

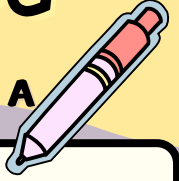
Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE



Weekly Newsletter

A note from Mrs Delahay

18th September 2026
24th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by at St Joseph's, and it has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, learning and achievement across the school.

A particularly special moment has been welcoming our new Reception children and their families into our school community. The children have made a wonderful start and are already beginning to settle into school life, explore their new environment and make new friends.

Our Key Stage 2 children also took part in the Be Internet Legends Live Assembly, helping them to think about how they can stay safe, confident and responsible online.

We were also delighted to welcome back our wonderful reading volunteers, whose time and support make such a valuable contribution to our children's reading.

Today, we came together for our Start of Year Mass, beautifully led by our Year 6 pupils. It was a lovely opportunity to give thanks for the year ahead and to ask God to guide us as we continue to learn, grow and live out our school vision: "Let all that you do be done in love." A special thank you to Fr Ben for celebrating our Start of Year Mass and helping us mark the beginning of the school year in such a meaningful way. We are also grateful to Mrs Crowther for leading the music so beautifully, which added greatly to the prayerful atmosphere of the celebration.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish all our children and families a happy, restful weekend and look forward to another wonderful week ahead.

Best wishes,
Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

This week's average attendance:

98.1%

Our best attendance this week:

98.7%

National attendance: 96.5%

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:

Annie G
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 21.09.26

Start of Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday – 9.05 Whole School Collective Worship; 3.30–4.30 WVA Dance Club

Tuesday – 9.00 Piano; 3.30–4.30 WVA Lego Club

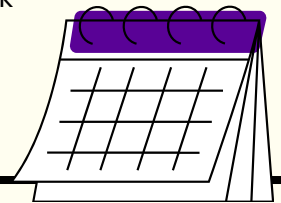
Wednesday – Children wear green to school; 9.30–11.45 Y4 Dodgeball Festival; 11.00–12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.00 Y2 Football at Harrogate High School; 3.30 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thursday – 9.15 Y5 & Y2 at Mass; 1.45 Y4 Swimming; 3.30–4.30 WVA Football Club; 5.00 Y6 Residential Parents Meeting

Friday – 3.00 Y6 Leadership 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



September 2026

21st – Fairtrade Fortnight

23rd – Children to wear green, Y4 Dodgeball Festival, Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 3:30pm

25th – Leadership School Assembly 3pm

October 2026

2nd – Reception 2027 Open Morning, Colour Run 2pm

5th – Reception 2027 Open Afternoon

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

Catholic Life

Virtues

Love of Learning

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

Proverbs 1:5

- I am a lifelong learner.
- I am excited and enthusiastic to learn.



Living Out the Gospel

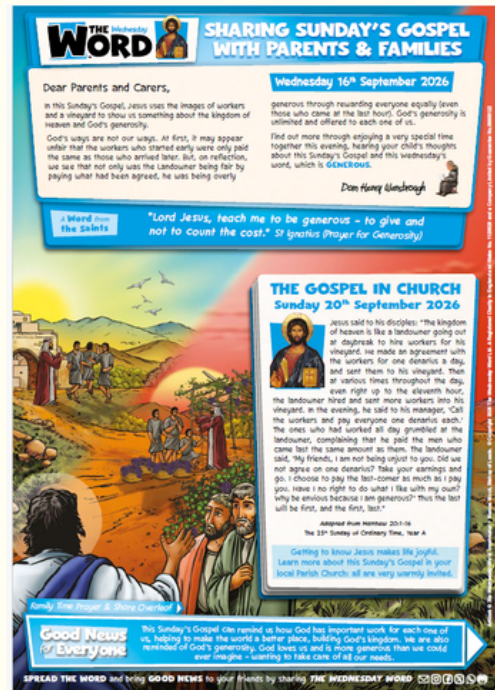
In this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 20:1–16, Jesus tells the story of a landowner who treats his workers with great generosity. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us that God's love and generosity are greater than we can imagine and that each of us has a part to play in building God's kingdom.

This week, we will encourage our children to be generous with their time, talents, kindness and care for others. By helping, sharing, including others and using our gifts for good, we can make our school and our world a better place and truly live out the Gospel.



Wednesday word

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 promptly at **8:50 AM**. 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 only.

Online Safety

Character.AI lets users create and chat with AI-powered characters that can behave like friends, mentors, fictional favourites, or romantic partners. While these conversations can feel engaging and supportive, their convincing human-like responses can blur important boundaries. Young people may encounter inappropriate content, misinformation and privacy risks, or begin forming an unhealthy emotional attachment to an AI companion.

This online safety guide explores Character.AI, highlighting risks including inappropriate content, emotional dependency, the reliability of advice, and privacy concerns. Please see attached guide.



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



OPEN DAYS
ST JOSEPH'S, HARROGATE
Come and see our happy, welcoming school in action

Learn Grow Belong

Brighter Future Together
Kind Curious Brave

Amazing Animals

Friday 2nd October
9:30am–11:00am

Monday 5th October
1:30pm–3:00pm

Saturday 14th November
10:00am–12:30pm

ALL ARE WELCOME
No booking required

Coppice Rise, Harrogate, HG1 2DP
01423 562650

admin@stjosephsharrogate.org
www.stjosephsharrogate.org

Can't make these dates? Contact our school office to arrange a visit.

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!



**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](#)