



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



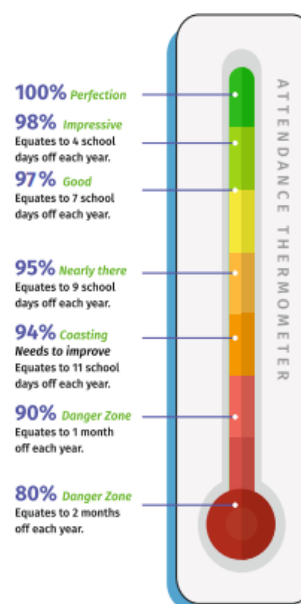
25th September 2026

Love God, Love Our Community, Share Kindness.

## Attendance

| Class                                                                                               | Class Attendance for the week ending: 11/09/26                                  | Lates | Class Attendance for the week ending: 18/09/26                                  | Lates |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| St Teresa                                                                                           | 99.7%                                                                           | 0     | 98.3%                                                                           | 0     |
| St Patrick                                                                                          | 97.9%                                                                           | 0     | 91.7%                                                                           | 0     |
| St Andrew                                                                                           | 95.9%                                                                           | 0     | 91.5%                                                                           | 0     |
| St David                                                                                            | 98.1%                                                                           | 0     | 97%                                                                             | 1     |
| St George                                                                                           | 93.1%                                                                           | 1     | 98.5%                                                                           | 0     |
|  ATTENDANCE AWARD | Well done to St Teresa's classes who achieved the highest attendance this week. |       | Well done to St George's classes who achieved the highest attendance this week. |       |
| Overall attendance                                                                                  | 96.9%                                                                           |       | 95.4%                                                                           |       |

## How good is your Attendance?



**Our Whole School Target for Attendance is at least 96%.**  
**We really appreciate your support with getting your children into school and on time each day.**  
**Let's work together to consistently get above 96%.**



### Headteacher Awards

| Class             | W/E: 18/09/26                                                                                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>St Teresa</b>  | Posie for working collaboratively as a fantastic team member of our class.                                |
| <b>St Patrick</b> | Mia T for outstanding effort and engagement in all lessons and showing levels of independence.            |
| <b>St Andrew</b>  | Maya for amazing effort and engagement in all that we do and for being an excellent role model to others. |
| <b>St David</b>   | Liepa for settling in so in. Liepa has worked so hard and shown such a positive attitude to learning.     |
| <b>St George</b>  | Jake for pride in himself and in school – proactively seeking out jobs to do.                             |

### Sports Personality Award

| Class             | W/E: 18/09/26                                                                                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>St Teresa</b>  | Theo for showing amazing listening skills and fantastic special awareness.                              |
| <b>St Patrick</b> | Gabriella for showing amazing teamwork with her partner and amazing effort throughout all the sessions. |
| <b>St Andrew</b>  | Orla for showing fantastic resilience to help her succeed in dribbling the ball in basketball.          |
| <b>St David</b>   | Freya for being a team player and showing support to others.                                            |
| <b>St George</b>  | Mia for having a go at every activity and giving it 100% effort at Robinwood.                           |

### Heart of Gold Award

| Class             |        |                                                |         |                                    |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| <b>St Teresa</b>  | Tyler  | <b>I am excited and enthusiastic to learn.</b> | Lily    | <b>I give time to my learning.</b> |
| <b>St Patrick</b> | Zofia  |                                                | Clover  |                                    |
| <b>St Andrew</b>  | Laila  |                                                | Danni   |                                    |
| <b>St David</b>   |        |                                                | Dilan   |                                    |
| <b>St George</b>  | Olivia |                                                | Matilda |                                    |

## Nursery Applications for 2027

The closing date for Nursery applications is **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2026**. 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.



## Reception Application for 2027

### Coming Soon

Applications are through the Doncaster Council Admissions website (please keep checking the Doncaster Council Admissions Website for the admissions opening)



**Please note: if you wish to apply under a faith criterion, it is important you complete the Supplementary Information Form, together with supporting documentation by the closing date.**

## Secondary Applications for 2027

You can now apply for a Secondary school place (Year 7) via the Doncaster Council Admissions Website.  
National Closing Date is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026.



## New School Logo

Here is the link to order any new uniform with our new logo attached.



<https://quickstepsdoncaster.co.uk/schoolwear?top=Schoolwear&sub=St+Joseph%27s+and+St+Teresa%27s>

[www.quickstepsdoncaster.co.uk](http://www.quickstepsdoncaster.co.uk)

Thank you

## 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.

### PTA Tuck Shop



A reminder that our PTA are hosting a tuck shop on the playground every Friday afternoon throughout the Autumn term.

Thank you to everyone who is helping our PTA to raise vital fund for school.

### Important:

Please could we remind parents when sending children with grapes to cut them into quarters:



- NHS guidance strongly advises cutting grapes lengthways into quarters to prevent choking.

We would also like to remind all parents and carers that we have members of our school community with severe, life-threatening nut allergies. Contact via ingestion, inhalation, or skin contact can trigger immediate anaphylaxis. To keep every child safe, **no nuts or nut products are permitted on school premises.** Thank you

## School Dinners

### Update to School Dinner Menus – Effective Monday 20th April

We are pleased to let you know that **from Monday 20th April**, our school will be moving onto the **new Summer Menu** for school dinners.

Alongside the seasonal update, we are also introducing a **fourth daily meal option** to give children even more choice at lunchtime.

From this date, pupils will be able to choose from:

- **Main meal**
- **Vegetarian option**
- **Jacket potato option**
- **Sandwich option** (new)

We hope these additions will provide greater variety and ensure that every child finds something they enjoy each day. Thank you for your continued support.

