



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

We will love one another in Christ knowing that Jesus loves us very much



Newsletter 18th July 2025

Our attendance target is 97%. Please strive to make every effort to ensure your child attends school every day.

Attendance	Nursery	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
w.c. 7.7.2025	100%	91.9%	100%	96.2%	92.2%	99.3%	94.1%	94.1%
w.c. 14.7.2025	97%	97.9%	100%	95.8%	95.2%	97.2%	97.4%	89.6%

Dear Families,

It's been a fantastic last two weeks at St Joseph's but today we finally bring the academic year to a close.

We have had a number of school outings which have included Alnwick Gardens and South Shields Beach with excellent feedback from our pupils. Can I thank all who volunteered to support these outings and made them so memorable. We have posted a number of photos on Facebook for parents to view.

Our Year 6 Pupils sadly leave us today, and we will miss them greatly. Can I take this opportunity to wish them all the very best for the future in their new schools and we hope they will return to St Joseph's in the not so distant future. It was a lovely way to end the term and the primary journey of our Year 6 children by celebrating Mass at St Joseph's on Thursday morning. Our Leavers Mass is always a very special occasion. I would like to thank Fr Adrian for leading our end of year celebration Mass yesterday and bringing the academic year to a close. The children completed their traditional end of term 'colour run' in the afternoon.

Our Year 6 Pupils performed their leavers assembly last week which was a wonderful occasion. It was lovely to revisit and look back on their last seven years at St Joseph's with great fondness. It was such an emotional morning, and it was wonderful to see so many parents attend. Can I also take this opportunity to thank our PTA and staff team for organising the end of term Year 6 events including our leavers disco.

Well done to the last few new reception pupils who completed transition visits successfully as did all pupils who met their new teachers last week. Next year will be an exciting year and I look forward to welcoming both our new reception class and whole school community back into school from September 2nd. We still have places available so if any parents would like your child to start Nursery please contact the school office for a nursery application form or visit the school website and click on the nursery tab.

Last week's Summer Fair was an amazing success, and I would like to thank everyone for supporting our PTA and attending this event. The children had a lovely time especially throwing sponges at their Headteacher who was delighted to be back in the stocks!! The fair and smarties challenge raised an incredible £2029.24.

Thank you to all our parents that attended this week's Family Learning session regarding Nutrition. The pupils learnt a lot about the detrimental impact of too much sugar in foods on children's learning. The pupils tasted Oat Pancakes and made smoothies on the smoothy bike.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to clubs throughout the year. Next year all clubs will officially begin in week two, with Grass Roots operating from week one including our daily Breakfast Club and After School Club (Kidzone) which requires an online booking through Arbor. We all wish Mrs Clarke and her family well as she leaves us today to go on maternity leave.

I would just like to wish everyone a happy summer holiday. It's been simply an amazing year at St Joseph's with so many happy memories. As this is our last newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping make the school the success that it is. The children have worked so hard, and our dedicated staff have been inspirational as always. I would also like to thank our PTA for all the wonderful events and Fr Adrian and Deacon Martin for all their work in school during the year not forgetting our committed Governors for their continued support.

See you all on Tuesday 2nd September.

God Bless.

Dates for Diary

Monday 1st September - Staff training day, school will be closed to pupils

Awards

11th July 2025

	Champion Handwriter	Golden Chair
Nursery		Charlie - for growing in maturity and independence and having a positive attitude in class!
Reception	Tommy R	Sonny - for demonstrating incredible maths skills and taking pride in his achievements.
Year 1	Coraline	James - for being a wonderful member of class who is always smiling. He is a great friend and shows lots of empathy to other people's feelings. Well done James.
Year 2	Sophia	Nell - for being a determined learner and making lots of progress as a result.
Year 3	Molly	Mya D - for being a lovely member of the class and always trying hard.
Year 4	Logan	James - for a caring and supportive attitude all week.
Year 5	Lucy	Sam - for exceptionally clever Shakespearean insult-writing.
Year 6	Anastasiia	Andrew - for putting so much effort into singing during leavers assembly.

Golden Book Award Trinity Term 2025

Nursery	Harriet - for settling into school beautifully and putting 100% into all she does.
Reception	Erin - for having a wonderful first year, growing in confidence and being a fantastic role model!
Year 1	Daisy - for a wonderful year in Year 1. Daisy always has a smile on her face and is a great friend.
Year 2	Albert - for having a wonderful attitude to his learning and over coming barriers with a smile on his face.
Year 3	Deacon - for a fantastic attitude and working so hard throughout the year. A great role model to others!

Year 4	Amelia - for perseverance and a conscientious attitude through the whole year. Well done!
Year 5	Ethan Cd - for his maturity and independence. Just stunning!
Year 6	Hayden - for working hard all year and for having a positive attitude at all times.
Year 6	Sean - for a wonderful caring attitude who gives 100% in everything he does. Star pupil!

News





Gospel

Sunday 20th July 2025 - Martha and Mary

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me." But the Lord answered: "Martha, Martha," he said, "you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her."

