




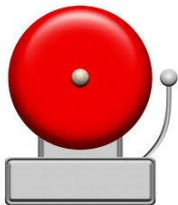
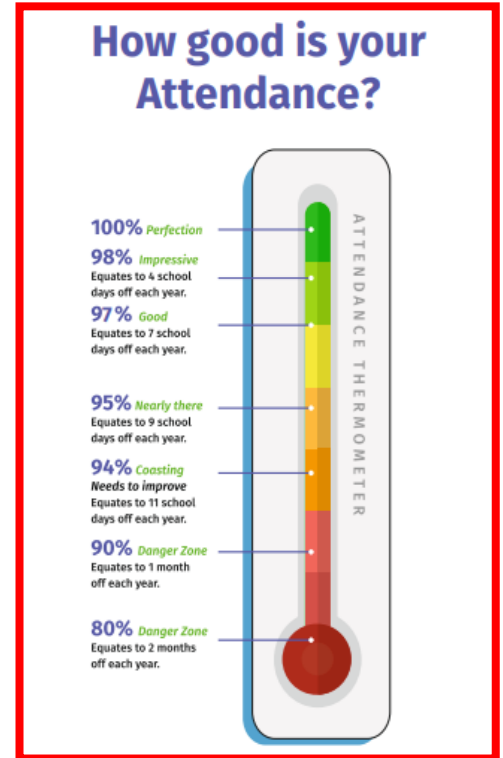
Catholic Federation of Schools
St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter



23rd February 2024

Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 02/02/2024	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 08/02/2024	Lates
St Teresa	94.3%	1	96.4%	4
St Patrick	92.9%	3	89.7%	3
St Andrew	90%	1	86.7%	4
St David	89.3%	4	90.6%	3
St George	96.2%	2	94.8%	1
 Well done to St George's class who achieved the highest attendance this week.			Well done to St Teresa's class who achieved the highest attendance this week.	
Overall attendance	96.2%			



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.

School Attendance

The government's white paper states that children will not achieve their potential in a school with poor standards of attendance.

Leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances which are as follows:-

1. Where it is company/organisational policy for an employee to take leave at a specific time in the year and there is no opportunity for a family holiday in the school holidays. This must be evidenced by production of the policy document of the organisation.
2. Service personnel returning from/scheduled to embark upon a tour of duty abroad.
3. Where a holiday is recommended as part of a child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue. Evidence must be provided.

Please organise medical appointments, dental appointments etc outside of the school day if at all possible. If you need to pick your child up before the end of the school day, we will ask you to provide evidence of medical/dental appointments.

Our attendance policy is available to view on our website www.sjst.co.uk

Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement	Pupil's Name	Statement
St Teresa's	Dominic	I know what really matters in life and I am thankful for all I have.	Jacob	I give time to think of others, do good and care for creation.
St Patrick's	Adley		Rosalay	
St Andrew's	Morgan		Arthur	
St David's	Jaydn		Hannah	
St George's	Joey		Summer	



Head of School Awards

Class	W/E 02/02/24	W/E: 23/02/2024
St Teresa	Charlotte for outstanding effort and engagement with her Phonics learning. Jacob for outstanding effort and engagement with his Phonics learning	Thomas for excellent reading and partner work during Read, Write, Ink lessons.
St Patrick	Raine for taking pride, showing a positive attitude, displaying fantastic engagement and effort in every lesson.	Laila for taking pride in her work and producing fantastic pieces of writing.
St Andrew	Arthur for always having a positive attitude and trying his best in all lessons.	Emilia for fantastic effort and engagement in all lessons, and being a wonderful role model.
St David	Roman for great effort and engagement towards his writing!	Miya for taking great pride and giving 100% in every lesson.
St George	Sapphire W for most improved spelling score.	Daniel for consistently excellent behaviour at all times, in all places around school.



