



St Joseph's Catholic Middle School

The family of St. Joseph's loves, learns and grows together as followers of Jesus

Monthly Newsletter – Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

May has been an exciting and eventful time at St Joseph's.

Firstly, our Year 6 pupils coped extremely well with their external assessments. Their teachers were very proud of how hard they worked and the positive attitude they showed throughout. We look forward to receiving their results in early July.

I also had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils on a science trip to The Life Centre in Newcastle. We travelled by train, and I was delighted to receive a message from a fellow passenger commending our pupils for their excellent behaviour.

Similarly, a large number of our pupils represented the school at an athletics event at Wentworth, with many qualifying for the next round. Once again, staff at the venue wrote to congratulate our pupils on their politeness and conduct. They are a real credit to the school.

In addition, many pupils have been representing St Joseph's in a range of sporting competitions, including athletics and cricket. These opportunities will continue throughout this half term.

This is a particularly busy half term, with many exciting trips and activities planned. These include several adventure sports residential visits, our summer fair, and our celebrations marking the school's 50th anniversary.

We are also looking forward to our school production of *Oliver!* this half term. Pupils and staff have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals, and I look forward to welcoming you to our opening night on 25th June.

Finally, we have some sad news to share. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Wendy Ross, recently passed away following a short illness. She was deeply passionate about our school and community and worked tirelessly on our behalf. Our thoughts and prayers are with Wendy and her family at this difficult time.

Kind regards,

Mr N. A. Wood
Headteacher

KS2 Visit to the Learning Lab at the Centre for Life, Newcastle:

Our Year 5 & 6 pupils had a fantastic trip to the Centre for Life, exploring energy through hands-on activities.

They represented our school brilliantly – even receiving a lovely message from a member of the public praising their behaviour on the train!

Well done KS2 – we're so proud of you all



Art:

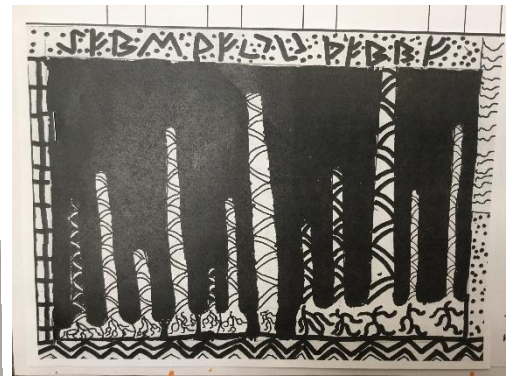
Year 5 have been learning about Aboriginal Art. They created dotty pictures around the outlines of native Australian animals and then created circular wool weaving based on Aboriginal symbols.



Year 6 have explored British butterflies and moths, and their importance as environmental markers. They used collage skills to make these beautiful mixed media lepidoptera.



Year 7 were awarded overall Second Prize in the Northumberland County Show, for their Enchanted Forest illustrations. They had used the work of JRR Tolkien as inspiration. A special shout out to Jack P, Robin and Marshall who were awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place within our school entries.



The Year 7s have also made fabulous 3d Pop Art call outs which are on display



The final project for Year 7 is to make clay sweet and savoury treats. Here are some of their wonderful sculptures, ready to dry before painting.



Year 8 have been busy working on bunting decorations for the school's birthday celebrations. They have also been working on their 3d sculpture project, turning containers into fun animals. Here is some of their work so far...



Sport:

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our pupils who represented St Joseph's at Wentworth in the Pyramid Athletics on both 4th and 11th June.

From the qualifying stages over the last two weeks, the following pupils will now go on to represent Tynedale at the County Athletics at Gateshead Stadium:

Oliver Bu – Javelin and High Jump

Oliver H – Discus and Shot Putt

Max S-C – Javelin

Thomas A – Javelin

Sophia T – High Jump

Aoife R – Shot Putt

Edie S – Javelin

Max S – Long Jump

Samson S – Long Jump

Oliver Ba – Shot Putt

We wish them all the very best of luck!

West Northumberland Food Bank:

A huge well done to 7C who have been busy collecting donations for the West Northumberland Food Bank. All donations go towards keeping the food bank shelves stocked and help make up food parcels to provide essential support to people facing difficult times. Thank you to everyone who donated items, your support is, as always, very much appreciated.



Salto – Uniform Deadline:

The deadline date for this years' uniform issue is SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2026. All orders that are placed before the deadline will have an extended returns and exchange policy until the start of the new school term in September.