Taken from Luke 10:38-42 The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

On behalf of Fr. Adrian, Governors and Staff, we hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

God Bless, Paul Naughton

CALLING ALL PARENTS HAVING A CLEAR OUT!



We would
love any
unwanted
school
uniform!

We accept branded
& unbranded school
uniform donations at...
Whickham Library, or Ryton
Coop, or Chopwell Coop, or
Nai's Nails Crawcrook, or
Rowlands Gill Strathmore
Road Methodist Church, or
INSIDE the Winlaton Centre,

We hold FOUR pay-as-
you-feel pre-loved
school uniform
markets each month at
our Blaydon site
NE21 5PT.

Check out social
media for upcoming
markets...



AND in our 24/7
donation bin
behind our
Blaydon site
NE21 5PT.



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<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>
contacts@GatesheadWestUniformScheme.org.uk
and find us as gwusne on Vinted

GATESHEAD WEST UNIFORM SCHEME



We are located in
St Cuthbert's
Community Hall
(our door is round
the back), NE21 5PT
next to the big
blue building
behind Morrisons.

Please check our Facebook
page for any changes to
market days, including
additional summer markets
and potentially cancelled
markets*.

*We are all volunteers and
even volunteers need
holidays - sometimes this
means there is no one to
run a market.

Who are we?
We are a registered charity,
operating in Gateshead West since
2021.

We provide good-quality preloved
and brand new school uniforms to
our community
from our site in Blaydon
NE21 5PT

We operate on a
pay-what-you-feel basis.

July/August 2025 Markets... ALL AT BLAYDON

Friday 4th July 3:30pm - 5pm
Saturday 12th July 9:30am - 11am
Saturday 19th July 9:30am - 11am
Monday 28th July 6pm - 7pm
Friday 1st Aug 3:30pm - 5pm
Saturday 9th Aug 9:30am - 11am
Saturday 16th Aug 9:30am - 11am
Monday 25th Aug 6pm - 7pm

We sell surplus stock
on Vinted as gwusne.



www.facebook.com/gatesheadwestprelovedschooluniform
<https://www.gatesheadwestuniformscheme.org.uk>
contacts@GatesheadWestUniformScheme.org.uk
and find us as gwusne on Vinted



Irish Dancing After School Club
St Joseph's Primary School
Tuesday's 3.15-4.15pm

Reception - Year 6

3.15pm - 4.15pm

Join us for lots of Fun, Irish Dancing, Ceili Dancing, Meeting new friends, Games, Fitness, & much more!

PROMOTING FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP & MUCH MORE

TO SIGN UP, EMAIL:
info@kellyhendryschool.com

GRASS ROOTS

SUMMER SPORT & ACTIVITY WEEKS

OPTION 1: Mon 21st July - Fri 25th July 2025

(St Joseph's Catholic Primary School) £75

OPTION 2: Mon 28th July - Fri 1st August 2025

(St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas Primary School) £75

OPTION 3: Tues 26th August - Fri 29th August 2024

(St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas Primary School) £60

TIME: 9:30am - 3:30pm



COURSE DETAILS:

The week will involve various sports, including football, cricket, gymnastics, rounders, tennis, hockey etc. and will involve fun based activities such as water games, tag, crash mat tournaments and tag of war competitions.

The course will be taken by qualified coaches/teachers.

All of our coaching staff have been through a recent police clearance.

Children should be between the ages of 5 (4 is fine if in reception) and 11 (11 &).

YOU WILL NEED:

- A packed lunch
- Change for the tuck shop
- A change of clothes in case we play water games!
- To be collected promptly at 3:30pm



BOOKING INFORMATION:

To book onto this course, please visit www.grassrootsports.co.uk where you can pay by debit/credit card.

Individual days are priced at £25 per day and can be booked via email (info@grassrootsports.co.uk).

If you are unable to pay online, please contact us directly on 07709 533 556 (text) or 07725 128 717 (call).



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Grass Roots GB

Thank you so much!



The PTA and everyone at St Joseph's would like to say a massive thank you to all that donated items and prizes for the Summer Fair last week. It was a great day and raised a lot of money for future activities for the children.

A special thanks to the following businesses and donors;

Vickie Roberts
 Branches out of school club
 Leonie Ducker
 Michelle Fox
 Lawrence Annan
 Sarah Newark & family
 Stephanie Annan
 Jane Percy
 Ian Roberts
 Nail's Nails & Tanning Crawcrook
 Sisters in Leisure
 Jacqueline Roberts
 Sweet Petite
 Michelle Davison
 Buttercups & Daisies
 North East Physio Blaydon
 Bellissima Aesthetics by Lorraine Bell
 Perfect Pressure
 What a Wax
 Wendy Monaghan
 Lauren Horsman
 Burger & Brew
 Hilton's and Son Butchers
 Green Love Hearts - face painter
 John Houghton & John Furborough (Carnival Rides)
 Darren & David Cummings (ice cream van)
 Cakeaholics by Claire

We would also like to thank the PTA volunteers and staff who helped behind the scenes planning these events and dedicating their time to helping run the fair.

