Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE

Weekly Newsletter

16th October 2026
28th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

A note from Mrs Delahay

Dear Parents and Carers,

With just one week to go until half term, we have enjoyed a slightly quieter week at St Joseph's, although there has still been plenty of learning taking place!

Our Be Internet Legends assembly explored artificial intelligence, helping children think carefully about the technology they encounter and how to use it safely.

Year 6 also treated us to a class assembly about their residential visit to Herd Farm. It was lovely to hear about their adventures, the challenges they tackled and the memories they made together. Clearly, there was plenty of courage involved - and that may just have been the staff watching the giant swing!

We look forward to welcoming you to parent consultations next week. These provide a valuable opportunity to hear how your child has settled into their new class, celebrate their progress and discuss their next steps in learning.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a positive final week of the half term and hope you all enjoy a restful weekend.
Best wishes,
Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Last week's average attendance:
98.9%
Our best attendance last week:
99.7%
National attendance: 96%

At St Joseph's, we understand that excellent attendance and punctuality are essential for every child's academic success. Arriving promptly by 8:50 AM ensures pupils never miss key learning, morning prayers or valuable time with peers. Regular routines build confidence, strong friendships and a solid foundation for lifelong learning.

Birthdays

Many happy returns to:

Prarthana, Sophia & Maxwell
who celebrate their birthdays next week



House Points

House points winner for last week: St Margaret

Remember every house point counts!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events week beginning 19.10.26

Monday - 9.05 3.30-4.30 WVA Dance Club

Tuesday - 9.00-9.15 Praise and Sing (Parents welcome); 9.00 Piano; 4.00-7.00 Parent Consultations

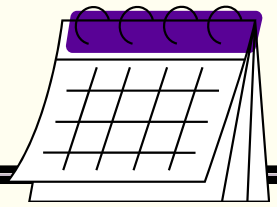
Wednesday - 11.00-12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.10 Y3/4 Football at HHS; 4.00-7.00 Parent Consultations

Thursday - No Class Mass; 1.45 Y4 Swimming; 3.30-4.30 WVA Football Club

Friday -Training Day

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



October 2026

17th - Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 1 10am-2pm
20-21st - Parent Consultations 4-7pm
22nd - School closes for half term 3:30pm
23rd - School Closed (Training Day)
24th - Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 2 10am-2pm

November 2026

4th - Individual School Photos
6th - Y1 Class Assembly
9th - Y6 Class Trip
12th - PTFA Disco
14th - Reception 2027 Open Day
20th - Reception Class Assembly
28th - Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 2 10am-2pm

Catholic Life

Virtues

Citizenship

"Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God."
(Hebrews 13 : 14; 16)

Signs you are a good citizen:

- I show love for my neighbour through my actions
- I am part of my community
- I make a positive difference
- I look for opportunities to serve others I am proactive
- I play my part to look after the environment

Wednesday word

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



Living Out the Gospel

Mark 10:35–45
In this Gospel, Jesus teaches us that true greatness comes from serving others. We do not need to be first or receive the most praise to make a difference; we show greatness through kindness, generosity and love.
This week, we will encourage the children to put others first: offering a helping hand, including someone in a game or doing something kind without expecting a reward.
How can we follow Jesus' example and serve others this week?

Class Mass Times

18th September - Start of Year Mass
24th September - Y5 & Y2
1st October - Y4 & Y1
8th October - No class at Mass
15th October - No Mass
22nd October - No Mass

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

Notices

Sacrament of Confirmation Important Dates

Parent Meeting
Wednesday 14th October 6pm at St Joseph's Church

Preparation Days and Catechesis
All sessions will run from 10:00am - 2:00pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall
Saturday 17th October
Saturday 24th October
Saturday 28th November

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday 3rd December 6:00pm at St Joseph's Church

Online Safety

Thinking Carefully About AI

Following our Be Internet Legends assembly on artificial intelligence (AI), please take a moment to talk with your child about what they learnt. Remind them that AI can make mistakes, and pictures, videos and information online may not always be real or accurate. Encourage them to check anything surprising with a trusted adult and keep personal information private. If something online worries or confuses them, they should always ask for help.



Safeguarding

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 and Mrs Keith

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Dalby



Notices

Reception Plea

Our Reception class are on the lookout for a large mud kitchen and other suitable items to refresh their outdoor play area. If you know of anyone willing and able to donate anything please speak to either Miss Hayward or 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.

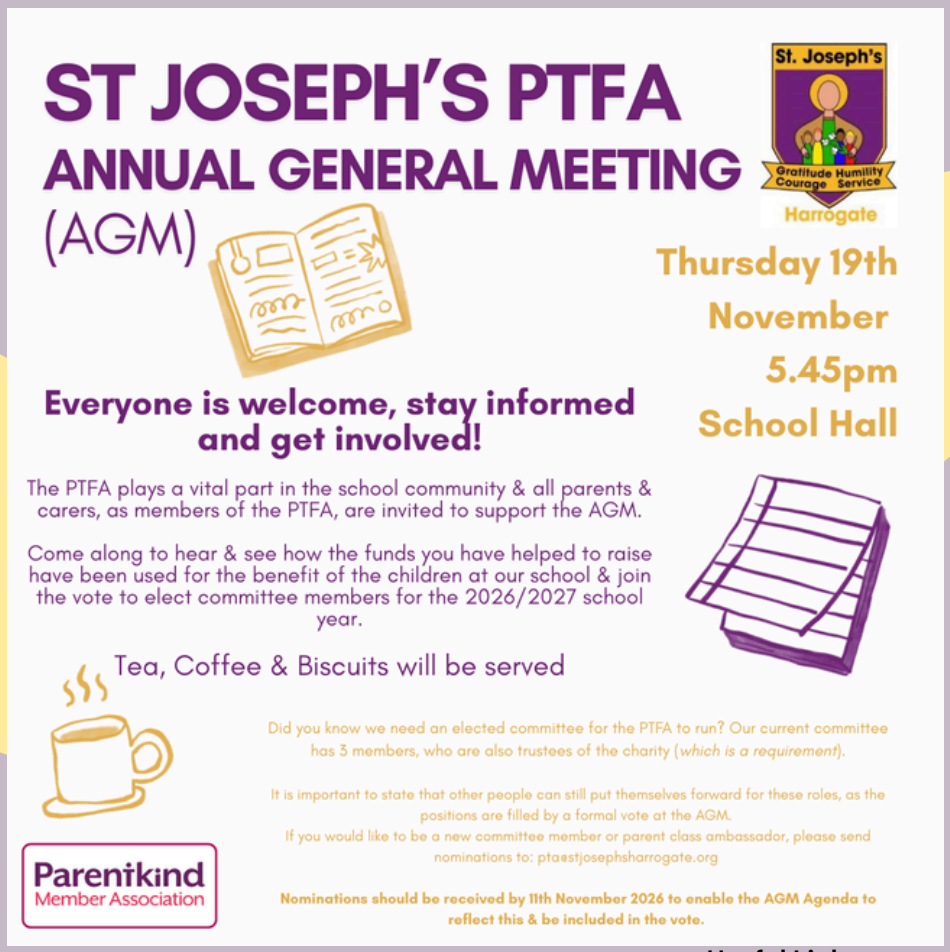
SVP
St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Class highlights

Class highlights will now be on our Facebook page.
https://www.facebook.com/share/1D2Nfb19nj/?mibextid=wwXIfr

PTFA





Useful Links

Email us here: pta@stjosephsharrogate.org
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St Joseph's PTFA Volunteers Chat
St Joseph's PTFA Sum Up Store
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