Sports Personality Award

Class	WE: 02/02/024	WE: 23/02/2024
St Teresa	Dolcie for showing brilliant effort and listening skills in our dance lessons.	Amayah for showing brilliant control of the ball when we have been using our hands, to be able to move a ball around objects.
St Patrick	Adley for showing amazing effort and teamwork when creating different actions for our performance	Penelope for showing amazing teamwork and being able to track the ball to stop the ball going through her net.
St Andrew	Matilda for showing teamwork and fantastic communication to work with a partner and create a dance routine	Pola for showing an amazing attitude to leaning and always being engaged with the current task.
St David	Jacob H for showing amazing determination to be able to win his individual races at the Athletics competition	Jaydn for showing amazing skill to be able to perform the set shot perfect in volleyball.
St George	Harry for showing fantastic behaviour and determination throughout the whole of the Athletics competition.	Daniel for showing impressive accuracy to be able to hit the cricket stumps multiple times under pressure.

Season of Lent



Ash Wednesday

We began the season of Lent last Wednesday, during half term. In school we will be concentrating on 3 Lenten Acts: To pray more, to be penitent (sorry for our wrong choices) and to give alms (raise money for charity).

In school, we will be looking at the Stations of the Cross in class, classes will be reflecting on the thoughts for the day and Lenten bags will be sent home on a rota basis, to give families an opportunity to gather together in prayer and reflection. We have spoken to the children about saying sorry for wrong choice. We have encouraged them to think about giving something up for Lent, to show that they are sorry.

Class Mass

Class	Date
St David	Tuesday 27 th February at 10.15 am
St George	Tuesday 5 th March at 10.15 am

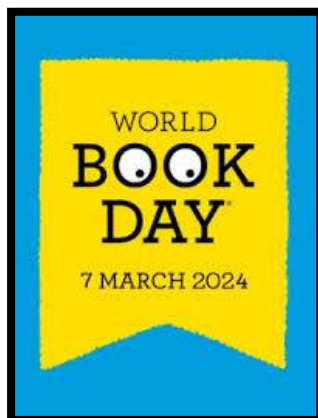
All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend
Please note the change in time

School will be holding an Easter Egg raffle at the end of term to raise some money for charity, donations of chocolate for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.



World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

(Celebrations in school will take place on Thursday 7th March)



On Thursday 2nd March we would like to invite our pupils to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Taking part is optional. If pupils prefer not to take part, they can come to school in their uniform. Please do not go out and buy expensive fancy dress costumes. Great costumes can often be created from things you already have at home. Your child will take part in a draw along and afternoon activities will be linked to the event. Your child will soon bring home a World Book Day voucher which will allow them to exchange for a special WBD book or £1 off other books costing £2.99 or more.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 28 th Feb	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
9, 10, 11 July 2024	Outwood Academy Adwick
10, 11, 12 July 2024	The McAuley Catholic High School

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.

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.



PE Timetable

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
St Patrick	Tuesday
St Andrew	Monday
St David	Wednesday
St George	Thursday



After School Clubs

Monday	St David & St George – Football	3.25-4.25pm
Tuesday	St Andrew – Cricket	3.25-4.25pm
Wednesday	St David & St George – Cricket	3.25-4.25pm
Thursday	St Patrick - Cricket	3.25-4.25pm

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

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition days

	Dates for Year 6 to Year 7 Transition
Outwood Academy Adwick	9, 10, 11 July 2024
The McAuley Catholic High School	10, 11, 12 July 2024

St Joseph & St Teresa's School holidays 2023-2024

These dates include the training days

School re-opens	School closes
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Monday 30 th October 2023	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Monday 8 th January 2024	Thursday 8 th February 2024
Monday 19 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024

Bank holidays: Friday 29th March 2024
Monday 6th May 2024

Training Days: Monday 4th September 2023
Friday 9th February 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

St Joseph & St Teresa's School holidays 2024-25

These dates DO NOT include the training days

School re-opens	School closes
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 28 th March 2025
Monday 14 th April 2024	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025

Bank holidays: Friday 18th April 2025 - Good Friday
Monday 21st April 2025 – Easter Monday
Monday 5th May 2025

Training Days: Monday 2nd September 2024
Friday 23rd May 2025
Monday 21st July 2025
Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Wednesday 23rd July 2025