




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

13th October 2023

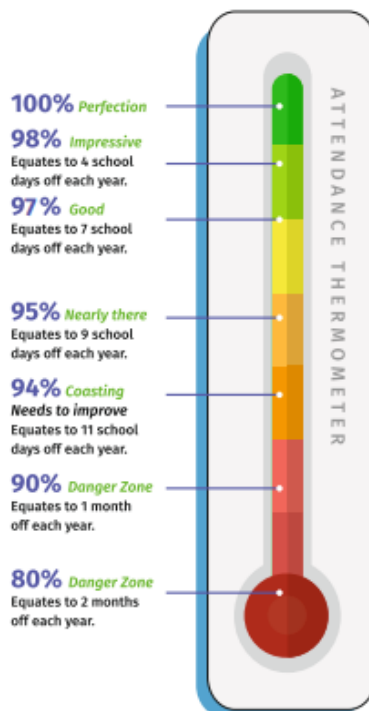


Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 06/10/2023	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 13/10/2023	Lates
St Teresa	92.9%	0	94.3%	6
St Patrick	91.1%	2	97.9%	3
St Andrew	99.3%	0	97.2%	1
St David	92.8%	2	96.2%	5
St George	91.7%	2	97.9%	3
	Well done to St David's class who achieved the highest attendance of the week!		Well done to St Patrick and St George's classes who achieved the highest attendance of the week!	
Overall attendance	93.56%		95.5%	

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.

How good is your Attendance?



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



Dojo Dash Day – Friday 20th October

Dojo dash will be Friday 20th October and the whole school theme is animals.

Dress up for a parade as your favourite zoo, farm or other animal and then take part in a whole range of animal antics for the afternoon!

Please don't go out to buy something new, find a onesie in your cupboard or try and create a costume out of something you already have! If you are struggling, I can print an animal mask for you to decorate at home and wear on the day.

It will be a fun filled day!



Flu Immunisations – Tuesday 14th November

The School Age Immunisation Team will be delivering Flu vaccinations in school on the 14/11/23. 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/106769FLU239949>

If your child is absent on the day we will be returning to school on 29/11/23. You can also access one of the Health Bus sessions displayed on the Flu letter page.

If you would like a paper copy of the consent form please contact Mrs Middleton in the office.



National Coalmining Museum
St Andrew's class have had a fabulous time today at the National Coalmining Museum.



Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement	Class	Pupil's Name	Statement
St Teresa's	Arthur	I respect and look after my own belongings.	St Teresa's	Thomas	I can say thank you to God.
St Patrick's	Freya		St Patrick's	Evelyn	
St Andrew's	Jayden		St Andrew's	Kacper	
St David's	Ellie		St David's	Wiktor	
St George's	Natalia		St George's	Sapphire S	

Head of School Awards

Class	W/E: 06/10/2023	W/E: 13/10/2023
St Teresa	Harlie and Mia M for fantastic effort, enthusiasm and engagement in all learning activities.	Victor for amazing effort and resilience when learning to write his name.
St Patrick	Adley for having a fantastic transition into our school and showing amazing effort and engagement in all lessons.	Myla for fantastic listening skills and always trying her hardest in all lessons.
St Andrew	Eve for always having a positive attitude and showing great effort in all lessons.	Matilda for always taking care to produce her neatest handwriting during all tasks and taking pride in the presentation of her work.
St David	Karol for amazing leadership skills and collaboration during orienteering and Harrison for incredible resilience during our fire lighting activity in Austerfield	Valentina for always being ready to learn, trying her best and never giving up!
St George	Beth For showing resilience in difficult lessons	Alkim for being an amazing buddy.



Sports Personality Award

Class	WE: 22/09/2023	WE: 29/09/23
St Teresa	Jacob for good listening and having the confidence to demonstrate skills.	Isla for fantastic control and balance using the bean bag.
St Patrick	Dylan for showing brilliant control of the ball when dribbling and passing.	Dalton for excellent teamwork and being supportive to everyone in class.
St Andrew	Abbigail for showing brilliant teamwork and being able to pass the ball to her partner with control.	Elsie for great teamwork and leadership skills to solve problems during team games.
St David	Adam for keeping the ball close when dribbling and passing to a partner with control.	Hannah for excellent collaboration, listing skills and always trying her best.
St George	Felicia for closing down space to stop attackers from scoring points.	Amber-Louise for showing brilliant participation and listening throughout the whole lesson.

Reminders

Nursery Applications - September 2024

If your child will be three before 31st August 2024 and you are wanting to apply for a place for your child or know somebody else who would like to apply, please contact Mrs Middleton in the school office to get the relevant application forms.

Reception Applications – September 2024

You can now apply for admission into reception for September 2024 via the Doncaster Council admissions website, www.doncaster.gov.uk/admissions.

The closing date for Reception applications is **Monday 15th January 2024**

Secondary Applications – September 2024

Online applications for September 2024 are now live. The closing date is **Tuesday 31st October 2023**.

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 for this half-term

Monday	St Andrew - Basketball	3.25-4.25pm
Tuesday	St Patrick – Multi skills	3.25-4.25pm
Wednesday	St David & St George - Basketball	3.25-4.25pm
Thursday	St David & St George - Dodgeball	3.25-4.25pm

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

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
13 th October	St Andrew's class visit to the National Coalmining Museum.
16 th October	St David and St George's Classes visit to Murton Park

17 th October	St Teresa's Reception visit to Eastfield Farm – pumpkin picking
30 th October	St George's parents evening phone calls 1-6pm.
1 st November	St Patrick & St David parents evening phone calls 1-6pm.
2 nd November	St Andrew parents evening phone calls 1-6pm
7 th November	St Teresa's class parents evening phone calls.
14 th November	Flu vaccines (nasal sprays)
13 th December	St Teresa's Nativity – 2.30pm
14 th December	Grandparents party – 2.00pm.
19 th December	St Patrick & St Andrew Nativity – 2.30pm
19 th December	Christmas dinner day
21 st December	St David & St George carol concert – 2.30pm

Please note the change of date for St George's class parents evening phone calls.

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