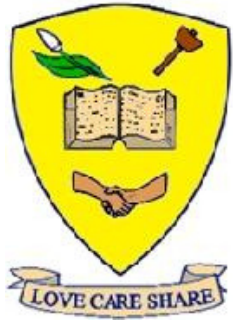




St Joseph's NEWSLETTER



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Friday 25th September 2026

OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP

This week we thought about fairness. We listened to the story about some workers who all received the same wage despite working different lengths of time. Some of them were not happy!

In this story, Jesus is showing us that God's idea of fairness (sometimes we use the word justice), is different from ours. God's fairness is about making sure that every single person gets what they need, no matter what their situation.

God gives us what we need and not just what others think we deserve. God is generous and created a world with enough for absolutely everyone.

We need to ensure that everyone gets a fair share.

*Lord Jesus,
we give thanks for your generosity and love.
Help us to take no more than we need,
to share all that we have and to work together
for change so that the world becomes a fairer place
for everyone.
Amen.*



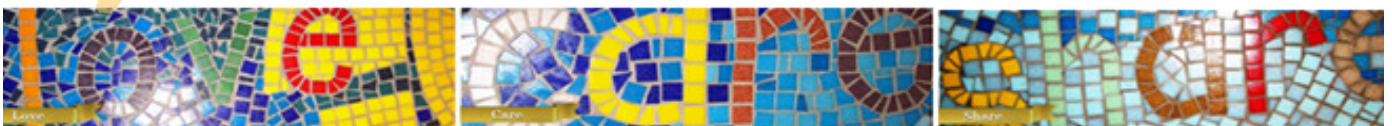
Our Virtue: LOVE OF LEARNING
I am enthusiastic and excited to learn!



This week's virtue

winners:

St Therese: Neveah
St Francis: Zakariya
St Peter: Louie
St Vincent de Paul: Jacob
St Josephine: Joseph



NEWS:

Class	Attendance this week:	Attendance to date this year:
St Thérèse	96.54	97.74
St Francis	 99.64	97.93
St Peter	97.1	96.68
St Vincent de Paul	97.42	 98.58
St Josephine	97.58	96.08
Whole school	97.64	97.34

This week's
ATTENDANCE

GOLD MEDALS

Class		Gold Medals Leader Board:
St Thérèse	24	
St Francis	 39	
St Peter	36	
St Vincent de Paul	25	
St Josephine	20	

Weekly News:

This week we have truly got into the swing of the new year! Our new Reception children and new pupils have all settled into their new school really well. They are enjoying their learning and making new friends.

Thank you to Mrs Beckett for organising a special Table Tennis afternoon! All of the children had a go at the sport and enjoyed trying to keep the ball on the table!

It is National Teaching Assistant Day today! We wholeheartedly thank all of our support staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of our children.

They support the children's learning, they support the teaching staff and they help the children have fun, offering smiles and emotional support whenever needed. We really couldn't operate without them. If you see one of our wonderful TAs in school, please do give them a smile and a little appreciation!



Please can we remind parents that children should not bring toys into school. This includes squishes, fidgets and plush cuddly toys without prior agreement with our SENDCo, Mrs Woodward.

If you are worried or concerned about the safeguarding of any of our pupils, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Robinson, Miss Lister or Miss Leach who are our safeguarding leaders. Any other concerns should be raised with the class teacher.

CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

This week, the children across the school have been talking about Creation, God's gift to us all. We have been thinking about how we can look after our world and everyone and everything in it.

The children have thought about what actions we can take to take better care of the planet. Our new Laudato Leaders have made an action plan about how to help our school environment. This term, they will be looking after the plants, litter picking, turning off unnecessary electrical equipment and recycling paper in the school.

They are going to encourage everyone to be good 'stewards' like Sofia the Sloth!



Congratulations to our Mini Vinnies who attended a special commissioning Mass at Leeds Cathedral. Their work for the benefit of others is so important and it is lovely that they were thanked by the diocese and the SVP.

A special thank you to Anne McArthur, the Parish SVP Chair, who works with our children to help them develop in their role.

Well done everyone!!

This Friday, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning straight after our Celebration of the Word, and we would love our parents, carers and families to join us! Our School Council will be helping to organise and run the morning as we come together as a school community to raise money for this very worthwhile cause.



To help make our Coffee Morning a success, we would be very grateful for donations of cakes, buns, biscuits or other sweet treats that we can sell on the morning. Donations can be brought into school before Friday or on Friday morning. Please remember that we are a nut-free school!

After Celebration of the Word, please stay for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat - and help us raise as much as we can! All money raised will be donated directly to Macmillan Cancer Support, helping them to continue providing vital support to people living with cancer and their families.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

UNIFORM:

I am writing to clarify our expectations regarding earrings and jewellery during PE, swimming and sporting activities. For safety reasons, earrings are NOT permitted during PE lessons, swimming sessions or sporting events. All earrings, including small studs, must be completely removed before children can take part.

