




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

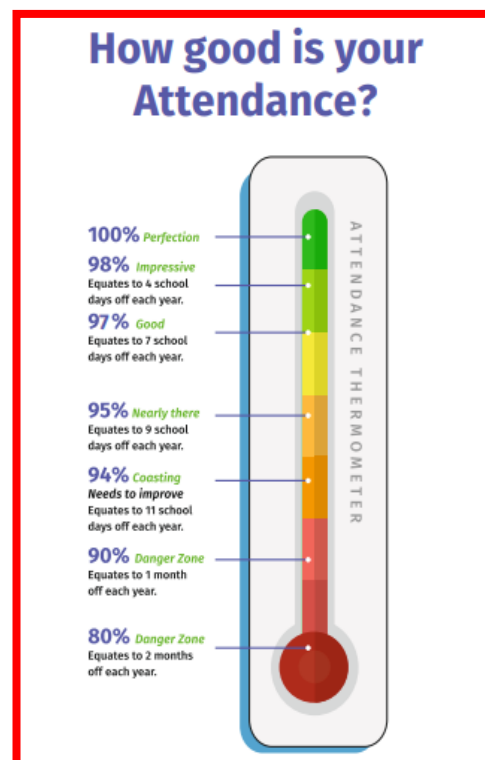
3rd October 2025

Love God, love our community, share kindness.



Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 19/09/2025	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 26/09/2025	Lates
St Teresa	94%	1	99%	3
St Patrick	93.1%	2	95%	5
St Andrew	95.8%	6	95%	2
St David	96.3%	6	97%	1
St George	94.5%	1	95.5%	0
	Well done to St David'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	94.7%		96.3%	



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: 26/09/25	W/E: 03/10/25
St Teresa	Sasha for fantastic attitude and effort in our handwriting sessions and phonics.	Marnie for always being helpful, polite, kind and well mannered. She is an amazing role model to have in school.
St Patrick	Ruben for engaging well in learning opportunities and trying hard to always make the right choice.	Isla for being a positive member of St Patrick's class and always being the perfect partner and friend.
St Andrew	Jayden for excellent effort and engagement in phonic lessons and making good progress.	Liepa for always trying her very best. Her wonderful writing shows how well she listens and applies her learning.
St David	Matty for trying so hard in his English, forming letters correctly. He has shown great enthusiasm.	Raine for showing a positive attitude and giving 100% to everything. Raine is so kind and polite and such a joy to teach.
St George	Elsie for always being focused in lessons and her recent effort in writing a brilliant poem in English.	Mia K for always making good choices and for being an excellent role model.



Sports Personality Award

Class	W/E: 26/09/25	W/E: 03/10/25
St Teresa	Posie for amazing listening skills and fantastic behaviour.	Cally for showing fantastic listening skills and using the equipment safely and sensibly.
St Patrick	Arthur for showing fantastic control when using a ball and dribbling.	Faith for a controlled chest pass and super defending skills.
St Andrew	Harlen for great technique when striking the ball to score a goal in football.	Harvey for being an excellent PE partner, supporting, encouraging and praising his partner.
St David	Tyrone for always being helpful during setting up and tidying away. Showing good team spirit and encouragement during the lesson.	Evelyn for trying so hard during football. Evelyn showed great teamwork skills and listened carefully to instructions of the game.
St George	Sophia for amazing team work when playing tag Rugby.	Max for an excellent pendulum technique when throwing the rugby ball and for being an excellent team member.



Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement 15/9/2025
St Teresa	Joseph	I respect and follow school and classroom rules.
St Patrick	Faith	
St Andrew	Charlotte	
St David	Olivia	
St George	Wiktorja	



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 Mr Kowalski 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.

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 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.



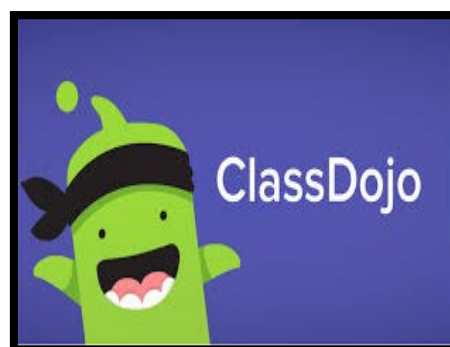
Secondary School Applications for 2026

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.



Dojo Dash Day – Wednesday 22nd October

Dojo dash will be Wednesday 22nd October – please come to school in non-uniform and sensible shoes (no clogs) Thank you.



Flu Vaccination Programme

Reception to Year 6 children only

The School Age Immunisation Team will be delivering Flu vaccinations in school on the 12TH NOVEMBER 2025. Please click on the link below to read the information about the vaccine and then complete the Electronic consent form

<https://systems.rdash.nhs.uk/eConsent/106769FLU819072>

If your child is absent on the day we will be returning to school on 01/12/25. You can also access one of the Health Bus sessions displayed on the Flu letter page

Please note if parents submit after the 9th November your child may not be vaccinated on the main session date.

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
Monday 6 th October	Individual school photographs and siblings (Nursery children who are end of the week are invited in at 10.00am)
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 3rd December Change of date Wednesday 10 th 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
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	Crucial Crew – Year 6
Friday 30 th January	Young Voices
Wednesday 11 th February	National Coal Mining Museum – St Andrew's Class
Monday 23 rd February - Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Year 6 – PGL Residential
Wednesday 10 th June – Thursday 11 th June 2026	Austerfield Residential – Year 4
Thursday 2 nd July – Friday 3 rd July 2026	Gulliver's Valley – Residential – Year 5

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you so much for the amazing support you gave for our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September. Together we raised a staggering **£431.62!**



Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Mr Kowalski
Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,



Just wanted to say a big thank you~ the situation on the road outside school has been much better in recent days. Thank you for respecting the zig-zag 'Keep Clear' lines, it is vital we keep these clear to keep all pedestrians and road-users safe.

Thank you for your support with this, it is much appreciated.

Mr Kowalski
Headteacher

Harvest Appeal for Woodlands Library Foodbank



Dear Parents & Carers,

Our Pupil Chaplaincy Team are leading school in collecting donations for the foodbank at Woodlands Library.

They are looking for donations of Dried Pasta, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Packet Rice, Tinned goods (beans, peas, tuna etc) and Noodles.



Donations will be collected and put in the school hall from now until our Harvest Assembly on 24th October.

Any support you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Mr Kowalski
Headteacher