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St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter

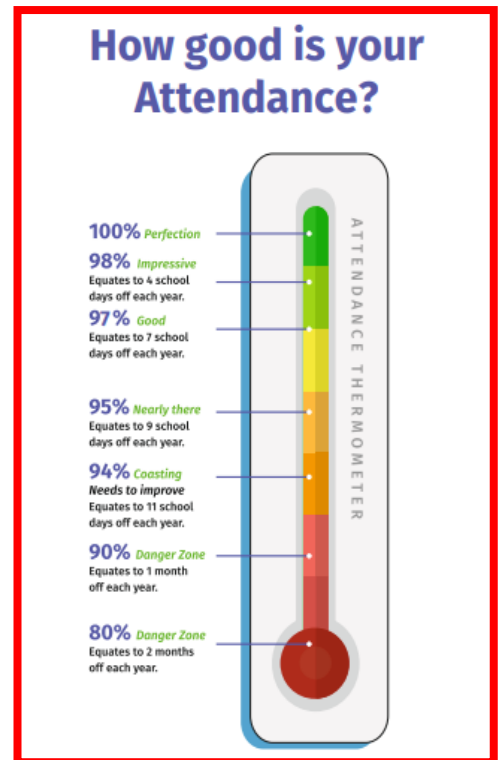


3rd July 2026

Love God, love our community, share kindness.

Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 05/06/26	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 12/06/26	Lates
St Teresa	94%	0	89.5%	1
St Patrick	90.7%	0	89.3%	1
St Andrew	84.1%	1	85.9%	2
St David	94.1%	1	95.9%	0
St George	94.2%	1	92.9%	0
	Well done to St George's classes who achieved the highest attendance this week.		Well done to St David's class who achieved the highest attendance this week.	
Overall attendance	91.4%		90.7%	



**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%.**



Attendance Challenge

ST JOSEPH & ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FULLY ALIVE EVERY DAY ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Our Final Two Weeks of Term!

Dates: _____

At St Joseph & St Teresa's, we believe that every day matters. When we come to school every day, we learn, grow, pray and flourish together.

THE CHALLENGE
Can we improve our attendance and finish the school year strongly?
Every pupil who attends every day during the final two weeks will become an:

ATTENDANCE CHAMPION

Attendance Champions will receive:

- ✓ A special certificate in Celebration Assembly
- ✓ A VIP seat in assembly
- ✓ A place in our Attendance Champions prize draw
- ✓ Recognition in the school newsletter

CLASS ATTENDANCE CUP
Each week, the class with the best attendance will win:

- The Attendance Cup
- Extra playtime
- Front of the lunch queue
- A special class activity

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE
Help our school attendance rocket reach the stars!

- ★ 96% Attendance - Whole-school dance break
- ★ 97% Attendance - Extra playtime for everyone
- ★ 98% Attendance - Whole-school sing-along
- ★ 99% Attendance - Pupils choose a fun challenge for the staff!

OUR SCHOOL MISSION
Love God - Love Our Community - Share Kindness
Every day we attend school, we use the gifts God has given us and help others to learn and flourish.

"The glory of God is a person fully alive."
— St Irenaeus

Let's finish the year together by being Fully Alive Every Day!

Every Day Matters ★ Every Child Matters ★ Every Minute Counts

Dear Parents & Carers,

Please see the details below of an amazing attendance challenge for your children. The challenge runs from Monday 6th July - Friday 17th July.

Let's finish the year with amazing attendance.

Thank you for your support in getting your children to school every day.

Mr Kowalski
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

Class	W/E: 19/06/26	W/E 03/07/2026
St Teresa	Theo for always having a positive attitude when engaging in any task he is set.	Marnie for showing amazing resilience in learning how to complete tasks with her left hand.
St Patrick	Arbie for showing fantastic effort and engagement in learning activities and trying hard to develop his independence.	Ruben for returning to school with a positive attitude and engaging in his learning.
St Andrew	Mia for wonderful effort and pride even to improving her handwriting. Jayden for showing fantastic engagement in math lessons and working with greater independence.	Morire for improved effort in English and with his handwriting.
St David	Tyrone for trying super hard in lessons and giving 100%	Alisha for being an absolute pleasure all year! You have worked so hard and made brilliant progress.
St George	Ethan for really great engagement in curriculum lessons – especially RE and History.	Grayson for listening carefully to my instructions on the walk to/from the museum.



Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement 08/06/26	Pupil's Name	Statement 15/06/26
St Teresa	Arabella F	I am true to myself and follow what I know to be right.	Cohen	I am honest with myself and others even when it is difficult.
St Patrick	Rex		Lenny	
St Andrew	Carter		Harvey	
St David	George		Matilda	
St George	Jethro		Max	

Sports Personality Award

Class	W/E: 19/06/26	W/E 03/07/26
St Teresa	Harry for amazing effort and engagement whilst playing a running and stopping game.	Lily for following instructions and showing fantastic listening skills during all PE lessons.
St Patrick	Leo for showing great collaboration when organising a game of football with friends during the World cup day.	Tymek for great participation during after school club.
St Andrew	Noel for taking pride in being a Sports Counsellor and promoting collaboration.	Moria for fantastic effort when jumping. Moria jumps with careful control and balance.
St David	Matty for amazing listening and concentration in swimming lessons.	Jayden for swimming 25 meters confidently and for showing confidence in the water and being safe.
St George	Harrison for showing amazing effort and resilience in athletics.	Jethro for amazing technique when completing the discus throw.



Sporting Stars Award



Henry has been selected for the Sporting Stars award from the cricket competition against Sprotbrough. At the event Henry represented the school incredibly with an amazing attitude and amazing listening. During the games Henry showed fantastic leadership qualities and was offering support to all the children. He was telling children where to field in order to reduce the space the other team had to score. This led to many runs being saved and leading to stronger games and scores. Henry not only supported his teammates in the field; he showed fantastic batting skills, scoring many points for the team and cheering on teammates when they were playing. Well done, Henry!!



St Joseph & St Teresa's Parish Hall Summer Fayre

Sunday 5th July 2.00pm

Summer Fun

Wednesday 15th July 3.30 – 4.30pm



School and the PTA are running a Summer Fun event on Wednesday, 15th July, between the times of 3:30 and 4:30pm. The event is taking place to give the children something fun to complete at the end of a hard school year and we hope to see as many people there as possible. There will be lots of different activities, lots of prizes to be won, raffle prizes, food and drinks.

If you are able to contribute to any raffle prizes, then it would be massively appreciated for example, if you run a business or know someone who does, could you/they donate an item or a voucher. We are wanting to do a bottle tombola as well, so fill a bottle with anything you can, such as sweets, stickers, stationery or liquid. We are still wanting to do our colourful raffle like Miss Payne had posted

last week, but any other raffle prizes will be added to the Sports Day raffle prize selection, and winners will be announced after the event on Wednesday 15th July.

Once again, we hope to see as many of you there as possible, and we hope everyone has an amazing time. Thank you.

Sports Day Raffle



In preparation for our sports day on **Tuesday 14th July**, we are organising a raffle, we are kindly asking children in each class to donate any item of a certain colour to contribute to their class hamper. This year we are raising money to replace some of the equipment on the playground to ensure children can stay active during their break and lunchtimes. Raffle tickets will be sold on the week of Sports day for £1 a strip and the winners will be announced during the sports day event. Class colours are:

ST Teresa Nursery ~ Pink
St Teresa Reception ~ Purple
St Patrick ~ Green
St Andrew ~ Blue
St David ~ Yellow and Orange
St George ~ Red

Thank you for your continued support and we can't wait to see who the lucky winners are this year!



IMPORTANT CONSULTATION ON EXTENDED AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Dear Parents & Carers,

I sent a QR code for you to fill in the survey to help us understand what interest there is in extending our after school club hours till 5.30pm.

I understand some of you will find it easier to access by clicking a link, instead of using the QR code.

Here is the link to the survey:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/CMaKq6TfDu>

Kind regards,

Mr Kowalski
Headteacher

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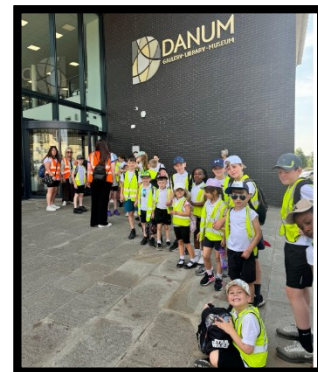


St David's Class Cast Storytelling Festival



What an amazing day we had at the storytelling festival at CAST Theatre! The children were thrilled to meet famous authors, poets and illustrators and enjoyed listening to lots of wonderful stories. Travelling by train added to the adventure and our journey home on the bus was certainly eventful! It was a fun-filled day and the children had a fantastic time.

St Patrick and St George Danum Museum Visit



St Patrick and St George's Classes had a wonderful day at the Danum museum and the children were a credit to all parents/carers and our school! They listened carefully to all instructions, walked sensibly with their partners and asked some really interesting questions based on what we have been learning.

