



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

17th October 2025

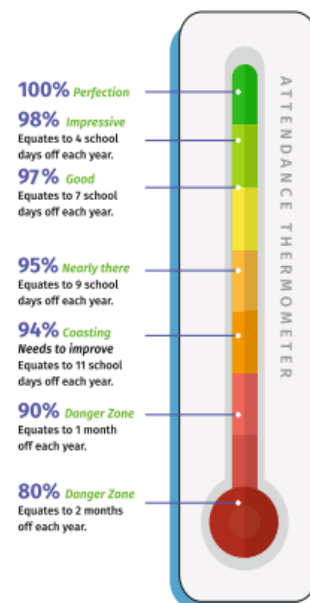
Love God, love our community, share kindness.



Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 03/10/2025	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 10/10/2025	Lates
St Teresa	96.5%	3	92%	2
St Patrick	90%	5	96.1%	6
St Andrew	94.2%	2	91.5%	1
St David	92.6%	1	96.7%	2
St George	98.7%	0	95.2%	1
	Well done to St George's class who achieved the highest attendance this week.		Well done to St David's class who achieved the highest attendance this week.	
Overall attendance	94.5%		94.3%	

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: 10/10/25	W/E: 17/10/25
St Teresa	Hannah for showing up every day with a positive attitude and giving 100% effort in every lesson.	Oskar for fantastic reading skills in phonics and also having a positive attitude and being ready to learn.
St Patrick	Leo for outstanding engagement and effort during math lessons, especially when recalling number bonds and his 10 times tables. Dominic for outstanding effort in his big write and taking great pride in his artwork.	Piper for excellent engagement in all lessons and trying hard to be more independent.
St Andrew	Danni for always trying her best with written tasks and taking pride in her work.	Asahd for being an excellent addition to his new class, showing great effort and engagement in every lesson.
St David	Mia for being an excellent role model in class and an absolute joy to teach. Mia always shows such a positive attitude to her learning.	Alisha for trying super hard in her guided reading and English. She is more confidently putting her hand up in lessons and showing outstanding effort!
St George	Henry for greatly improved attitude to learning.	Wiktoria for 100% effort in every lesson.



Sports Personality Award

Class	W/E: 10/10/25	W/E: 17/10/25
St Teresa	Joseph for fantastic listening skills and good balance.	Willow for following instructions and being an amazing partner.
St Patrick	Jude for excellent listening and engagement during PE lessons and showing good sporting behaviours.	Clover for showing great throwing/catching and defending skills.
St Andrew	Laila for working well as part of a team.	Charlotte for excellent engagement during the football match in PE, showing great effort and fantastic team spirit.
St David	Annalise for great dribbling skills in football.	Matilda for being a brilliant team player and showing great leadership, in PE and at breaktimes and lunchtimes.
St George	Morgan for working effectively to organise the team to stop the opposition from scoring and for showing good leadership skills.	Miya for super dodging to create a space to run through during rugby.



Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement 22/09/25	Pupil's Name	Statement 29/09/25
St Teresa	Hannah	I respect and look after my own and other people's belongings.	Oskar	I can say thank you to God.
St Patrick	Bea		Lenny	
St Andrew	Orla		Laila	
St David	Mia		Layla	
St George	Adam		Morgan	



Year 5 & 6 Football Friendly



At the beginning of the week, some of our Year 5 and 6 children participated in a football friendly. There were some excellent attacking performances and great defensive skills, all children involved never stopped running from the first whistle to the final one and they gave everything they had.

Thank you to all the parents (and children) who came to support and cheer on the team!
Well done everyone!

Copley Football Friendly



A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 football team who played courageously with great spirit against difficult competition. Although we lost by a considerable margin, the team showed amazing tactics, teamwork and determination. We are so proud of them. Well done!



GET INVOLVED

JOIN THE PTA

🌟 Exciting news! We're launching our brand new PTA and you're invited to be part of something amazing! 🇬🇧

Join us for tea, biscuits, and brilliant ideas on Tuesday 4th November at 2:45pm (just before Parents' Evening). 🍪 🍪

Together, we can make our school the best place possible for our children! ★ Your energy, ideas, and enthusiasm are exactly what we need to create magical experiences for our pupils. ✨

Can't make it but are interested? No worries! Contact the school office and chat with Mrs Murphy, Mrs Gibson, or myself - we'd love to hear from you! 📞

Looking forward to starting this fantastic journey together!

- Mr Kowalski

Reminder~ 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. Parents/Carers are invited to attend on Friday 24th October at 9.00am.

Any support you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Mr Kowalski
Headteacher

Reminder~ 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

Do you know a family with children looking for a school for September?

Applications are through the Doncaster Council Admissions website.

The closing date for Reception applications is 15th January 2026.



[Please click on the following link:](https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/primary-admissions)

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Rosary Challenge with the Mark 10 Mission



As October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, all classes have been taking part in the Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge, praying a decade of the Holy Rosary each weekday in October. If you would like to take part in this challenge at home, please follow the QR code for more information.



Taking time for our Mental Health on World Mental Health Day

To recognise the importance of looking after our mental health, on 10th October (World Mental Health Day), all classes were treated to a mindfulness music-making session, making music using Boomwhackers. The children thoroughly enjoyed it- as did the staff!



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 Information for Year 6

The national closing date for secondary school applications is 31st of October 2025; the announcement date is 2nd of March 2026. All applications made by this date will be considered together.

Applications received after the 31st of October will be dealt with after the offer day and if we never receive an application the child will be given a place at the nearest school with spaces. This may not be the child's catchment school.

PLEASE ensure that you have submitted your application by the deadline to ensure the best chance of securing your first choice schools.

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.

Dojo Dash Day – Wednesday 22nd October

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



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

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Wednesday 22 nd October	DOJO Dash Day
Friday 24 th October	Harvest Festival Celebration – 9.00am (Parents/Carers invited)
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
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026
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