




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

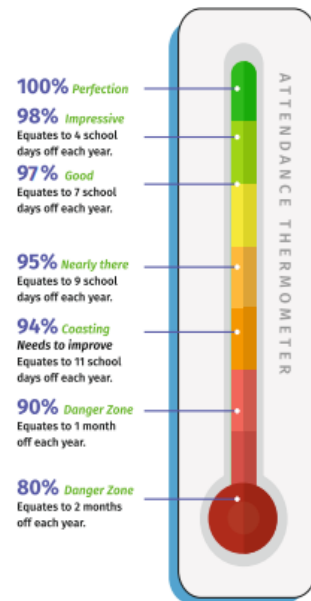
15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



### Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 08/12/2023	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 15/12/2023	Lates
St Teresa	96.7%	10	98.1%	3
St Patrick	96.7%	5	88.1%	3
St Andrew	97.2%	5	93.1%	4
St David	94.3%	5	88.6%	2
St George	94.5%	3	94.1%	2
	Well done to St Andrew's class who have achieved the highest attendance of the week!		Well done to St Teresa's class who have achieved the highest attendance of the week!	
Overall attendance	95.88%		92.4%	

### How good is your Attendance?



### School Matters!



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 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](http://www.sjst.co.uk)



## Advent

Sunday will be the third week in Advent.  
We continue our journey through Advent through our daily reflections in class and the Travelling Cribs have been sent home (giving families an opportunity to pray and reflect together).



### St Patrick & St Andrew's Classes Nativity

St Patrick and St Andrew's classes will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.

Admission is by ticket only.

### Christmas Dinner & Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December

This year's Christmas dinner is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and everyone is welcome to have a dinner on that day. Meals are free for pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 and those entitled to free school meals. Everyone else should pay on ParentPay in advance. The cost of a school meal is £2.75.

We would also like children to wear a Christmas Jumper with their uniform on that day and invite them to donate £1 to Save the Children. This should be paid on ParentPay.



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### Dojo Dash Day

Dojo Dash day is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform.

### Christmas Party Day

This year's Christmas party day is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Children are invited to come to school wearing their party clothes.

### St David & St George's Classes Nativity

St David & St George's Classes will be performing their Nativity, The Donkey's Christmas, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm.

Admission is by ticket only.





### 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.

### Grandparents Party

Thank you to all those grandparents who were able to attend our party. The children performed and sang beautifully, what an enjoyable afternoon!

Thank you to our Year 6 children who were serving our grandparents tea and coffee.





## Doncaster Rovers

Thank you to Ian Lawlor and Liam Hoden from Doncaster Rovers Football Team who came into to school to present 10 of our children with VIP tickets to a match in January.



## Head of School Awards      Sports Personality Award

Class	W/E: 08/12/23	W/E: 08/12/23
St Teresa	<b>Lilian</b> for amazing effort and resilience when recognising her set 1 sounds.	<b>Raiya</b> for showing amazing balance and concentration in order to not fall over.
St Patrick	Layla C for being a positive role model and showing fantastic effort and engagement in all lessons.	<b>Fletcher</b> for showing brilliant listening skills, quickness to be ready and performance of different gymnastic shapes.
St Andrew	<b>Jake</b> for always being ready to learn, giving his best effort and being an excellent role model to his peers.	<b>Abbigail</b> for showing brilliant teamwork skills and making sure everyone in the after-school club got a turn at scoring.
St David	<b>Mia K</b> for ALWAYS going above and beyond in her attitude to learning.	<b>Niamh</b> for showing amazing effort and resilience at the basketball competition.
St George	<b>Parker</b> for tackling tasks with a positive attitude and for being a great role model to his peers.	<b>Parker</b> for showing courage when climbing the apparatus.



## Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement	Pupil's Name	Statement
St Teresa's	<b>Danni</b>	<b>I can wait and I can use strategies to keep myself calm.</b>	<b>Victor</b>	<b>I am patient with myself when I make mistakes and with others when they make mistakes.</b>
St Patrick's	<b>Mia</b>		<b>Charlotte</b>	
St Andrew's	<b>Chantaleese</b>		<b>Elizabeth</b>	
St David's	<b>Ellie</b>		<b>Aiden</b>	
St George's	<b>James</b>		<b>William</b>	

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> December	St Patrick & St Andrew Nativity – 2.30pm.
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner day.
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Dojo Dash day – Non-uniform.
21 <sup>st</sup> December	St David & St George Nativity – 2.30pm.
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Party afternoon. Children are invited to wear their party clothes.
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes at 3.25pm for the Christmas Holiday.
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School re-opens after the Christmas Holiday at 8.45am.
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Closing date for Reception 2024 admission applications

### 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](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/admissions).

The closing date for Reception applications is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### 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

**Please note the new days for after school clubs**

Monday	St Patrick - Football	3.25-4.25pm
Tuesday	St David & St George – Badminton	3.25-4.25pm
Wednesday	St David & St George - Basketball	3.25-4.25pm
Thursday	St Andrew - Football	3.25-4.25pm

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

St Joseph & St Teresa's School holidays 2023-2024

These dates include the training days

School re-opens	School closes
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

Bank holidays: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Training Days: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024