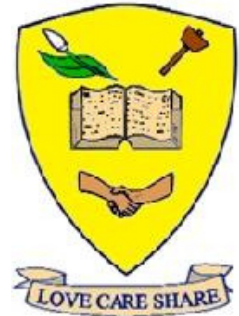




St Joseph's NEWSLETTER



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Friday 23rd October 2026

OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP

On Monday, we reflected upon the Transfiguration of Jesus, when His divine glory shone brightly before Peter, James and John. In that special moment, the disciples were reminded of who Jesus truly was and heard the words, *"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."* (Mark 9:7)

In the busyness of family life, it can be easy to forget to pause and listen to Jesus. The Transfiguration invites us to make space for prayer, to recognise God's light in the people around us, and to let that light shine through our own words and actions. As parents, we might reflect on how we can help our children to notice God's presence in the ordinary moments of each day.

*Lord Jesus,
You revealed Your glory to Your disciples
and filled their hearts with wonder.
Help us to pause and listen to Your voice,
especially when life feels busy or difficult.
Open our eyes to see Your light in one another,
and help us to reflect Your love through our words and actions.
Amen*



Our Virtue: CITIZENSHIP I look for opportunities to serve others



The final week of examining 'citizenship' has looked at how we help each other. The children who have won the award this week have gone out of their way to help others - children and adults in school.

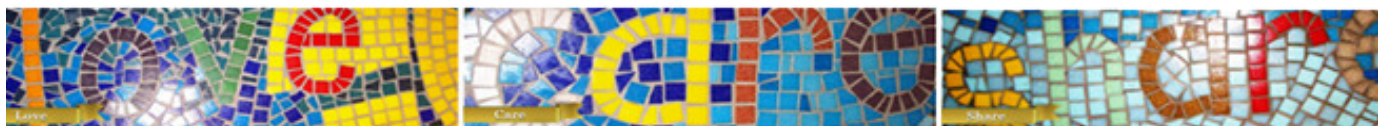
They have put others' needs before their own, they have offered their services, they have given generously of their time. These children are role models to others and we are very proud of them - well done everyone!

This week's virtue winners:

St Therese: Ruby
St Francis: Theo
St Peter: Robert
St Vincent: Marina
St Josephine: Peter

Half term raffle winners:

Umayya
Georgie
Mia
Anabelle
Hamza



NEWS:

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	% ATTENDANCE TO DATE
St Therese	 99.17	97.79
St Francis	98.93	97.69
St Peter	98.39	 97.86
St Vincent	97.1	97.47
St Josephine	96.06	96.36
WHOLE SCHOOL	97.82	97.38

This week's
ATTENDANCE

GOLD MEDALS

CLASS	GOLD MEDALS	LEADER BOARD
St Therese	23	 
St Francis	26	
St Peter	31	
St Vincent	30	
St Josephine	32	  

Weekly News:

Next half term Just a reminder that next half term starts on **TUESDAY 3rd November** as there is a whole Trust training day so staff will be having INSET on the Monday.

St Josephine and St Therese have met this afternoon so the children can spend some time with their **buddies!** They have had great fun playing and talking with each other. Thank you to the children in St Josephine for looking after their buddy so far this term and really helping the little ones feel welcomed and settled in their new school. You have played a really important role in this and we are so proud of your kindness and sense of responsibility.

Years 5 and 6 have had 'Bikeability' this week, learning how to stay safe whilst riding their bikes in the local area. They have enjoyed the experience and learnt how to keep themselves safe. Don't forget to wear your helmets when riding your bike everyone!

Our favourite '**Toastie Friday**' is making a come back! From November 6th, toast will be available to buy at breaktime in school - 50p each slice. Please bring cash in to school on the Friday morning if you want some!

Parents of children Y2 upwards, please check your inboxes for an important letter from Miss Lister regarding some changes to **spelling homework**. Thank you.

You may be aware that we had some issues with the Launchpad group who ran our **football club** for KS1 and KS2. We have now swapped providers so this should run smoothly next half term! Unfortunately, we have had some issues managing the refunds through parent pay for some parents for missed sessions. This should be resolved the first week back next half term. We appreciate this is frustrating and we thank you greatly for your continued patience while we chase this.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING SPOTLIGHT

As we did last week, we will look at one of our chosen four Catholic Social Teaching principles to explore with you.

This week we will be looking a little closer at the CST principle of 'STEWARSHIP' which fits beautifully with our motto to '**CARE**' for our world and everyone in it.

