



Catholic Federation of Schools
St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter



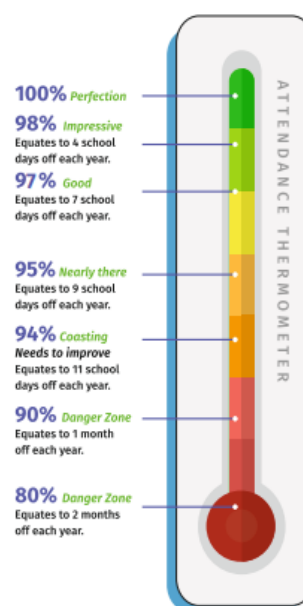
19th September 2025

Love God, love our community, share kindness.

Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 12/09/25	Lates
St Teresa	98%	3
St Patrick	88.3%	3
St Andrew	93.1%	3
St David	94.8%	2
St George	95.5%	0
	Well done to St Teresa's class who achieved the highest attendance this week.	
Overall attendance	93.9%	

How good is your Attendance?



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Gates close at 8.50 am, when the second bell has gone. After this, children will need to enter via the office.

Please see our updated attendance policy on our website. Please note that a member of staff will visit the family home if an absence text/phone call has not been made.

Headteacher Awards

Class	W/E:12/09/25	W/E:19/09/25
St Teresa	Thomas for always having a positive attitude and trying hard in everything. Thomas is an all round superstar.	Bobby for amazing attitude and effort in every lesson.
St Patrick	Maya for having a positive attitude and showing fantastic engagement in all areas.	Ralphie for having a positive start to the year and showing outstanding engagement and showing pride in all his work.
St Andrew	Leo for a fantastic start to the new school year, adapting quickly to routines and being a kind and caring member of the class.	Myla for being an amazing role model in class and being a kind, supporting partner.
St David	Matilda for having an outstanding first week and showing an excellent example of brilliant behaviour and work ethic.	Emilia for being a superstar and wonderful role model. Every lesson, you work so hard and give 100%.
St George	Chantaleese for an absolutely amazing start to the new school year! Keep it up! Grayson for making the mature decision to be sensible and work hard in St George's class and proving it by receiving no cards.	Roisin for responding to the teachers instructions immediately and being the first to do this every time.



Sports Personality Award

Class	W/E:12/09/25	W/E:19/09/25
St Teresa	Dottie for being a fantastic role model and showing amazing listening skills.	Victor for listening and following instructions well and showing fantastic control.
St Patrick	Milan for showing fantastic ball control and dribbling skills when playing a game.	Mikolaj for fantastic listening and applying new skills to games.
St Andrew	Dilan for excellent teamwork and leadership skills during our mini football games.	Noel for great control of the ball when changing direction to dodge defenders.
St David	Arthur for showing good sportsmanship and great leadership skills.	Divine for showing the sporting value of honesty when playing dodgeball.
St George	Harrison for showing the sporting value of honesty when playing dodgeball.	Jethro for showing excellent passing skills during rugby. Jethro is a good example of a team player.

Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement 8/9/2025
St Teresa	Cally	I treat others as I would like to be treated.
St Patrick	Ralphie	
St Andrew	Myla	
St David	Alisha	
St George	Jethro	



Chaplaincy Team



A huge well done to all the pupils who applied to be part of our Chaplaincy Team. The Chaplaincy Team will meet to think of ways we can help people in our local community, through charity appeals and other events. They will also have an important role in developing the prayer life of our school. We look forward to seeing how they help school to serve our community over the next year.

Pupil Parliament



Thank you to all our children who have put themselves forward to be class MP's in this year's election. Five Year 6 pupil's presented to the school during an assembly. The school have since voted and a massive congratulations to Mia who will be our Prime Minister and Aiden our Deputy Prime Minister. Niamh has been selected to be our KS1 Ambassador.

The standard of presentations by all candidates was outstanding – well done everyone!

Sports Council



Mr Ashwell and Miss Payne were overwhelmed with the number of children who applied to be part of the sports council and all applications were written with such a passion for sport. It was a very difficult decision! Congratulations to this year's sports council, we cannot wait to see you progress and develop into young leaders and help promote healthy active lifestyles here at SJST.

Reminders

School Meals/Breakfast Club

Please can we remind parents/carers that payment for school meals and breakfast club MUST be paid in advance on ParentPay. If payment for a school meal has not been received the school office will contact you to bring a packed lunch for your child/children.

If you are experiencing particular difficulty regarding payment of dinner money, please speak to Mrs Collins or Mrs Murphy in confidence. Thank you

Earrings and Jewellery

Only **small plain stud** earrings and a watch should be worn in school. Earrings MUST BE REMOVED for PE and any after school sports clubs.

