Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE

Weekly Newsletter

22nd October 2026
29th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

A note from Mrs Delahay

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we made it! Our first half term has arrived, and I think we are all ready for a well-earned break!
It has been a busy and wonderful start to the school year. The children have settled into their new classes brilliantly, embraced new routines and enjoyed lots of fantastic learning opportunities. There have been so many highlights over the past seven weeks, from class assemblies and school celebrations to exciting trips, special events and plenty of memorable moments along the way.
This week, we have also welcomed parents into school for parent consultations in most classes. Thank you for taking the time to meet with teachers and for your continued support. Working together makes such a difference to the children's learning and happiness.
A huge thank you to our hardworking staff, who have given so much energy, care and enthusiasm throughout this busy half term, and of course to our wonderful children, who make St Joseph's such a special place.
I hope everyone enjoys a restful half-term break, with a chance to recharge the batteries and perhaps enjoy a few slower mornings! We look forward to welcoming everyone back in November, ready for another exciting half term and the build-up to Christmas!

Best wishes,
Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Last week's average attendance:
96.8%
Our best attendance last week:
97.3%
National attendance: 95.5%

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:

Seb, Rion, Roo, Alex P, Elsie, Samantha, Sofia, Peter
who celebrate their birthdays over the next 2 weeks



House Points

House points winner for last week: St Margaret

Remember every house point counts!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events week beginning 02.11.26

Monday - Y6 History To Life Visit; 3.30-4.30 WVA Street Dance Club

Tuesday - 9.00-9.15 Praise and Sing (Parents welcome); 9.00 Piano; 3.30-4.30 WVA UV Dodgeball Club; Y4 Parent Consultations

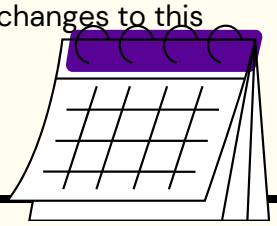
Wednesday - Individual Photos; 11.00-12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.10 Y3/4 Football at HHS

Thursday - 9:15 Y5 & Y2 Mass in Church ; 1.45 Y4 Swimming; 3.30-4.30 WVA Football Club; Y4 Parent Consultations

Friday - 3pm Y1 Class Assembly

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

22nd - School closes for half term 3:30pm
23rd - School Closed (Training Day)
24th - Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 2 10am-2pm

November 2026

2nd - Y6 History To Life Visit
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

The Feast of All Saints
Matthew 5:1–12

On Sunday 1st November, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, remembering those who lived their lives following Jesus and showing God's love to others.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about the Beatitudes – special blessings that show us how to live a good and happy life. He reminds us that true happiness comes not from having lots of possessions or being important, but from being kind, humble, forgiving and caring for others. Jesus promises that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who recognise their need for God.

When we return to school after half term, we will be thinking about how we can follow the example of the saints in our everyday lives. We don't have to do extraordinary things to make a difference – small acts of kindness, helping someone in need, standing up for what is right and showing love to others all help us grow closer to God.

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

With half term here, many children may be spending a little more time online, whether gaming, watching videos or chatting with friends. We encourage parents to take a few moments to check the games, apps and websites their children are using, ensure privacy settings and parental controls are appropriate, and remind children never to share personal information online.

Most importantly, keep conversations about online safety open and positive. Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel worried, uncomfortable or unsure.

A little supervision and regular conversation can make a big difference in helping children enjoy the online world safely.

Have a happy and safe half term!



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.

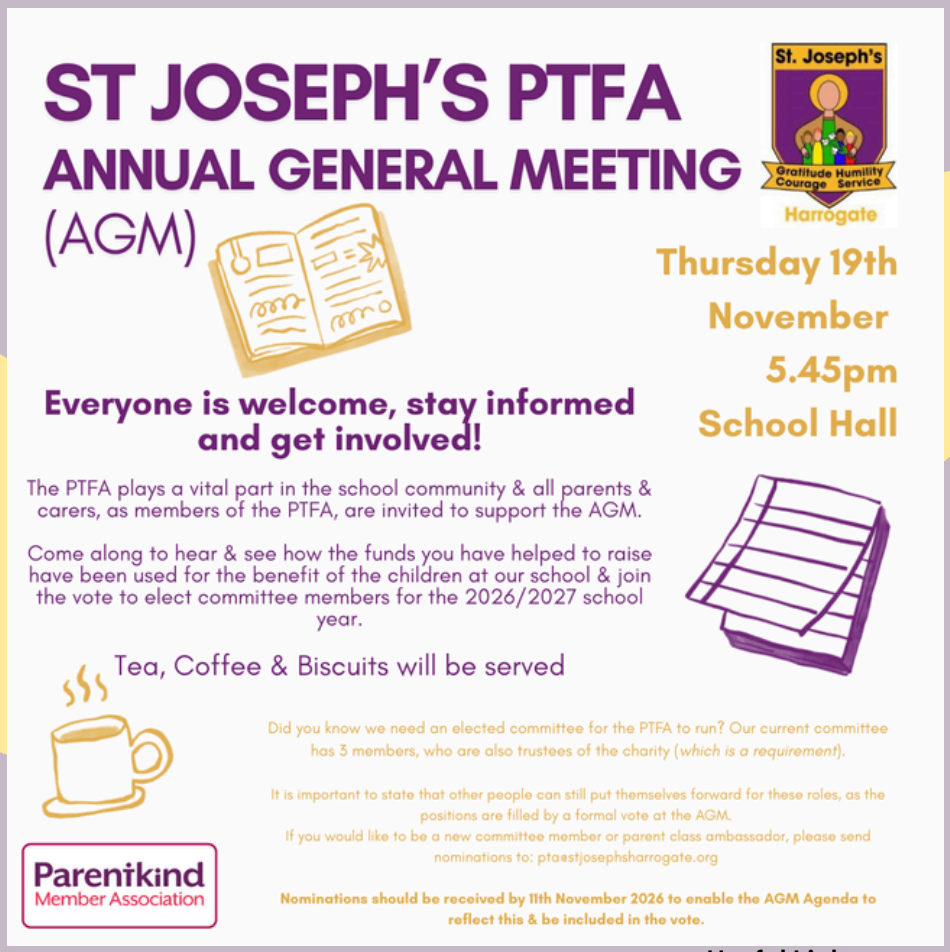
SVP
St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Class highlights

Class highlights will now be on our Facebook page.
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PTFA





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
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