



St Joseph's Journal

19th November 2021



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 - 100%
Reception - 94.4%
Year 1 - 94.3%
Year 2 - 89.4%
Year 3 - 100%
Year 4 - 98.9%
Year 5 - 100%
Year 6 - 97.6%

Whole school attendance this week: 96.9%
Whole school attendance so far this year:
94.3%

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

Children in Need Day



Thank you for supporting this charity today. We raised £121.65 to support the many amazing projects that will benefit children's lives both locally and nationally.

School Gateway App

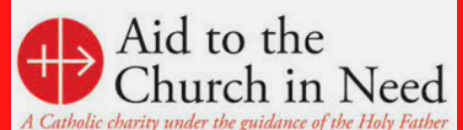
Reminder: Please make sure that your School Gateway app notifications are switched on, as this is the preferred method for school to send messages.

Parents are missing out on important messages sent from school if they have got their notifications switched off. We send lots of reminders and important information out via messaging and the cost savings for school are huge. We thank you for your continued support.

Red Wednesday

As a result of targeted violence, around the world, millions of Christians are now displaced or refugees. Countless numbers have been driven from the homes, lost their livelihoods and even their liberty and their lives because of their faith.

This **Wednesday, 24th November**, we invite all our pupils to swap their navy school jumper for a red top and stand united with those who call for change and want to put an end to persecution because of faith.





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.



Beech: Harper V, Harper for her excellent commitment to her lessons

Cedar: Colby-Jay B, Always ready to learn with a fantastic smile

Elm:

Larch: Ayat B, Really putting extra effort in all her lessons

Oak: Gabriel T, For setting a wonderful example with his behaviour and learning

WOW!

Beech: Amelia I, Her great singing and joining in during the Nativity practice

Cedar: Pippa S, A positive change of attitude towards her learning

Elm:

Larch: Ethan L, A great guide in English

Oak: Musab U, His landscape inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe

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!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th November Red Wednesday
(see newsletter)

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th

November EYFS Trip to Gordon Riggs

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 10th December Christmas Jumper Day

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