

St. Joseph's

Catholic  
Primary School



**Our school is a family of faith, hope, love,  
fun and learning for all.**

# Newsletter

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## A message from Mrs Gum

2024 - who can believe it?!

I hope that you had a restful festive break. It is very evident that everyone was exhausted before the Christmas holiday and everybody has returned to school refreshed, full of smiles and cheerfulness. It has been straight back to learning. Mr Sutton and Mrs Williamson's classes are coping extremely well with the disruption of the roof works and it is hoped, whilst the work on the roof is anticipated to take 8 weeks, that they will be able to return to the classroom early next week. The roof in the assembly hall building has been causing significant problems for some time and we have been fortunate enough to have received funding for the necessary work. Due to contractor availability and the tendering process we have been left with no choice but to facilitate the works during term time.

The excitement is starting to build around our trip to France - something that Miss Howard and I dreamt up in 2019 is finally set to happen!

### Attendance Whole School

**94.3%**

#### **1st Place**

Miss Howard's Class  
100%

#### **2nd Place**

Miss C Bennett's Class  
98.6%

#### **3rd Place**

Mrs Di Vito's Class  
98.1%

### Friends of St Joseph's PTA

Upcoming PTA Events

**Friday 9th February**  
Quiz Night

**Sunday 31st March**  
Easter Party @ Meadowbank

Further details and times will follow in due course.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 16th January**

School of Rock assembly and workshops

**Monday 22nd January**

Year 4 at Culmington Manor

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**Wednesday 24th January**

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**Thursday 25th January**

EYFS to Chester Zoo

**Wednesday 31st January**

9am SEND Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 7th February**

Key Stage 1 Judo Assembly

**Monday 12th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

8:45am EYFS Stay and Read

**Tuesday 13th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

8:45am Key Stage 1 Stay and Read

**Wednesday 14th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

Ash Wednesday

8:45am Lower Key Stage 2 Stay and Read

**Thursday 15th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

8:45am Upper Key Stage 2 Stay and Read

**Friday 16th February**

Key Stage 2 France Residential

### Lunch Menu

Week 2

### Forest School

**17th January**  
Nursery

**24th January**  
Reception

**31st January**  
Nursery

### Letters and Reminders

[SPRING MENU](#)

Why not taking part in some fun physical activity with the family. VRSSP have set up some challenges for us to access. Use the attached flyer for instructions and a link to log results.

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The Governing Board have agreed that authorisation will **NOT** be given for **ANY** holidays taken in term time. Requests for authorised absence must be made using the absence request form at least 4 weeks in **advance** of the absence. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website. St Joseph's has adopted the Winsford Education Partnership Policy. Please ensure that your child is in school ready to learn by 8:45am each day.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school everyday wearing the correct uniform. A number of children are wearing items, particularly for PE, that do not comply with the St Joseph's policy.

The policy can be found via the link below.

[Uniform Policy](#)

### Reception 2024

#### Applications

If your child starts full time education in September 2024 you **must** apply for a school place **BEFORE 15th January**.

Please apply on time via

[CWAC Admissions](#).

Late applications may result in your child being placed in a school that is not your first choice.

**P** positivity  
**R** respect  
**I** independence  
**D** determination  
**E** enthusiasm

### Sunday's Gospel John 1:35-42

"We have found the Messiah,"



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