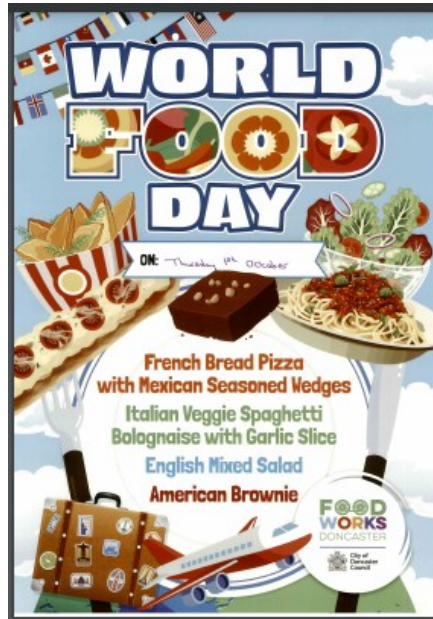
Please visit the school website or Dojo to see the new menus

# Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

## **PARENTS – PLEASE HELP US TO INCREASE OUR FUNDING**

Please can we encourage all pupils to have a school meal on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026.  
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



## **BREAKFAST CLUB SEPTEMBER 2026**

Important – Breakfast Club changes for September 2026

Breakfast Club will take place in the school hall in September 2026 to allow space for the additional pupils accessing the free provision from 8:15am daily for children from Reception to Y6. Children will enter Breakfast Club via the hall and the playground gates will be open from 7:30am daily.

Reception to Y6 Pupils – Paid and Free Provision:

- Paid for Breakfast Club - From September 2026 our paid Breakfast Club provision will continue to open from 7:30am for pupils in Reception to Y6. This paid provision will run until 8:15am and will cost a flat fee of £3.50 per child per day.

- Free Breakfast Club - From 8:15am, until the start of the school day at 8:45am, Breakfast Club will be free for all pupils in Reception to Y6 pupils. Please note that children will need to arrive before 8:30am in order to have a breakfast. If pupils have had breakfast at home, they can be dropped off at any time before 8:45am. This will allow parents to drop off at say 8:35am if the need to get off to work/appointments etc.

Nursery Pupils - Paid Provision Only:

- Paid for Breakfast Club Only – Nursery pupils will be able to attend Breakfast Club from 7.30am until 8:45am. Nursery pupils are not eligible for the free provision and the adult to child ratio is higher for nursery children. As a result of this, the charge for nursery aged pupils needs to be set higher at £5.00 per day, or £2.00 from 8:15am.

- Please note that nursery places are limited to 8 and will need to be pre-booked with the school office.

Thank you

## **SJST 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. Thank you.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY FROM SEPTEMBER 2026**

From 1 September 2026 Free School Meals eligibility is changing and there will be two types of Free School Meals:

### **Targeted Free School Meals**

Currently households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household net earnings of £7,400 or less are eligible for Free School Meals. These are known as Targeted Free School Meals.

If you are eligible for Targeted Free School Meals;

- Your child/children can have Free School Meals
- They may be eligible for additional support, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance.
- The school will get pupil premium and other valuable funding for each eligible child.

### **2. Expanded Free School Meals**

Households receiving Universal Credit from 1 June 2026 with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be eligible for Expanded Free School Meals from 1 September 2026.

If you are eligible for Expanded Free School Meals;

- Your child/children can have a Free School Meal only.
- Expanded Free School Meals does not attract additional support, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance.
- The school will not get pupil premium and other funding.

### **Already getting Free School Meals?**

If your child already receives Free School Meals and your circumstances have not changed, you do not need to do anything. We will automatically check eligibility over the summer and let your school know if your child remains eligible from September.

### **More families can get Free School Meals from September 2026**

From 1st September 2026, all families receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals for their child/children.

### **Receiving Universal Credit but not currently getting Free School Meals?**

You may now be eligible under the new rules. Apply now to make sure your child can access Free School Meals from September 2026.

### **What support is available?**

All children from households receiving Universal Credit will now receive a free school meal.

Families receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less will also continue to qualify for additional support including:

- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme
- 'Extended rights' element for school travel assistance
- Additional funding for schools through pupil premium

### **Universal Infant Free School Meals**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive universal free school meals.

However, you should still apply for means-tested free school meals if you are eligible because the school may then get important funding.

### **Find out more and apply**

Visit the council website and search "Free School Meals" to check eligibility and apply or follow this link <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

## St Joseph & St Teresa's School holidays 2026-27

| School re-opens                          | Training Day                               | School closes at the end of the school day |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026 | <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>       | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026       |
| School re-opens                          | School closes at the end of the school day |                                            |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2026     | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026      |                                            |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027      | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027      |                                            |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2027    | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027       |                                            |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027       | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2027           |                                            |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027         | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2027          |                                            |

Bank holidays: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2027

### Training Days:

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026**

~~Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027~~ (please note the removal of this date and the additional one)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2027**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2027**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027**

### Dates for the Diary

| Date                                  | Event                                                            |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September  | Welcome Wednesday in St Andrew's                                 |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October        | SCHOOL CLOSED~ TRAINING DAY                                      |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October        | Individual school photo & siblings (currently in school)         |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October     | Welcome Wednesday in St David's                                  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October    | Welcome Wednesday in St Andrew's                                 |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October    | Welcome Wednesday in St George's                                 |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November     | Flu Vaccination session in school ~ Reception to Year 6 children |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December      | Flu Vaccination session in school ~ catch-up session             |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2027 | Young Voices                                                     |