Stewardship - Caring for God's Creation and Gifts

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." Genesis 2:15

"...the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us." Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

We are responsible for taking care of what God has given us.

This includes:

- The Earth (nature, animals, water, air)
- Other people
- Our talents and abilities
- Money and resources

The Church teaches that the world is a gift from God, and we are caretakers — not owners who can do whatever we want. So we should use things wisely, avoid waste, and protect the environment for future generations.

Pope Francis spoke about caring for "our common home" in his letter Laudato Si', which focuses on protecting the environment and caring for the poor.

At St Joseph's we show we care for creation by:
encouraging recycling and using resources wisely and thoughtfully
taking responsibility for our environment
making environmentally responsible choices
having awe and wonder for the natural world



Take care of the world.

Take care of people.

Use what you have wisely —
don't waste or destroy it.

CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, 'I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me..."

Matthew 25

THANK YOU to everyone who brought in food donations for the Harvest this week. The Friars are very grateful and your generosity will help feed those in our city who are hungry. Well done to the Mini Vinnies who led our liturgy so well and will be going to viit St Patrick's to help sort, prepare and serve the food to the local community. You really are putting your faith into action! Once again, the Mini Vinnies would like to thank everyone for buying buns for their bun sale. They raised £98.00, which will go towards supporting their outreach work.



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.

WELCOME TO BARNEY!

We are delighted to introduce Barney, our lovely golden doodle, who will be trialling visits to St Joseph's!

We are exploring the possibility of training Barney to become a therapy dog, helping to support our children's wellbeing and learning.

Research suggests that having a dog in school can help children feel calmer, reduce stress, encourage positive social interactions and empathy, and support engagement with learning. Although the research is still developing, the findings are very encouraging.

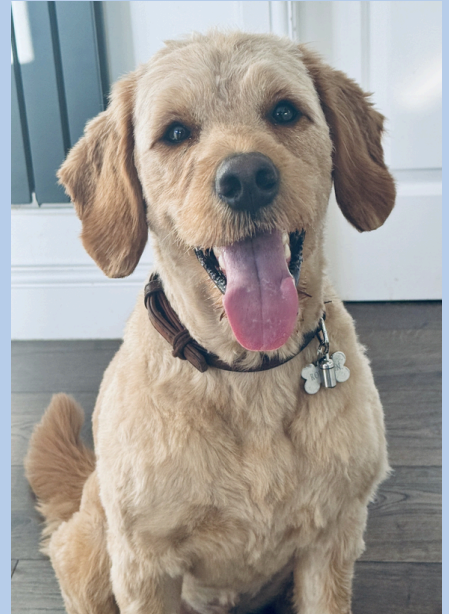
Before Barney's visits, appropriate risk assessments, insurance and safety arrangements are in place, and his visits will be carefully supervised. As a doodle, Barney may be less likely to trigger allergies than some other breeds because of his coat, although no dog can be guaranteed to be allergy-free.

We completely understand that some children may feel nervous around dogs or simply prefer not to be near them. No child will be expected to interact with Barney, and children who do not wish to be near him will be kept well away from him. We want this to be a positive experience for everyone, with the comfort, safety and wellbeing of our children always coming first.

If you have any questions, concerns, or information about your child's allergies, fears or other needs that we should be aware of, here is a link to a google form to complete:

<https://forms.gle/QPGyg8kLHKh3AC228>

We look forward to seeing how Barney settles into life at St Joseph's!



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LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

Required ASAP to work from 11.45 am to 12:45 pm daily.

'Learning with Jesus, to be the best we can be'.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is an outstanding school, committed to 'learning with Jesus, to be the best we can be'. At our school, our children love, care and share. We have wonderful children and extremely dedicated and supportive staff, governors and parents.

We are looking for someone who is friendly and hardworking. You will support the child/ren by:

- Leading and developing play and social skills
- Nurturing and caring for them
- Following the school's behaviour policy
- Supervising children in the dining hall and in the playground or classroom, depending upon weather conditions

We can offer you:

- a school where children feel happy, are motivated and keen to learn
- a dedicated, supportive team of staff and governors
- an opportunity to work in a good school that has a strong, caring Catholic ethos

You will need to be enthusiastic and may have had experience of working with children, but this is not essential.

Applicants are warmly invited to visit the school.

For further details please contact Miss Megan Robertson on 01274 564883.

Applications need to be completed on a Support Staff CES application form which can be requested through the school office.

