

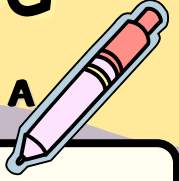
Let all that you do BE DONE IN LOVE



Weekly Newsletter

A note from Mrs Delahay

25th 25th September 2026
Week of Ordinary Time, Year A



Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a wonderful sense of community and service at St Joseph's this week, with our children and families coming together to support others and our pupils taking on new opportunities to lead.

A highlight was our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. It was lovely to see the children wearing green and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of families who donated cakes. We had so many that we were even able to hold another cake sale at playtime! Thank you to everyone who baked, donated, bought cakes or joined us for the afternoon – your support is greatly appreciated.

That same spirit of service was reflected in our Leadership Assembly, as our Year 6 pupils were awarded their roles of responsibility for the year ahead. Our newly elected School Councillors were recognised too and are looking forward to representing their classmates and ensuring that pupil voice continues to shape school life.

It is wonderful to see our children already finding so many ways to contribute, take responsibility and make a positive difference to our school community.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,
Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Last week's average attendance:

98.1%

Our best attendance last week:

98.7%

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:

Charlotte P-W, Dorian, George C, Raphael R,
Charlie, Grace, Charlotte M & Harrison
who celebrate their birthdays next week



House Points

House points winner for last
week: **St Bede**

Remember every house point counts!

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events week beginning 28.09.26

Start of Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday – 9.05 Whole School Collective Worship; 2.15 Picture News Allergy Assembly; 3.30–4.30 WVA Dance Club

Tuesday – 9.00–9.15 Praise and Sing (Parents welcome); 9.00 Piano; 9.30 Be Internet Legends Online Assembly; 3.30–4.30 WVA Lego Club

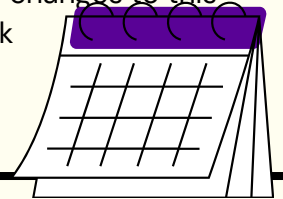
Wednesday – 11.00 Reception Class Welcome Blessing; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.00 Y1/2 Football at Harrogate High School; 6.00 Academy Council Meeting

Thursday – 9.15 Y4 & Y1 at Mass; 1.45 Y4 Swimming; 3.30–4.30 WVA Football Club

Friday – 9.30 Open Morning Tours; 2.00 YPTFA Colour Run

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

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

5th – Reception 2027 Open Afternoon

7–9th – Y6 Residential

9th – Year 3 Class Assembly 3pm

12th – Flu Immunisations

14th – Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation Parents Meeting 6pm

16th – Y6 Class Assembly 3pm

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

24th – Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation session 2 10am–2pm

November 2026

4th – Individual School Photos

6th – Y1 Class Assembly

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 21:28-32, Jesus tells the story of two sons and reminds us that our actions matter. Sometimes we make the wrong choice, but Jesus teaches us that we can always change, put things right and choose a better way.

This week, we will encourage our children to recognise when they could make a better choice, to have the courage to change and to show through their actions that they are trying to follow Jesus.



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

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

Discord is a hugely popular communication platform where young people can chat, play games and join communities built around shared interests. This week's guide explores some of the risks that can come with using it, including contact with strangers, inappropriate content, harassment and the potential for gaming and socialising to become a distraction from everyday life.

The guide also offers practical advice for parents and educators, from using Discord's Family Centre and checking privacy settings to talking openly about suspicious behaviour and reviewing spending controls. It also encourages families to agree on clear expectations around screen time, helping young people enjoy the platform while making safer and more informed choices online.



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](#)