Please take a look at our school's dedicated uniform page on the Salto website (link below)

<https://www.saltouk.com/school-uniforms/st-josephs-r-c-middle-school-hexham/>

Food/Textiles

Year 5 have been learning about food provenance. This has included looking at how sweetcorn can be used in a variety of way in the food industry; eating as a vegetable, as a popcorn snack, as a breakfast cereal, using corn flour as a sauce thickener, corn syrup as a sweetener. I have tasked the students to find even more examples.



Year 6 have been learning about how natural and manmade fibres are made into fabrics. This week they have completed paper weaving so that they have the skills to work with wool next week.

Year 7 – One rotation finished their bird buddies and have begun their bird buddy designs and the new groups are just starting their designs.



Year 8. A small group of year 8 completed a short project of sock monsters or owl buddies whilst most of the group were out representing the school at sports. Some interesting and creative results.

Oliver! Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June 2026

Our *Oliver!* tickets are now on sale and are selling extremely quickly. As we have a limited number of tickets available for each performance, we have kindly asked that you only purchase tickets for one show at this time. This will help ensure that as many families as possible have the opportunity to attend. If any tickets remain closer to the performance dates, these will then be made available for general purchase.



Extra-Curricular Clubs:

The extra-curricular timetable for the Summer Term can be found on the school website.

Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday – Update

We celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with a variety of activities throughout the day. In addition, we raised £140 for Glaucoma UK in memory of Mr Mike Seddon, a former colleague and much-loved teacher.



PTA

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☀️ Summer Fair – Friday 19th June ☀️

🕒 1.30pm – 3.00pm

We're excited to invite you to our Summer Fair! 🎉

There will be rides, a sweet stall, candy floss, a cake stall, and lots of other fun stalls run by the children, who will be coming up with ideas in their form classes.

🍰 Donations Needed 🍰

We would be very grateful for donations for:

Tombola

Hook the Bag

Cakes

Bric-a-Brac

Toys/Games

All donations can be handed into the school office.

Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to seeing you there! 🍷🍷

The PTA are low on volunteers if you would like to be a part of the PTA, please contact Eleanor Stoves Tel: 01434 605124. We would love to see you at our events and maybe share new ideas



Upcoming Events at a Glance:

Date	Activity
Thursday 18 th June	Y3 Enrichment Day 9.30am – 2.30pm
Friday 19 th June	Summer Fair 1.30 – 3.00pm
Monday 22 nd June	Y8 Photographs
Wednesday 24 th June	KS2 St Mary's to watch Oliver! Dress Rehearsal Y4 Rounders Afternoon 1.30pm
Thursday 25 th & Friday 26 th June	St Joseph's school production of Oliver!
Monday 29 th June – Thursday 2 nd July	Y8 Residential Trip to Newlands
Thursday 2 nd July	Y5 Celebration of Sport Event
Friday 3 rd July	St Joseph's 50 th Birthday Celebrations – details to follow Leavers' Disco
Tuesday 7 th July	Hexham Partnership Transfer Day Y4 Parents' Evening – 6.00pm
Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th July	Y6 Residential Trip to Robinwood
Monday 13 th – Wednesday 15 th July	Y5 Residential Trip to Weardale
Monday 13 th July	Y8 Trip to Forum Cinema

Tuesday 14 th July	Y7 Trip to Forum Cinema Y6 Trip to Haltwhistle Pool
Wednesday 15 th July	Y8 Awards Evening – details to follow Y8 Trip to Whickham Thorns Y7 Trip to Wentworth Leisure Centre
Thursday 16 th July	Y7 Trip to All Out Adventures Y8 Trip to Wentworth Leisure Centre
Friday 17 th July	Y8 Leavers' Mass – 9.30am – details to follow School closes for the Summer at the earlier time of 1.30pm

We offer this prayer for the family of Wendy Ross

Heavenly Father. In this time of sorrow, we turn to You for comfort and strength. You see the pain and grief in their hearts, and we ask that Your loving presence surround this family. Lord, bring peace to those who mourn and gently heal the wounds of loss. When our hearts feel heavy, remind us that You are near to the brokenhearted and that Your love never fails. May Your peace rest upon this family and give them strength for each day ahead. Hold them close in Your mercy and guide them through this time of mourning with faith and trust.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

God bless,

N. A. Wood

Mr N Wood