Closing date: NOON 23rd October 2026, interviews week commencing 2nd November

The school is committed to a rigorous implementation of our safeguarding policy.

All successful applicants are subject to an enhanced DBS check.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

Congratulations to Esme in St Peter's class, who won the PFA Autumn Hamper! Well done!

Thanks so much to everyone for attending the disco this week. The children all looked to have a brilliant time with one overheard saying "best disco ever" - high praise indeed! We are especially pleased with the turnout. We sold around 120 tickets, a fantastic 20% more than discos over recent years. Special thanks go to chef Carl and son for making his famous pizza, Claire for her amazing balloon decorations, and to all the members of Art club for providing bunting decorations, plus the parents who gave up their valuable time to make it possible. Early numbers indicate a fantastic total of £600 raised to help fund school trips, the Christmas treat and other spend on our children's enjoyment at St Joseph's.

If you would like to volunteer your time for any of our events or attend our committee meetings, please contact us via the class WhatsApp groups or ask the office for our telephone number. Just one event helps us hugely!



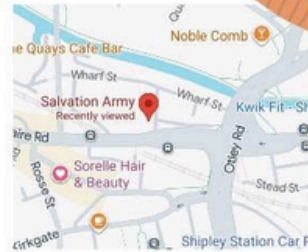
COMMUNITY NEWS:



October Half-Term Event

At The Salvation Army
Small Hall
Rhodes Place
BD17 7DL

****Our Westgate Shop will be closed this week****



Coats • Hats • Gloves • Scarves • Boots

Monday 26th -

12noon - 7.00pm

Tuesday 27th -

9.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 28th -

9.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 29th -

9.00am - 12.30pm

Old-Style (But still wearable)

Logo Items Sale -

The Church School, Baildon

Saltaire Primary School

Wycliffe Primary School

Beckfoot Secondary School (Bingley)

Bingley Grammar School

Immanuel College

Titus Salt School

WE ARE HOLDING OUR OCTOBER HALF-TERM EVENT AT SHIPLEY SALVATION ARMY NEXT WEEK - THIS IS JUST OVER THE MAIN ROAD, IN THE SMALLER COMMUNITY BUILDING NEXT TO THE MAIN BUILDING (WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING BUILDING WORKS). PLEASE SEE THE WALKING ROUTE FROM OUR CURRENT SHOP TO THE SMALL HALL, MARKED IN GREEN BELOW. IT IS LESS THAN A 5 MINUTE WALK - IF YOU ARE UNSURE PLEASE MESSAGE US FOR FURTHER DIRECTIONS. THERE IS VERY LITTLE ON STREET PARKING AT THE MOMENT DUE TO BUILDING & ROAD WORKS, IF YOU PARK ON WHARF STREET PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ONLY FREE FOR 1 HOUR, THE SAME AS OUTSIDE OUR SHOP. THE CARPARK ON WHARF STREET IS NOT OWNED BY US AND IS CHARGEABLE VIA AN APP.

WE ARE OPENING LATE ON MONDAY EVENING TO WIDEN ACCESS TO AS MANY FAMILIES AS POSSIBLE. THERE WILL BE COFFEE/TEA AVAILABLE AND COLOURING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WHILST YOU BROWSE. WE WILL BE MOVING THE UNIFORM SUPPORT SHOP INTO THIS HALL NEXT FEBRUARY, SO COME AND TAKE A SNEAK PEEK.

WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF COATS, HATS, GLOVES, AND ALSO SOME SCARVES AND WINTER BOOTS. EVERYTHING IS ON A FREE OR 'PAY AS YOU CAN AFFORD' CASH DONATION BASIS ONLY AS USUAL, WITH NO MINIMUM DONATION NEEDED.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE LOTS OF OLD-LOGO/OLD-STYLE/OPTIONAL UNIFORM (BUT STILL OK TO WEAR FOR AT LEAST THIS YEAR) FOR THE SCHOOLS LISTED ON THE POSTER BELOW. THIS ALL NEEDS TO GO, SO PLEASE COME AND TAKE AS MUCH OF IT AS YOU WOULD LIKE!

OUR WESTGATE SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HALF-TERM WEEK, BUT IF YOU DROP US A MESSAGE THIS WEEK BEFORE SATURDAY LUNCH TIME, I CAN HAVE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE ITEMS DOWN AT THE HALL FOR YOU TO COLLECT DURING THESE TIMES ALSO.

THANK YOU!"

