

St Joseph's NEWSLETTER

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OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP

On Monday, we reflected upon the Beatitudes. We thought about celebrating all of the saints who followed Jesus' example, like he teaches us in the Beatitudes. We thought about how we could be humble, stand up for righteousness, be peacemakers etc. We thought about ways in which we could show mercy or comfort those in need. The children had some fantastic ways they could follow this teaching, showing love and care in lots of different, if small ways.

Matthew 5:1-12



Dear Jesus,
Thank you for teaching us how to live through the Beatitudes.
Help us to be kind, gentle and forgiving, to bring peace to others and to stand up for what is right.
Guide us to follow the example of the saints, showing love, care and kindness in all that we do.
Help us to be a blessing to others and grow closer to you each day. Amen

Our Virtue: PRAYER

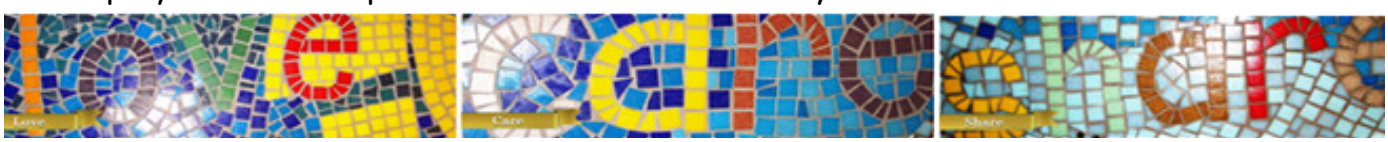
I grow in friendship with God

This half term we are looking at the virtue of 'Prayer'. If you practise this virtue, you spend time with God, listening to God and resting in his presence. You tell God that you love him, that you cherish his tenderness, his closeness in every situation, and his love that protects you. You grow in a loving friendship with God. Your prayer comes from the heart; it is a sign of warm love for God.

This week's winners all demonstrated a care and respect for their prayer and time spent with God. Well done everyone!

This week's virtue winners:

St Therese: Evie
St Francis: Wyatt
St Peter: The whole class!
St Vincent: Annabelle
St Josephine: Tilly



NEWS:

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	
	This week	To date
St Therese	98.44	97.86
St Francis	97.98	97.77
St Peter	92.58	97.9
St Vincent	96.77	97.4
St Josephine	96.97	96.42
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.34	97.4

This week's ATTENDANCE

GOLD MEDALS

CLASS	GOLD MEDALS	LEADER BOARD
St Therese	30	
St Francis	29	
St Peter	17	
St Vincent	23	
St Josephine	13	

Weekly News:

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term break and are raring to go for this half term! It's another long, but an exciting time in the lead up to Advent and Christmas.

This week has been busy! **St Francis** class went to Murton Park on their school trip. They have been learning all about the Stone Age to Iron Age in their history lessons and completed a workshop at Murton Park to reinforce and ignite their learning! Their behaviour on the school trip was exemplary - the adults at the park said they were exceptional and the best class they'd ever had, they really enjoyed working with them. Well done everyone!
St Francis have also had an artist in residence this week. Mr Bullock comes to our school every year to work with our children. This morning, he worked with the children to produce some beautify artwork around Advent and the Nativity. Thank you Mr Bullock!

Remembrance: Poppies and snapbands etc from the Royal British Legion are on sale this week and next week, should children wish to buy one. St Josephine class went to Mass this morning and spent some time with Father Nigel praying for soldiers who have lost their lives in conflict.
Our Faith Leaders will be representing us on Sunday in Bingley's Remembrance Parade. They will march with the parade and leave a wreath from school at the service. Please come down and join us if you can. The Faith Leaders will be leading a Celebration of the Word on 11th November at 9am. All parents and parishioners are welcome to join us for the worship.

St Francis and St Peter's classes enjoyed a very special visit to church to bring their RE learning to life. Lasthalf term, the children learned all about the Sacrament of Baptism, including its special symbols, words and actions. During a visit to church, Father led a Baptism for each class baby, giving the children the opportunity to see and experience the different parts of a Baptism in church. It was a wonderful way for the children to consolidate their learning and deepen their understanding of how we are welcomed into God's family through Baptism.



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 'OPTION FOR THE POOR' which fits beautifully with our motto to '**SHARE**' with everyone.

Option for the poor –putting the needs of the most vulnerable first

'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, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-40

We should care about and help poor and vulnerable people first.
It doesn't mean loving them more than others.
It means paying special attention to people who are struggling, because they need the most help.

The Church teaches that when making decisions — in government, schools, businesses, or our own lives — we should ask:
·How will this affect the poor?
·Does this help people who are struggling?
·Are we ignoring those who need support the most?

Pope Francis often spoke about putting the poor at the centre of society and not forgetting people on the "margins."

At St Joseph's we show a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable by:
fundraising for charitable causes
raising awareness
treating others with dignity and respect
thinking of the needs of others
following our motto of 'love, care, share' in all of our interactions with others
praying for others, especially those in the most need

If someone is falling behind or being left out, we help them first.
We don't ignore people who are struggling — we make sure they are cared for.





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 Roberton 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

COMMUNITY NEWS:



Bradford's Festive Spin Spectacular

Get ready to spin into the festive spirit!

The **Bradford BID Wheel** is returning, alongside a charming classic **Victorian Carousel**, to Centenary Square from **November 24th to December 23rd**.

Soar 22 metres high for breathtaking, panoramic views of our glowing city centre, then whirl back down to enjoy a timeless carousel ride. Perfect to get you into the festive spirit and ideal for all ages, tickets are just £4 (under-3s ride free!). Opening daily from **12pm-7pm**.

Gather your family, head into the heart of Bradford, and make unforgettable festive memories this season!

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Family Engagement Project



Support for parents and carers of children aged 0-10 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs in Bradford

Welcoming Coffee mornings

Information and signposting

1-1 Support from Family Connectors with lived experience

Friendly community

No diagnosis or pathway necessary

Family Engagement Project in Bradford

Scan the QR code to register.
For further information, email us at:
FEPBradford@mencap.org.uk

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Family Engagement Project

SEND Parent and Carer Coffee Morning

Join our community of parents and carers of children aged 0-10 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs for informal advice and support.

Come and join us!

Wednesday 18th November

10.00am - 11.30am

Kirkgate Community Centre

39A Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EH

Helpful advice and support

Free refreshments

Meet other SEND parents

Children welcome

Signposting to services

Family Engagement Project in Bradford

To register with the project, scan the QR code or visit our Facebook page - Mencap Family Engagement Project Bradford and follow the link.
For further information email us at:
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