Previously, we have permitted stud earrings to be covered with tape or plasters. However, current safe-practice guidance from the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) is clear that jewellery should be removed for physical activity. Covering earrings with tape or plasters does not remove the risk of injury and is therefore not an acceptable alternative.

To ensure that our approach is consistent with appropriate health and safety expectations, we have also sought advice from the Trust's Health and Safety Team. They have confirmed that earrings, including studs, should be completely removed for PE and sporting activities and should not simply be covered with tape or plasters. We will therefore be following this advice consistently across school.

This is not simply a uniform requirement; it is an important safety measure. Earrings can cause injury if they become caught on clothing, equipment or another person, or if a child is struck by a ball or involved in a collision. The requirement is in place to protect both the child wearing the jewellery and other pupils taking part.

All jewellery must therefore be removed before PE. Wherever possible, we strongly recommend that children do not wear earrings or other jewellery to school on their PE days. This avoids difficulties removing them before the lesson and also reduces the risk of items being lost.

Please be aware that school staff cannot remove earrings on behalf of pupils. Children who wear earrings to school must therefore be able to remove them independently before participating in PE.

Newly pierced ears need a period of time in which earrings cannot safely be removed. For this reason, we strongly recommend that any new ear piercings are carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays, allowing sufficient healing time before children return to school.

If a child is unable to remove their earrings, for example because they have been newly pierced, they will not be able to participate physically in the PE lesson. They will instead be given an appropriate alternative role or learning activity, such as observing, coaching or officiating, until the earrings can be safely removed.

We recognise that this represents a change from our previous practice of allowing earrings to be taped and that this may require some adjustment for families. However, having reviewed the current guidance and sought advice from the Trust's Health and Safety Team, we believe it is important that we apply this safety expectation consistently for all pupils.

Thank you for your understanding and, most importantly, for working with us to ensure that all of our children can take part in PE and sporting activities safely and confidently.

Our school based wraparound care club,

'The Rainbow Club' is **OPEN!**

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR OUR WRAPAROUND CARE CLUB! PLACES ARE FLEXIBLE AND CAN BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE OR ON A SHORTER, DAILY NEED.

You will be able to relax in the knowledge that your children are safe in school from 7:30am to 6pm! Please see the leaflet below, speak to the office or check the website for further information. Please contact the office to book your place.

Don't forget, everyone can have a free taster session!



FREE TRIAL!

THE RAINBOW CLUB

IN-SCHOOL WRAPAROUND CARE

Activities Include:	Special Features:
• Playing outside • Arts & Crafts • Projects • Team Sports & Games • Water Fun Days • Baking • Jigsaws & Games	• Experienced staff, employed by the school • Healthy Snacks and tea provided • Flexible Scheduling Options • Free trial places • Discounts for siblings • Childcare vouchers accepted

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TICKET TO FUN
GOLDEN TICKET

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BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL SESSION

PLEASE BOOK AT THE OFFICE!

2026

Summer Holidays in numbers



1620 Hours of Fun
X 6 venues

665

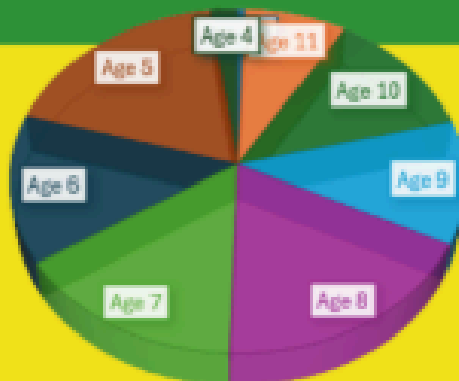
Children

Thank you to all the amazing children and families who joined us and the Kanga Team for making this summer so special

Ages of Children Attending

★ 125

Star of the Day
Certificates awarded



141



Funded places offered
each day



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

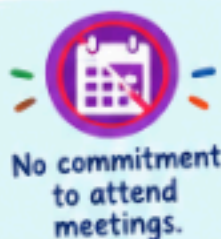
Can you help us arrange one of our
fantastic school events?



Just a few hours of your time could make

♥ **ALL THE CHILDREN** ♥
OF OUR SCHOOL
SO HAPPY! ♥

By giving up just a few hours to arrange one of these
events, you'll be creating memories, smiles and fun
for every child in our school.



It's a small
investment
of your time...
with a huge
reward!



Contact the PFA
to find out more information.



COMMUNITY NEWS:

BINGLEY BITES FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL KIDS BAKING COMPETITION

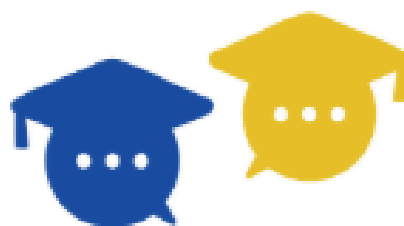
Drop your entry to us at the
market square by midday on
Saturday 26th September

Bakes will be judged by our friends at Hedgehog
Organics
prizes to be won

**Winners announced at
2.30pm**

Age group categories:
Under 7 years old
Age 7-12
teens 13-18





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