Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE

Weekly Newsletter

A note from Mrs Delahay

6th November 2026
31st Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the half-term break and managed to squeeze in a little rest and relaxation (although I know that, for many parents, a week at home with the children isn't always quite as restful as it sounds!).

It's been lovely to have the children back in school, full of energy and ready to learn. We've certainly hit the ground running, and judging by the excitement in the classrooms and corridors, it feels as though we've never been away!

A special well done to our Year 1 children, who presented their class assembly to parents today. They did a wonderful job and should be very proud of themselves! It's never easy standing up in front of an audience, especially when your parents are watching, but they rose to the occasion beautifully. Thank you to all the parents and families who came along to support them, and to the staff for all their hard work in preparing the children.

This week, we have been reflecting on the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, thinking about those who inspire us through their kindness, faith and service, as well as remembering loved ones who are no longer with us.

We have also been selling poppies in support of the Royal British Legion and will continue to do so next week in the lead-up to Remembrance Day. On Monday, our Year 6 pupils will visit the Commonwealth War Graves at Stonefall, where they will have the opportunity to learn about the lives and stories of those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice. Across school, we will be taking time to remember, reflect and give thanks for the sacrifices made by so many.

As the colder weather sets in, please make sure children come to school with a warm coat. We do still like to get outside whenever possible, even if the Yorkshire weather has other ideas!

It's lovely to be back, and we have plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks. See updated diary dates.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Mrs Delahay



Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Week before Half Term's average attendance:

95.8%

Our best attendance in the week before Half Term:

97.6%

National attendance: 94.4%

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:

Edwyn, Orson and Amelia

who celebrate their birthdays next week.



House Points

House points winner for last week: St Hilda

Remember every house point counts!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events week beginning 09.11.26

Monday - 9.15 Y6 Stonefall Cemetery Visit; 3.30-4.30 WVA Street Dance Club

Tuesday - 9.00-9.15 Praise and Sing (Parents welcome); 9.00 Piano; 1.45 Y6 Friendship Group; 3.30-4.30 WVA UV Dodgeball Club

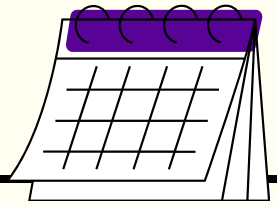
Wednesday - 11.00-12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.10 Y3/4 Football at HHS

Thursday - 1.45 Y4 Swimming; 3.30-4.30 WVA Football Club; PTFA School Disco

Friday - 3pm Y2 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



November 2026

9th - Y6 Class Trip
12th - PTFA Disco
13th - Y2 Class Assembly
14th - Reception 2027 Open Day
16th - Odd Socks Day
20th - Reception Class Assembly
24th - Y1 Class Trip
26th - Reception & Year 1 Bedtime Story Evening 5-5:45pm
27th - Y5 Class Assembly
28th - Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 2 10am-2pm

December 2026

1st - Y6 Class Trip
3rd - Y4 Class Trip
4th - Y4 Class Assembly
8th - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance 2:30pm
9th - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance 9:30am
11th - PTFA School Panto
15th - Y5 Panto Performance 2:30pm
16th - Y5 Panto Performance 6pm

Catholic Life

Virtues

Prayer

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah, 29 : 12)

Signs you are prayerful:

- ***I spend time with God***
- ***I listen to God***
- ***I rest in His presence***
- ***I tell God I love Him***
- ***I grow in friendship with God***
- ***I pray from the heart***

Wednesday word

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



Living Out the Gospel

Wisdom

Matthew 25:1–13

IIn this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the ten bridesmaids, reminding us of the importance of being wise and prepared. Next week, the children will be thinking about what it means to show wisdom in their everyday lives. We will encourage them to think before they act, make thoughtful choices and recognise that doing the right thing isn't always the easiest option. Through their words and actions, the children will be challenged to show wisdom and God's love to others.

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 - No class at Mass
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

Wake Up Wednesday Mobile Phones

Mobile phones have become a huge part of young people's everyday lives, but new restrictions on their use in schools and proposed restrictions on social media are changing how children and young people can use them. This guide explores mobile phones, their use by young people, what the evidence tells us, the current and future legal position, and what parents and educators should do.



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



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.

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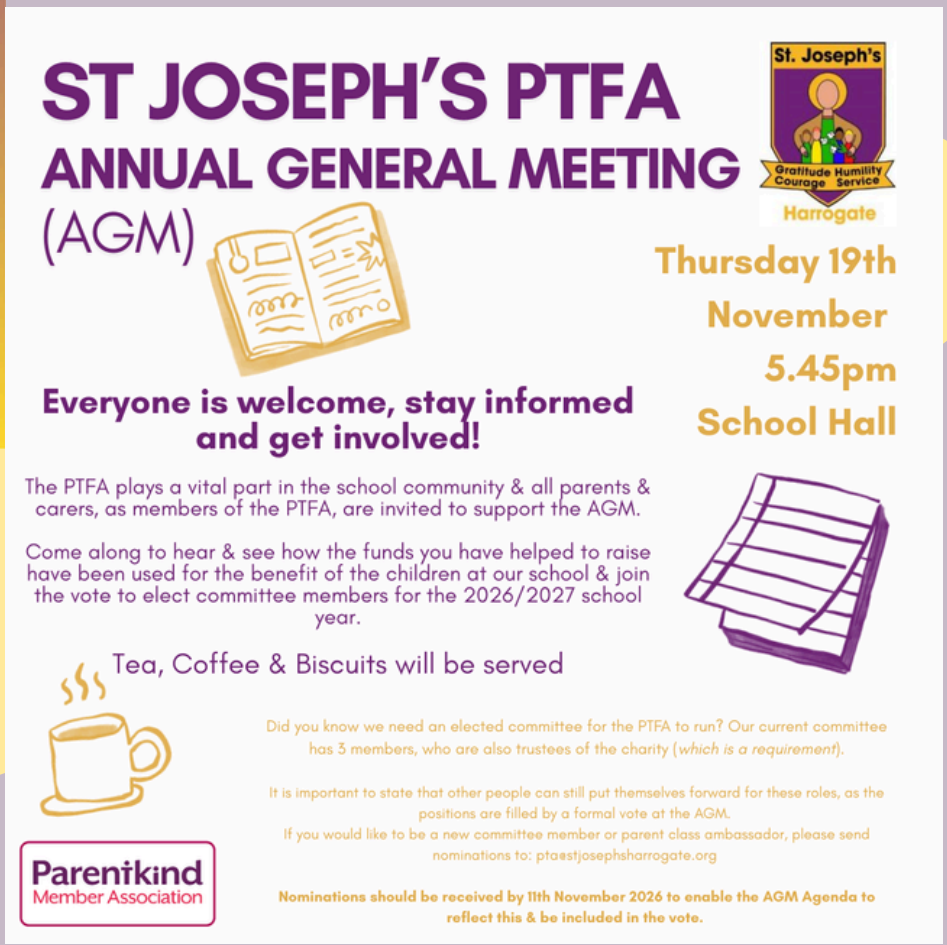
Class highlights

Class highlights will now be on our Facebook page.
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PTFA







Useful Links

Email us here: pta@stjosephsharrogate.org
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