



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

5th September 2025

Love God, love our community, share kindness.




Welcome to the start of this new academic year!

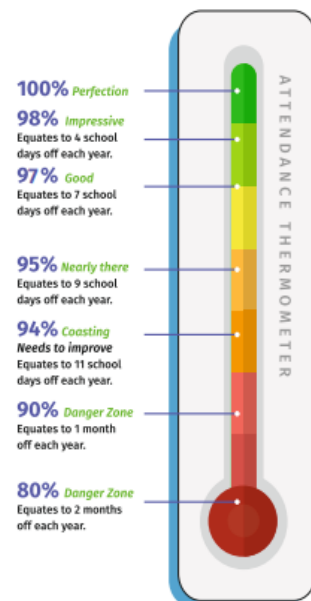
A warm welcome to everyone and especially to the new starters to our school and their families.

Mr Kowalski would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers for their support in getting the children into school on time and for looking very smart in their new uniforms. Thank you.

Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 05/09/2025	Lates
St Teresa	98.3%	1
St Patrick	87.4%	0
St Andrew	92.3%	1
St David	98.8%	3
St George	96.8%	1
 Well done to St David's class who achieved the highest attendance this week.		
Overall attendance	94.7%	

How good is your Attendance?



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.

School Matters!



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 Mrs Collins 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.



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/yTTngJy71icnGJy5>

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

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After School Clubs for half-term – Autumn 1

Monday	To be confirmed	3.25-4.25pm
Tuesday	To be confirmed	3.25-4.25pm
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Wednesday	To be confirmed	3.25-4.25pm
Thursday	To be confirmed	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
Monday 8 th September	St Teresa's Class – Welcome Meeting at 3.35pm (parents/carers invited)
Tuesday 9 th September	Welcome Mass – Reception Children at 9.15am (parents/carers invited)
Tuesday 9 th September	St Patrick & St George Classes – Welcome Meeting at 3.35pm (parents/carers invited)
Wednesday 10 th September	St Andrew's Class – Welcome Meeting at 3.35pm (parents/carers invited)
Thursday 11 th September	St David's Class – Welcome Meeting at 3.35pm (parents/carers invited)
Monday 6 th October	Individual school photographs and siblings
Friday 30 th January	Young Voices
Monday 23 rd February ~ Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Year 6 – Residential

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