




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

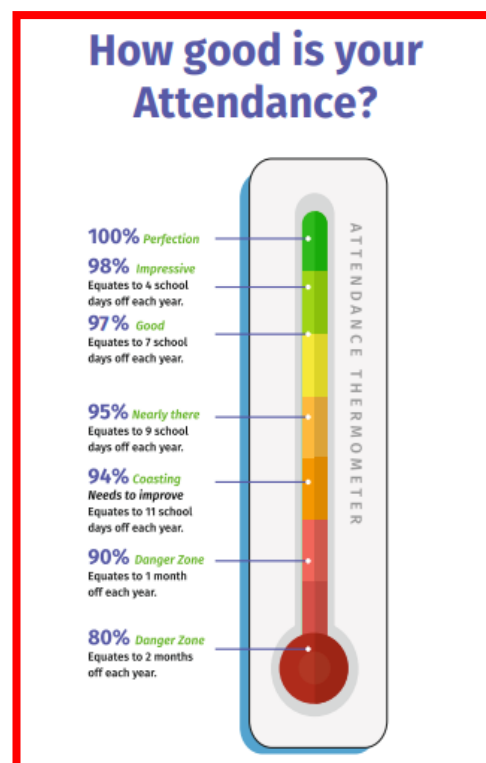
16th January 2026

Love God, love our community, share kindness.



Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 19/12/25	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 9/1/26	Lates
St Teresa	99%	0	97%	2
St Patrick	87.9%	4	96.4%	12
St Andrew	98.9%	11	96.2%	7
St David	92.6%	5	88.5%	6
St George	94.2%	2	94.5%	0
	Well done to St Teresa'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	94.5%		94.5%	



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.

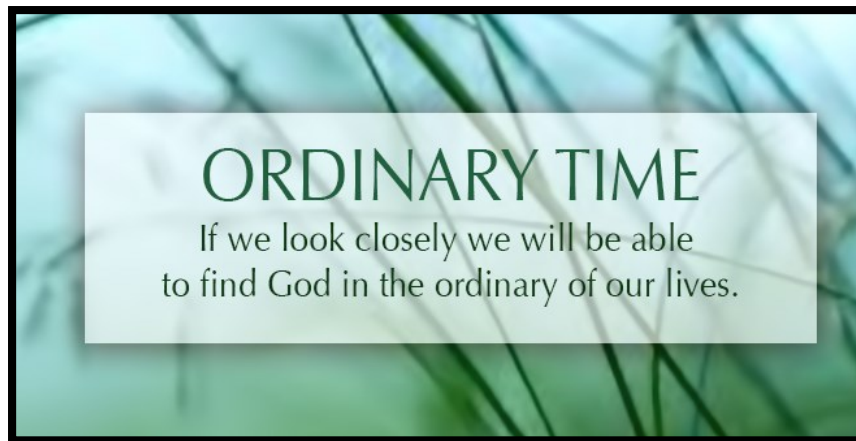
Let's work together to consistently get above 96%.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year and a new term. We have had a brilliant start to the year; the children have come back very settled and are working hard to start the new term on a positive note.

As we move from Christmas into Ordinary Time, we think about how we can do ordinary things well and live as Jesus wants us.

We have an exciting term coming up, so please look out for events on here and on Class Dojo.



The Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany Father Emanuel came into school on Tuesday 6th January to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. It was a lovely celebration where the three kings were in attendance presenting gifts to Jesus.

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe

This week, we had an NSPCC assembly to promote ways our pupils can keep themselves safe and speak out if they have a worry.

We look forward to welcoming the NSPCC in to lead our Year 2 and year 6 pupils in workshops on this topic next week.

Exciting Partnership with Hatfield and Askern Colliery Band



We are delighted to share that Hatfield and Askern Colliery Band have agreed to work with school to run a school brass band, teaching up to 10 children a musical instrument for free.

