



# St Joseph's Newsletter April 2024 - Final

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*"We will always show respect, friendship, excellence and care in all we do and say."*

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## Upcoming Events in School

Please read our newsletter carefully to find out some important upcoming dates and events that will take place this term.

## Sports at St Joseph's

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**In response to parent and pupil feedback, we are introducing new sports to all children at St Joseph's.**

Thank you to all pupils who have signed up to one of our new and exciting After School Clubs. St Joseph's have introduced Netball, Cricket and Tennis Clubs to the after school timetable. There are still spaces available if your child would like to join in. Please contact Miss Waudby in the school office.

- Class 2 and Class 4 have taken part in a rugby session, coached by Peterlee & Horden Rugby Club. The training sessions were a huge success with the pupils. If you would like any information on how to sign your child up to Peterlee & Horden Rugby Club, please message their Facebook page.
- Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will be taking part in Bikeability on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th May. The session will encourage children of all abilities to develop coordination, balance and control, preparing them for a lifetime of confident cycling.
- Key Stage 1 and 2 will join a live lesson in Singing & Dancing with Artists from the Royal Opera House on Monday 20th May. Children will learn skills in Ballet and how to express themselves through song and dance.



## St Joseph's Open Afternoon

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary Open Afternoon

On Tuesday 30th April, between 2pm - 3pm, we will be opening our lovely school to show off to perspective Parents. Please support us by spreading the word to anyone and everyone you know who would like to come and have a look and find out more about our school.



## Year 6 SATs Week

Year 6 SATs week will commence Monday 13th May. Please keep Year 6 Pupils who will be sitting their SATs in your thoughts and prayers during this week. We are extremely proud of their hard work and commitment to learning.



## Mental Health Awareness Week

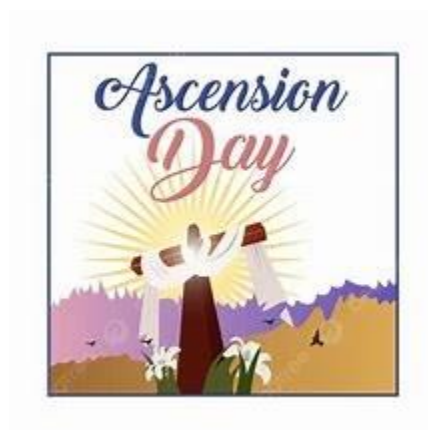
Mental Health Awareness Week is the week beginning 13th May. The theme is Movement: Moving More for our Mental Health.

We will take part in 'Wear it Green Day' on Friday 17th May. We would encourage the children to come into school wearing something green to raise awareness for mental health on this day.



## Ascension Day

On Thursday 9th May, we will join the Parish for Mass at 9:15am to celebrate Ascension Day. All are welcome to join us.



## First Holy Communion

On Saturday 8th June, one of our Year 4 pupils will be making his First Holy Communion. This is a wonderful day for all to celebrate and we ask that you continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.



## Sun Safety

As we are now approaching the summer, we are hoping to have more sunny and warm weather. We ask that parents ensure that children come to school wearing suncream and a sun hat. As you know, we love to take our learning outside as much as possible and therefore, to ensure that children can take part in this, they need to be protected from the sun. Please could you also make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day.



## Sports Day

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Sports Day will take place on the morning of Friday 14th June on the school field. Sport races for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take place between 9.45-10.30am. KS2 (Year 3,4,5 &6) will take place between 10.45-11.30am. Please could we ask that children come to school on the morning of sports day, wearing their white school PE top, black school shorts and trainers (if there is any problem with this please see your child's class teacher); they will be provided with a coloured bib to wear whilst racing which shows their team colour. Following the sports day our raffle will be drawn and then parents/grandparents are welcome to bring their own picnic and stay and join us on the school field to enjoy a picnic lunch together between 11.30-12noon-weather permitting. Children who usually have school dinner will have a picnic provided by the school kitchen on Sports Day. During the afternoon, back in class, the children will take part in a variety of sport related activities. We are sure it will be a day to remember!



## Grand opening of the Kitchen Garden Party

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be hosting a Garden Party as part of the formal opening of the new kitchen. We will base our celebration on the Euros, when on this date, England will play Slovenia. We hope to see many families join us for this wonderful event on Tuesday 25th June at 2pm. Further details will be sent out shortly.



## Important Dates

**Open Afternoon for New Parents** - Tuesday 30th April 2pm - 3pm

**May Bank Holiday**-School closed Monday 6th May

**Class 1 Maths Morning** - Nursery and Reception Parents/Carers are invited into school 9:00am - 9:20am on Friday 10th May

**Ascension Thursday** - Thursday 9th May

**SATs Week Year 6**-Week beginning Monday 13th May

**Pentecost** - Sunday 19th May

**Y6 Residential Robinwood Trip** - Wednesday 22nd May to Friday 24th May

**School Closes for Half Term** - 3:15pm Friday 24th May

**School Reopens** - Monday 3rd June

**Class 3 Celebration of the Word** - Year 3 & 4 Parents/Carers are invited into school 9:10am on Wednesday 5th June

**First Holy Communion** - Saturday 8th June

**Sports Day** - Friday 14th June

**Grand Opening of the Kitchen Garden Party** - Tuesday 25th June 2pm

**Class 1 Assembly** - Nursery and Reception Parents/Carers are invited into school 9:10am on Thursday 27th June

**Staff Training Day for all Trust Schools**-School closed Friday 5th July

**School Closes for the Summer Holidays** - 1pm Friday 19th July



## Contact Us

**Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. As always, we seek to make communication between home and school as effective as possible. If you have any queries, or would like to contact school, please see the information below.**

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