

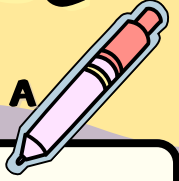
Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE

Weekly Newsletter



A note from Mrs Delahay

23rd 11th September 2026
Week of Ordinary Time, Year A



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you and your families had an enjoyable and restful summer. It has been a joy to welcome the children back to school and see them settling so positively into their new classes. Classrooms have been full of enthusiasm, smiles and excitement as the children reconnect with friends, meet their teachers and begin new learning experiences.

This week, all classes have been reflecting on our school vision, "Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Corinthians 16:14), and exploring the virtues of gratitude, humility, courage and service. They have also enjoyed learning about their class saints and the example they set through their faith, actions and commitment to serving others.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our new Reception children to St Joseph's. They will have a staggered start to help them settle comfortably into school life, and we look forward to seeing them flourish as they begin this exciting new chapter.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

This week's average attendance:

96.3%

Our best attendance this week:

98.8%

National attendance: NA

Every day your child is in school, they are building knowledge, developing confidence, and strengthening friendships. Regular attendance allows children to fully engage with their learning and make the progress they are capable of. We encourage all pupils to aim for 100% attendance, as this gives them the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to:

Frankie, Savannah D, Emily G, Faddiei, Florence H,
Avannia & Edith
who celebrate their birthdays this week and
week



House Points

House points winner for last
week:

To start soon

Remember every house point counts!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events week beginning 14.09.26

Monday & Tuesday— Reception eldest pupils start school, finish 1.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday— Reception youngest pupils start school, finish 1.30pm

Friday— All Reception pupils in school, finish 1.30pm

Monday – 9.05 Whole School Collective Worship; 2.45 Whole school Hymn Practice

Tuesday – 9.30 Be Internet Legends Online assembly

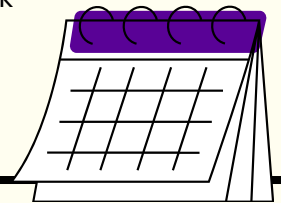
Wednesday – 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word

Thursday – 1.45 Y4 Swimming

Friday – 9.30 Start of Year Mass in church

Mass times are as follows: 17:30 Vigil Mass; Sunday 8am, 11:00 Mass; Weekdays Tuesday 7pm, Wednesday 9.30am, Thursday 9.30am, Friday 9.30am. Please check the parish weekly bulletin for changes to this schedule, Feast Days and Holy Days of Obligation. See www.stjosephsharrogate.org.uk

Dates for your diary



September 2026

18th – Start of Year Mass in church 9:30

21st – Fairtrade Fortnight

23rd – McMillan Coffee Afternoon (details coming soon)

25th – Leadership School Assembly

October 2026

7-9th – Y6 Residential

9th – Year 3 Class Assembly 3pm

16th – Y6 Class Assembly 3pm

22nd – School closes for half term 3:30pm

23rd – School Closed

Virtues

Love of Learning

I am a lifelong learner.

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn.

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." Proverbs 1:5



Prayer

Prayer for the Start of the Year

Loving God,
Thank you for the gift of a new school year,
for new beginnings, new opportunities and the
joy of learning together.
Bless our children, families and staff.
Give us grateful hearts, humble spirits,
courage when things are difficult,
and a willingness to serve one another with
love.
May St Joseph guide
and protect our
school,
and may all that
we do be done in love.
Amen.



Catholic Life



Wednesday Word is emailed each week to share Sunday's Gospel with families.



Class Mass Times

18th September – Start of Year Mass
24th September – Y5 & Y2
1st October – Y4 & Y1
8th October – Y6 & Y2
15th October – Y4 & Y3
22nd October – No Mass

5th November Y5 & Y3
12th November – Y6 & Reception
19th November – Y4 & Y1
26th November Y5 & Y2
3rd December – Y3
10th December – Y6 & Reception
17th December Y4 & Y1

Notices

A Few Helpful Reminders

As we settle back into our school routines, a few gentle reminders to help each day run smoothly:

Punctuality

Please ensure children arrive at school in good time and are ready to begin learning promptly. A positive, settled start to the morning makes such a difference to the day ahead.