This is an amazing opportunity for our children in Key Stage 2 to learn a musical instrument and be a part of the community's colliery band heritage.

The band have kindly agreed to showcase what their musical skills and perform for us at a special assembly this Friday at 2.45pm.

If you are interested in your Key Stage 2 child being considered for this opportunity, please make sure your child brings back the application form.

Workshops for Parents

As a school, we appreciate how difficult it is to keep up-to-date with and support your children to navigate the digital world.

To help with this, we've teamed up with Doncaster Skills Hub and have arranged for a free 4-week course called 'Navigating your Child's Digital Life' to be delivered in school on the dates below:

25th February 1.05pm~3.05pm

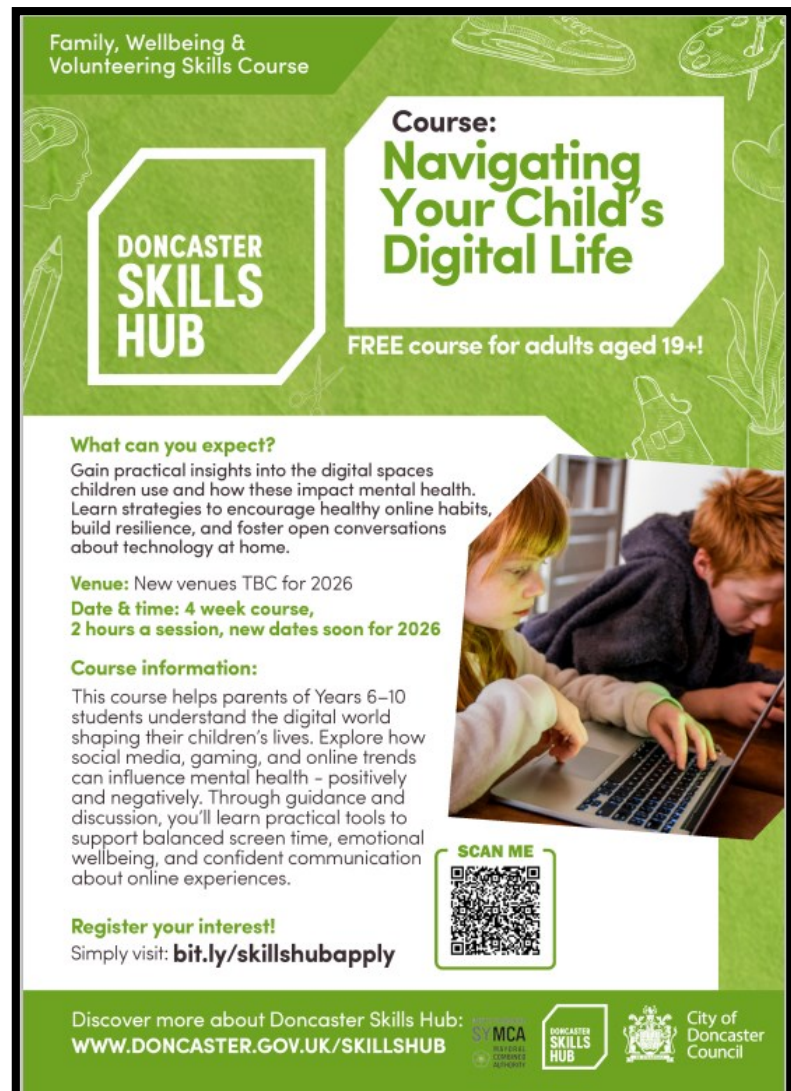
4th March 1.05pm~3.05pm

11th March 1.05pm~3.05pm

18th March 1.05pm~3.05pm

We hope you are able to sign up on the QR code below and that you find it of interest.

We hope this will be the first of many courses for parents being offered through school, so please support it if you are interested are able to do so.



Family, Wellbeing & Volunteering Skills Course

DONCASTER SKILLS HUB

Course:
Navigating Your Child's Digital Life

FREE course for adults aged 19+!

