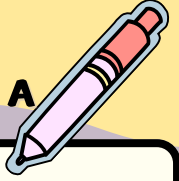


Weekly Newsletter



A note from Mrs Delahay

26th 2nd October 2026
Week of Ordinary Time, Year A



Dear Parents and Carers,

What another lovely week we have had at St Joseph's, with so many opportunities to come together as a school community.

Our Mini Vinnies have been particularly busy, putting their faith into action and taking an active role in the life of our school. This week, they led our first Praise and Sing, bringing everyone together in prayer and song. It was wonderful to see them growing in confidence and demonstrating our virtues through their service to others.

We were also delighted to welcome prospective families to our Open Morning. It was a pleasure to share what makes St Joseph's such a special place and to see our children proudly representing their school. There was plenty of excitement too with our PTFA Colour Run! A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising such a fun event and to everyone who supported it.

Finally, thank you for the fantastic support for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last week. Together, we raised an amazing £651.30 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs Delahay

Attendance

Learning Grows When Attendance Shows – Aim for 100%!

Last week's average attendance:

97.7%

Our best attendance last week:

98.6%

National attendance: 95.9%

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:

Maxim, Elliot, Demilade, Alyanna & Kaito
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 05.09.26

Monday – 9.05 Harvest Whole School Collective Worship; 1.30 Open Afternoon Tours; 3.30–4.30 WVA Dance Club

Tuesday – 9.00–9.15 Praise and Sing (Parents welcome); 9.00 Piano; 3.30–4.30 WVA Lego Club

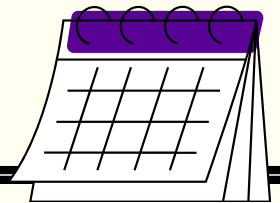
Wednesday – 11.00–12.00 Guitar; 1.10 KS1 Celebration of the Word; 1.30 Reading Volunteers; 3.10 KS2 Celebration of the Word; 3.00 Y6 Leave for Residential

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

Friday – 3.00 Y3 Class Assembly; 3.00 Y6 Return from Residential

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

- 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
- 14th – Reception 2027 Open Day

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

Matthew 21:33-43 – Messenger

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a landowner who sends his servants as messengers to the people looking after his vineyard. Although the messengers are not welcomed or listened to, the landowner continues to reach out.

God sends messengers to us too – people who help us to understand his love and show us how to live as Jesus taught. But we are also called to be God's messengers ourselves.

This week, think about the message your words and actions give to others. Can you be a messenger of kindness, hope, forgiveness and love? A kind word, including someone who feels left out, helping without being asked or standing up for what is right can all share God's message.

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 – No class at Mass

15th October – Y6 & Y3

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

Looksmaxxing encourages people – particularly young men – to 'improve their appearance' through everything from grooming, skincare and exercise to far more questionable techniques. As this trend becomes increasingly visible on social media, our #WakeUpWednesday guide explores how appearance-focused content can affect boys' confidence, self-worth and body image, while exposing them to misleading or potentially dangerous advice.

The guide also examines how looksmaxxing content can become increasingly extreme, with links to obsessive behaviours, mental health difficulties and harmful online communities. It offers practical advice for parents and educators on spotting changes in behaviour, recognising looksmaxxing terminology, understanding what young people may be seeing online and opening supportive conversations about appearance, influencers and unrealistic expectations.



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](#)