Achiever Assemblies

These will take place most Fridays at 9am and parents will be notified by text if their child is an achiever and invited to attend the assembly. Only two adults per child. Please join us if you can.

Building Fund

As a voluntary aided school, we have to pay 10% towards any capital building improvements to our school. To help towards these costs we ask for a contribution of £30.00 per family per academic year. In recent years this fundraising has supported the refurbishment of the Foundation Quad, the installation of bifold doors in the Foundation Unit and new windows in a section of the school. Your contribution can be paid as a one off payment of £30.00 on ParentPay or in smaller instalments. We really hope you can support us by making a contribution from your family to help us maintain the very best learning environment for our children.

Please note: Price increases with effect from 1st September 2024

School meal prices are increasing to £2.95

Breakfast club price is increasing to £4.50 (First Child) £4.00 (Sibling)

Walker service price has now increased to £10.00

After School Walker Service – Unfortunately, due to low numbers and increasing costs, the cost for our after-school walker service to Adwick Primary will increase to £10 per day from 2nd June 2025. This cost is still subsidised and will be reviewed again if numbers increase on a regular basis.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

IMPORTANT: We are a NUT FREE school. Please ensure you do not send your child with anything containing nut or nut traces, this includes peanut butter. Thank you

Hot food

Reminder - Pupils must not have hot food delivered or bring hot food to school in a thermos flask for food safety reasons. Schools catering have checks in place to monitor the temperature of their food and no other hot food can be consumed by pupils on the school premises. There is a choice of three hot school dinner options on a daily basis but, other than that, pupils must bring a cold packed lunch with them each day. Thank you.

PARENTS - PLEASE HELP US TO INCREASE OUR FUNDING

Please can we encourage all pupils to have a school meal on Thursday 2nd October 2025.

On this day we have to send detailed school data to the government and school meal uptake on this day will directly affect our funding for the next financial year.

Please support us to help increase our funding as we strive to give your children the best possible education.

Thank you.



Nursery Applications for 2026

The closing date for **Nursery applications** is **Monday 6th October**. If you are wanting to apply for a place for your child or know somebody else who would like to apply then please contact Mrs Martin in the school office to get the relevant forms.



Nursery & Reception Open Days



Wednesday 1st October 9.45am & 1.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October 9.45am & 1.30pm

Everyone Welcome

Our Website: admin@sjstcp.co.uk

Tel: 01302 723320

Reception Applications for September 2026

Coming Soon – Opening October 2025

Applications are through the Doncaster Council Admissions website (please keep checking the website for the admissions opening). The closing date for Reception applications is 15th January 2026.



Secondary School Applications for 2026

Applications for secondary school for September 2026 are now available through the Doncaster Council admissions website. The closing date for secondary applications are 31st October 2025.



Important – Please read

Dear Parents & Carers,

The Council has asked school to share the following information with you.

Parking on the 'School- Keep Clear' markings outside schools at drop-off and pick-up times is a safety issue for pupils.

As a result, Doncaster Council has decided to introduce camera enforcement to operate outside the following schools from the week beginning 15th September:

This is designed to promote a safer environment around school gates.

The cameras will be operated during school times only and will only be used for enforcement purposes on the keep clear restriction and any nearby clearway bus stops. Residential properties will be obscured with a filter and only trained Civil Enforcement Officers will have access to the footage.

It is hoped this will help create a safer environment around our schools.

As a school, we wanted to make you aware.

Kindest Regards,

St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

School Uniform

We believe that school uniform gives pupils a sense of pride and belonging within our school community. It also makes children feel equal to one another in terms of appearance. Please see below a list of our school uniform.

Girls

Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
Summer blue gingham dress
White blouse/polo shirt
Navy blue cardigan/sweatshirt
Black shoes

PE Kit

Plain black or navy shorts/tracksuit

Bottoms

Plain white T-shirt/polo shirt

Trainers



Boys

Grey or black trousers/shorts
White shirt/polo shirt
Navy blue Sweatshirt/jumper
Black shoes

Plain black or navy
shorts/tracksuit

bottoms

Plain white T-shirt/polo shirt

Trainers



**Please note: white stripes and large writing are not part of PE uniform.
Earrings should be removed on PE days.**

Please ensure your child/children wear the correct uniform every day unless there are special circumstances such as non-uniform days.

Please Note: Sensible footwear should be worn. Footwear consisting of crocs/sliders/open toe sandals/flip flops are not allowed due to safety.

