Open Day Saturday 27th November 10am - 12noon

All welcome!

Come and see our brand new and exciting outdoor area, meet our friendly and professional staff and find out what being part of St Joseph's family is all about!

Whether you are an existing family with a child in Acorns or Beech or new to our school enquiring about a nursery or school place with us, come along and take a look at our brand new facilities.

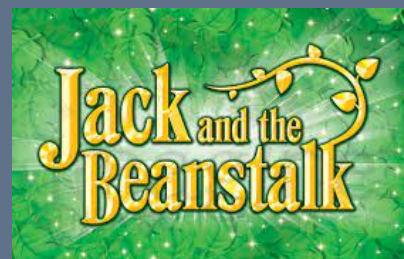


If you have a child starting in Nursery this January, please return all forms to the office as soon as possible. Visits are starting soon!



Children in Need Friday 19th November

Next Friday we will be encouraging the children to come in non uniform, wearing spots wherever possible and bringing a donation (suggested minimum donation of £1) to support Children in Need.



Have you made your payments on Gateway App yet? Please help us to secure this trip.



The expectation is that all pupils are in school at least 97% of the year and you can see as a school how far we are falling behind this expectation. (This does not include any periods of isolation due to current covid guidelines) Over the whole year this expectation equates to no more than 5 days of absence and many children are close to or have passed this level already. Illness is unavoidable but please make every effort to ensure your child is in school unless it is absolutely essential that they miss. We are called to account for the attendance of our pupils and ultimately would contribute towards a judgement about our school. We can't achieve this expectation without your support. Thank you.

Nursery - 94.6%
Reception - 86.3%
Year 1 - 96.0%
Year 2 - 96.7%
Year 3 - 98.9%
Year 4 - 93.2%
Year 5 - 97.5%
Year 6 - 98.1%

Whole school attendance this week: 95.3%

Whole school attendance so far this year: 94.1%

Can we please remind all parents that our school day starts promptly at 8:40am



Beech: Lily H, For giving 100% in her lessons
Cedar: Tobiasz F, For always completing his homework
Elm: Damian P, Being sensible in class and focussed in all subjects
Larch: Sanaah K, Focussed and working hard
Oak: Remy H, For a super start at St Joseph's

WOW!

Beech: Jacob S, Independent writing during play and hearing initial sounds
Cedar: Subahaan F, Super Phonics and sentence building
Elm: Summer K, Staying focussed and working hard in Maths
Larch: Sasha S, The extra detail and care in her Science work this week
Oak: Izabella P, Super English work

Starting School September 2022

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start primary school in September 2022.

To apply for a school place you must apply online by 15 January 2022 at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2021.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2022, including oversubscription criteria, is available at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

**The application process opens on 19 November 2021
and the close date is 15 January 2022**

Offers of school places will be made on 19 April 2022.

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Is your child eating a healthy diet?

When you eat you are feeding your body and mind. Healthy eating can make you feel good, make you feel better about yourself and help your brain develop. At St Joseph's we include discussions about healthy eating and staying active at every available opportunity so that our pupils can have the best starts in life. If you wish to read more about this please visit the Being Healthy chapter on Calderdale's Open Minds website. There are plenty of useful tips and links to other sites to support us all to get this right.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th November - Children in Need Day. Let's cover ourselves in spots and raise lots! Non uniform 'spotty' day in exchange for a minimum donation of £1 please use Gateway app where possible.

Tuesday 7th December EYFS & KS1 afternoon Christmas performance

Wednesday 8th December EYFS & KS1 morning Christmas performance (performances are subject to Covid measures in place)

Friday 17th December Whole school trip to Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime