



St Joseph's Journal

3rd December 2021



Through our Reverse Advent calendar, we are collecting items for our local foodbank. Foodbanks can typically see a significant increase in referrals for emergency food parcels in the two weeks before Christmas. There is a concern food banks will not be able to meet this soaring need.

Mon 29 th Nov	Christmas Pudding Year 6	Mon 6 th Dec	Tinned Soups Year 1	Mon 13 th Dec	Tinned Potatoes Year 4
Tues 30 th Nov	Mince Pies Year 5	Tues 7 th Dec	Chocolates Rec & Nur	Tues 14 th Dec	Coffee / Tea Year 3
Wed 1 st Dec	Christmas Cake Year 4	Wed 8 th Dec	Tinned Meats Year 6	Wed 15 th Dec	Tinned Fish Year 2 & 1
Thurs 2 nd Dec	Biscuits Year 3	Thurs 9 th Dec	Tinned Deserts Staff	Thurs 16 th Dec	Toothbrush/ Toothpaste Rec and Nur
Fri 3 rd Dec	Tins of Ham Year 2	Fri 10 th Dec	Tinned vegetables Year 5	Fri 17 th Dec	Toiletries Staff

These are only suggestions – anything that will make Christmas a little more joyous for those who are vulnerable will be gratefully received.

Early Years Open Day Saturday 11th December 10am - 12noon



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

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7th December EYFS & KS1 afternoon Christmas performance

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

Thursday 9th December Whole School Mass

Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17th December Whole school trip to Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime & Last day of term

Wednesday 5th January Spring term starts

Nativity Performances



Our performances have to be Covid dependent this year and in order for them to go ahead as safely as possible we have to introduce some additional measures. We hope you will support these as we know how precious the performance memories are for families:

- Reduced capacity at each performance: only **two tickets per family per performance** will be issued.
- CO2 monitors in the hall will measure the quality of ventilation throughout the performances.
- Windows will be open so please come suitably dressed.
- Face masks to be worn during the performance by all visiting adults
- You are actively encouraged to be at least double jabbed before considering attendance.
- We ask that lateral flow testing is carried out by all adults on the day of the performance (Kits readily available) and that you do not attend should you either start to display any symptoms or have a positive test result.

Thank you for your understanding and support



Beech: Sonny M, For excellent participation in lessons

Cedar: Alex W, For embracing Phonics challenges with enthusiasm

Elm: Aleeza I, Always producing a great standard of work in all subjects

Larch: Jasmine UR, For her really positive attitude in English. Well done!

Oak: Nahid A & Nicola R, For a fantastic partnership in Music

WOW!

Beech: Jason D, Excellent letter formation and sounding out when writing his letter to Santa

Cedar: Emily F, Amazing reading in Phonics and trying her very best

Elm: Olivia O, Great effort in PE, well done!

Larch: Mya E, Her acting ability in English. Full of emotion!

Oak: Alfie L, Incredible Maths work



Our Local Authority's Education Welfare Officer has visited school today and looked through the attendance registers for each of our pupils. Letters will be issued to families for whom attendance is now a growing concern. We want to work to support any barriers you or your child may be facing in raising the attendance and ultimately the amount of education your child can access. Should you receive a letter before the end of term, please work with us to improve your child's situation; help us to better understand any issues you are facing and together, let's make your child's outlook for the future a brighter one. Thank you in advance.

Nursery - 98.2%

Reception - 87.4%

Year 1 - 98.9%

Year 2 - 86.8%

Year 3 - 97.8%

Year 4 - 97.2%

Year 5 - 95.0%

Year 6 - 96.6%

Whole school attendance this week: 94.7%

Whole school attendance so far this year:
94.4%

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