Spare, clean uniform will be provided for those who do not come to school in correct uniform.

After School Wrap Around Care – Adwick Primary School

Awaken Education currently run after school clubs and wrap around childcare at Adwick Primary School. We currently offer a 'Walker Service' to this provision.

From September 2025 they are looking at enhancing their provision to make more spaces available.

The after-school clubs run until 5:30pm, providing a safe and fun environment where children can enjoy sports, crafts, games, and themed activities every day and the clubs are timetabled each day to provide structure to the sessions.

To help them plan for the new academic year, they have asked us to consult our parents/carers families and ask you to complete a short expression of interest form if you would be interested in using their provision from September 2025. If there is sufficient interest, they may be able to look at extending their service to collect from our school which should help to reduce the cost to parents compared to our current Walker Service. If this is something you are interested in, please follow the link below and complete the online form:

<https://forms.gle/yTTngJjy71icnGJy5>

Thank you



Important – please read

The City of Doncaster Council have advised us that the Transitional Protection arrangements for those entitled to means-tested Free School Meals has come to an end as per the published [Free school meals guidance](#).



Our understanding is as follows;

Newly entitled to FSM on or after 01/04/25

Any pupil who becomes newly entitled to FSM on or after 01/04/25 will only remain entitled for as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

Primary schools; Pupils on FSM at 31/03/25 keep this entitlement to the end of year 6.
Moving from Year 6 to year 7; When pupils move from year 6 to year 7, the Benefits Team will check entitlement and we will notify the Secondary schools of those children that are entitled to FSM in year 7.

IMPORTANT

Please note that pupils arriving on the school bus are not supervised and do not become the responsibility of the school until the morning bell goes. Whilst Mrs Murphy and Mr Kowalski are often on the playground in the morning before school, this is not always the case. Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am and is available for all year groups. Parents of pupils going home on the bus need to ensure they are at the stop on time to meet their child/children.



Autumn Term ~ PE days

PE Timetable

St Andrew	Monday
St Patrick	Tuesday
St David	Wednesday
St George	Thursday
St Teresa's Reception and full-time nursery	Monday and Friday
St Teresa's beginning of week nursery	Monday
St Teresa's end of week nursery	Friday

PE Kit

Plain black or navy shorts/tracksuit top and bottoms

Plain white T-shirt/polo shirt

Trainers

Please note: white stripes and large writing are not part of PE uniform.

Earrings should be removed on PE days.



After School Clubs for half-term – Autumn 1

Monday	To be confirmed	3.25-4.25pm
Tuesday	To be confirmed	3.25-4.25pm
Tuesday	To be confirmed	3.25-4.25pm
Wednesday	To be confirmed	3.25-4.25pm
Thursday	Young Voices (Invite Only)	3.25-4.25pm

Children must be collected from all after-school clubs from the playground by a responsible adult.

Please note: There will be no Young Voices on the following dates

13/11/25

18/12/25

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Friday 26 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning Parents/carers invited 9.30am
Monday 6 th October	Individual school photographs and siblings
Wednesday 22 nd October	DOJO Dash Day
Autumn half term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Tuesday 4 th November	Parents Evening 3.45pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 th November	Flu vaccinations
Thursday 13 th November	Parents Evening 3.45 – 6.30pm
Monday 1 st December	Flu vaccinations – catch up
Wednesday 3 rd December	Grandparent's Party – 2.00pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Foundation Stage Nativity – 9.00am
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 17 th December	St Patrick's and St Andrew's Nativity – 2.00pm
Thursday 18 th December	St George's and St David's Carol Service – 2.00pm
Friday 30 th January	Young Voices
Monday 23 rd February - Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Year 6 – PGL Residential

St Joseph & St Teresa's School holidays 2025-26

School re-opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Thursday 26 th March 2026
Monday 13 th April 2026	Thursday 21 st May 2026
Monday 1 st June 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026

Bank holidays: Monday 4th May 2026

Training Days:

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

~~Monday 23rd February 2026~~ – please note: date change Friday 27th March

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Important- Please Read

Dear Parents & Carers,

I wanted to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome you have given me over these first few weeks. It is a privilege to be a part of this wonderful school community and I am excited about working with you over the months and years ahead.

I feel it is essential that school and parents work together to make school the best place possible for the children. With this in mind, I would like to set up a new Parent Teacher Association so that with your help, we can raise additional funds to spend on the children and enhance their experiences in school.

I would like to invite anyone who is interested to a meeting to discuss this further to look at setting up this new group.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th October at 2.45pm.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

I look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 8th October.
Yours Faithfully,

Mr Kowalski