Uniform

Thank you for helping our children look so smart at the start of the new year. Please ensure all uniform, coats, PE kit and other belongings are clearly named – this really helps us reunite lost items with their owners!

PE Days

Please check your child's class information for their PE days and ensure they have the correct PE kit in school when required. Earrings should be removed for PE.

Water Bottles

Children should bring a named water bottle to school each day. Bottles should contain water rather than juice or flavoured drinks.

Class Assembly Rota

11th September – Whole School Assembly

18th September – Start of Year Mass

25th September – Leadership Assembly

2nd October – No Assembly

9th October – Y3 Class Assembly

16th October – Y6 Class Assembly

23rd October – School closed

6th November – Y1 Class Assembly

13th November – Y2 Class Assembly

20th November – Reception Class Assembly

27th November – Y5 Class Assembly

4th December – Y4 Class Assembly

11th December – No Assembly

18th December – Y6 Crib Blessing

Safeguarding at St Joseph's

Keeping our children safe and happy is at the heart of everything we do. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we value the important partnership we have with our families.

If you ever have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, however small it may seem, please speak to a member of our Safeguarding Team or contact the school office. It is always better to share a concern.

Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Delahay
Mrs Keith

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs
Dalby

Notices

Food Bank

As part of our fundraising we are collecting items for the Harrogate Food Bank. They are especially in need of the below items:

Washing up Liquid

Rice Pudding

Custard

UHT Milk

Jam

Coffee

Male Deodorant

Female Deodorant

Items will be greatly received in class or brought to the office.

School Applications

We currently have space in KS1 for in-year admissions. For instructions on how to apply:

www.stjosephsharrogate.org/admissions.

Please feel free to pass on details to family and friends if they would like to arrange a visit to our wonderful school. All faiths are welcome. If you would like to book a tour of the school, please contact the school on 01423562650 or admin@stjosephsharrogate.org

Need Support?

We know that family circumstances can change and that financial pressures can add to the burden.

If you're facing financial difficulties, St. Vincent de Paul Society may be able to help. Call 07350 857356 to find out more.



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Class highlights

Class highlights will now be on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1D2Nfb19nj/?mibextid=wwXlfr>





Fundraising Updates

We are delighted that the new Sports Tops arrived this term!

The school has already started using these for sporting events and galas with their first outing at the Brownlee Triathlon!



Thank You!

A massive thank you to our incredible PTFA volunteers!

We are absolutely buzzing after our recent fundraising events, and we couldn't have done it without your energy, time, and enthusiasm.

Whether you were flipping burgers, running a stall, or helping us clear up at the end, your support makes a world of difference to our school and the children.

Thank you for being so brilliant!



Thanks For
Your Support

**2025/2026
Funds Raised
£7,470!**

2025/2026
PTFA Fundraising Target

2024/2025
Funds
Raised
£5,009.00

July
2026

£10,000.00
£9,000.00
£8,000.00
£7,000.00
£6,000.00
£5,000.00
£4,000.00
£3,000.00
£2,000.00
£1,000.00
£500.00

In addition to the usual annual items the PTFA fundraise for and provide, the school leadership team request funds for larger items.

This year, in addition to our usual funds, we are helping to raise funds to invest in updating the technology to enhance classroom learning, items such as Tablets and Laptops.

This is a big target which we will continue to raise funds for in addition to our usual funds requirements and additional support requests from school.

Useful Links

Email us here: pta@stjosephsharrogate.org

[St Joseph's Harrogate PTFA Facebook Group](#)

[St Joseph's PTFA Volunteers Chat](#)

[St Joseph's PTFA Sum Up Store](#)

[St Joseph's PTFA Pre-Loved Uniform Online Shop](#)

[St Joseph's PTFA Event Feedback Survey](#)

[St Joseph's PTFA Easyfundraising Cause Page](#)