

St. Joseph's Newsletter March 2025

"Let us always show respect, friendship, excellence and care in all we do and say."

Upcoming Events in School

Please read our newsletter carefully to find out some important upcoming dates and events that will be taking place.

Maths and English Cafes

Thanks to all of those who have already attended our maths café sessions, Feedback from parents and careers who have attended has been very positive and it has been a valuable experience for parents to work alongside their children and receive some ideas and games to support children in their maths learning.

There are various maths cafe sessions coming up and then after that, our English café sessions will begin. Please see images below which show dates and times of upcoming sessions.



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Wednesday the 19th March is St. Joseph's Day. This is a day that is special for our school. On this day the children will learn about Joseph, the Patron Saint of our school.

Parents/carers are invited to Class 4's Celebration of the Word on Wednesday 19th March in the school hall at 9:05am.



World Down Syndrome Day

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World Down Syndrome Day this year is on March 21st. The theme this year is 'Improve our Support Systems'. It is a special day to help people know more about Down syndrome.

This year we are calling on Governments to improve support systems for people with Down Syndrome who have the right to support that meets their needs and gives them choice, control and dignity.

We invite all of our children to come in to school on **Friday 21st March** wearing odd socks, to symbolise that we are all unique and different and to show our solidarity and support.



World Water Day

World Water Day, Saturday 22nd March

The theme of World Water Day 2025 is 'Glacier Preservation'.

World Water Day 2025 focuses on glacier preservation, emphasizing the need for global action to manage meltwater sustainably and reduce emissions, securing vital water resources for the future. In school we will be raising awareness of supporting glacier preservation, as part of our Live Simply journey.



Robinwood Parent Meeting

There will be an online zoom meeting for parents of children who are attending Robinwood this year. The meeting will take place via Zoom on **Wednesday 19th March at 5pm**. The link will be sent out to parents prior to the meeting.



Feast of the Annunciation

On Tuesday 25th March, we celebrate the Feast Day of The Annunciation- When the Angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary to tell her that God had chosen her to be the mother

of Jesus. At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, this is a particularly important feast for us, as we have the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



First Reconciliation

We would like to congratulate the 2 children who made their First Reconciliation this week along with children from our Federation at Our Lady of Lourdes. We are very proud of them and keep the children and their families in our thoughts and prayers as they continue their faith journey towards making their First Holy Communion.

We ask that you continue to keep our First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers.



Sporting Festivals

Recently our children have taken part in many festivals linked to the Easington Schools Sports Partnership. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these festivals and have shown true sportsmanship and determination.

This week some of our Year 3 and 4 children have represented the school at a basketball festival.

We are very proud of you all.



Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition

Our Pupil Voice group have organised a competition for pupils to decorate their own paste egg/ Easter Bonnet. If your child would like to take part, we ask that they bring their entry to school on **Monday 7th April.** Every year this is a really fun and enjoyable activity and we are always blown away by the time, care and creativity that goes into the designs.

We look forward to seeing all of the wonderful eggs and bonnets.



Whole School Mass

On **Thursday 10th April at 9:15am in church (to be confirmed),** St Joseph's will attend Mass. Parents are welcome to join us for this special time of prayer during the season of Lent.



Early Finishing Time for Children at the End of Spring Term

As you are aware, from September 2023, to bring our school in line with the other schools in Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust; children now finish school earlier on the last day of each term.

Children will break up for Easter, on Friday 11th April. They will have their lunch in school and then will be dismissed from school at 1pm.

Children are to be collected from their usual exit points.

Children return to school on Monday 28th April.



Important Dates

Break up from school - Friday 11th April- School Closes at lunchtime in line with all other schools in our Trust

Good Friday -Friday 18th April

Easter Sunday - Sunday 20th April

Return to school-Monday 28th April

May bank holiday-School closed Monday 5th May

SATs Week Year 6-Week beginning Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May

Staff Training Day for all trust schools-Friday 4th July 2025 School closed to children



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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