GOD'S LOVE ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY PROJECT- POST 1/3

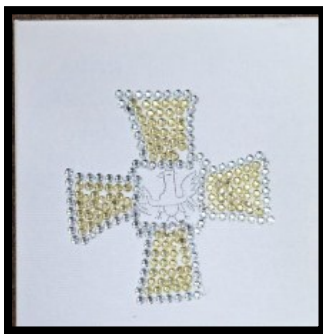
Dear Parents & Carers,

Just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you who have supported your children to create their art work for our 'God's Love Across Our Community' project. We have been so impressed by the quality and variety of crosses we have received. Thank you so much!

If you'd still like to bring something in, there's still time and here's some inspiration below!

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Mr Kowalski
Headteacher



'God's Love Across Our Community' Art Project- June 2026.

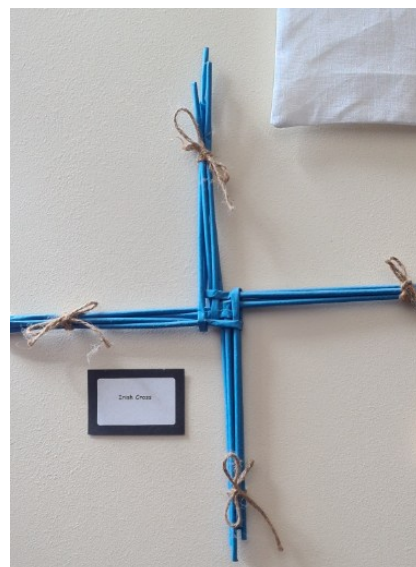
What we are aiming to create.



Each class has made a cross from a different part of the world. They have learnt about its meaning and represented it in a unique way. The class cross is also displayed in their class.

We have also received donations of crosses and crucifixes from staff, children and families truly reflecting our unique mission,

Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love.



Dear Parents & Carers,

What an exciting moment! 🎉 We've counted all the votes and crowned our top three logo designs! A huge congratulations to the brilliant young designers behind Designs 10, 11, and 8 — your creativity absolutely shone through! ✨

Design 10 took the crown with an impressive 32% of first-place votes 👑, while Design 11 claimed second place with 37% of second-place votes 🥈, and Design 8 earned third place with 24% of third-place votes 🥉. Thank you to everyone who participated in voting — your voices helped make this decision truly special! 📄

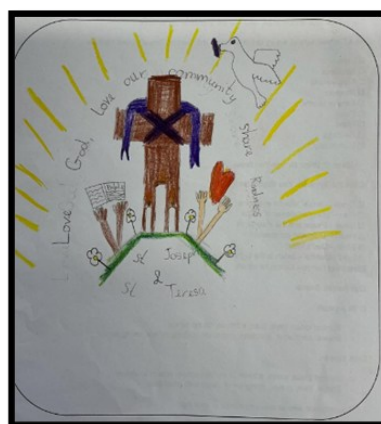
Now comes the fun part: our printing company will work their magic to bring these ideas to life and create our brand new final logo ✨. We can't wait to share the finished design with you soon!

And if you're wondering about our school uniforms — no need to worry! 📄 We'll introduce the new logo gradually once everything is finalised, so you'll have plenty of time to prepare. We'll keep you updated with any changes.

Thank you for your support,

Mr Kowalski
Headteacher

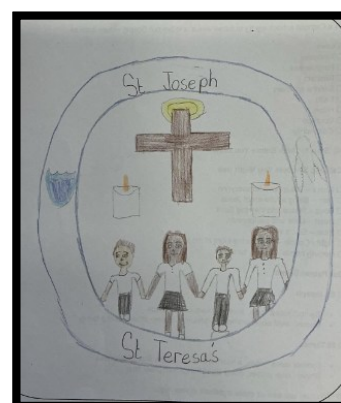
Design 10



Design 11



Design 8



PTA Tuck Shop

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

School Dinners

Please note: Price increase with effect from **1st May 2026**
 School meal prices are increasing to £3.00. Thank you

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



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

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 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

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

Bank holidays: Monday 3rd May 2027

Friday 26th March 2027

Training Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

~~Monday 4th January 2027~~ – **(please note the removal of this date and the additional one)**

Friday 2nd October 2026

Monday 19th July 2027

Tuesday 20th July 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 8 th July	St Andrew's Class Assembly at 2.00pm (parents invited)
Thursday 9 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Thursday 9 th July	<u>Transition New starters</u> BOW Nursery 9.30am – 11.20am EOW Nursery – 1.20pm – 3.10pm Reception – 9.30am – 3.10pm
Monday 13 th July	St David's Class Assembly at 2.00pm (parents invited)
Tuesday 14 th July	Sports Day 9.15am Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 1.15pm Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Tuesday 14th July Wednesday 15 th July	St Patrick's Class Assembly at 2.00pm 9.15am (parents invited)
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1.45pm
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Prom 5.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 15th July Friday 17 th July	Dojo Dash (afternoon)
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 9.30am (parents invited)