What can you expect?
Gain practical insights into the digital spaces children use and how these impact mental health. Learn strategies to encourage healthy online habits, build resilience, and foster open conversations about technology at home.

Venue: New venues TBC for 2026
Date & time: 4 week course, 2 hours a session, new dates soon for 2026

Course information:
This course helps parents of Years 6–10 students understand the digital world shaping their children's lives. Explore how social media, gaming, and online trends can influence mental health – positively and negatively. Through guidance and discussion, you'll learn practical tools to support balanced screen time, emotional wellbeing, and confident communication about online experiences.

Register your interest!
Simply visit: bit.ly/skillshubapply

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First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion Letters have been sent out with the children in Year 3 who are baptised Catholics, with information regarding preparation for making their First Holy Communion. Any other Catholic children in years 4, 5 or 6 who have not made their First Holy Communion and wish to then letters and application forms can be obtained from the school office.

Headteacher Awards

Class	W/E: 09/01/26	W/E: 16/01/26
St Teresa	Joseph for being an amazing role model in all aspects of school life.	Anastazja for fantastic effort and engagement in phonics.
St Patrick	Jude for excellent effort and engagement with practising his sounds and returning to school with a positive attitude.	Gabriella for returning to school with a positive attitude and putting 100% effort into her learning and building her independence.
St Andrew	Dalton for a fabulous start to the new year in maths lessons, showing great effort and engagement.	
St David	Ariana for persevering during our skipping lesson. Also for completing brilliant writing for a persuasive letter.	Evelyn for you have made such a positive change this week and outstanding effort in your work. Well done!
St George	Morgan for listening really well and for participating in discussions – especially in reading.	Pola for not wasting a single second of learning time.



Sports Personality Award

Class	W/E: 09/01/26	W/E: 16/01/26
St Teresa	Zofia for showing fantastic gymnastic skills.	Hannah for amazing gymnastic skills, creating and holding shapes whilst on apparatus.
St Patrick	Leo for showing superb variety of different travels using high, low, fast and slow movements.	Isla for showing impressive creativeness to create different ways to travel.
St Andrew	Danni for showing fantastic body tension to keep her body still while practicing balances.	Orla for showing superb listening and partner work in order to create different balances.
St David	Fletcher for amazing resilience to keep going at skipping leading to him completing all the challenges set.	Laila for showing fantastic partner work to create unique balances.
St George	Leon for showing resilience and fantastic team spirit when playing football at dinner time.	Mia K for showing resilience when trying to master badminton serve in after school club.



Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement 5/1/26
St Teresa	Thomas	I ask God to guide me in my life.
St Patrick	Mikolaj	
St Andrew	Jacob	
St David	Laila	
St George	Roisin	

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

New list- St Joseph & St Teresa's School Holidays 2026-27

School re-opens	School closes at the end of the school day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Tuesday 5 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

Training Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 19th July 2027

Tuesday 20th July 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Week beginning Monday 19 th January 2026	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 28 th January	Crucial Crew – Year 6
Friday 30 th January	Young Voices
Wednesday 11 th February	National Coal Mining Museum – St Andrew's
Monday 23 rd February - Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Year 6 – PGL Residential
Tuesday 24 th February	St David's Class Mass – 9.00am (parents/carers invited)
Week beginning 2 nd March Reading Cafes	Times to be advised
Tuesday 3 rd March	St George's Class Mass – 9.00am (parents/carers invited)
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day – children invited to dress as their favourite book character
Tuesday 10 th March	St Andrew's Class Mass – 9.00am (parents/carers invited)
Thursday 19 th March	Parents Evening – 3.45pm – 6.30pm
Holy Week Activities	Times to be advised
Tuesday 24 th March	Lent-themed St Patrick's Stay & Play – Time to be confirmed
Tuesday 24 th March	Parents Evening – 3.45pm – 6.30pm
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