



St Joseph's Catholic Primary Academy

● Learning and Serving Together in the Light of God's Love ●

Dates for Diary

October:

Half-term: Monday 26th – Friday 30th (School closed)

November:

Wednesday 4th 9:10am – Mrs. Towner class mass

Wednesday 11th 9:10am – Mrs. Rudd class mass

Friday 13th 8:45am – 9:30am – EYFS Stay and Play with nursery rhymes

Wednesday 18th 9:10am – Mrs. Ashley class mass

Thursday 19th – Nasal flu vaccinations (Locala)

Tuesday 24th 7:00pm – Confirmation service (children in Y6 and above) at English Martyrs

Wednesday 25th 9:10am – Miss. Cocking class mass

Saturday 28th 6:00pm – Family mass at English Martyrs

Sunday 29th 12:00pm onwards – Christmas fair

Upcoming:

Tuesday 15th December 2:30pm – Rocksteady concert

Wednesday 16th December 9:30am – KS2 Christmas mass

Friday 18th December – Y5 carol concert at Huddersfield Town Hall

Weekly Mass

English Martyrs: St Joseph's:

Saturdays at 6:00pm Sundays at 11:00am

Sundays at 9:00am

All Welcome!

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evenings. It was great to see so many in attendance. Your continued support and engagement with the school is greatly appreciated, and we value the strong partnership we share in supporting our children's learning and development.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated on Thursday to our non-uniform day in celebration of the Feast Day of Blessed Chiara Badano. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we raised **over £200 for Catholic Care**, a faith-led charity that supports individuals and families in need.

The children have been learning about Blessed Chiara, the patron of our new trust, and exploring her inspiring life and example.

Let us take a moment to quiet our hearts and minds, remembering Blessed Chiara.

A Prayer Inspired by Blessed Chiara Badano

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the example of Blessed Chiara Badano, who showed us how to live with joy, faith and love, even in difficult times. Help us to be kind to one another, generous in our actions and courageous in our faith. May we always seek to follow Jesus in all that we do.

Amen.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. I wish all our families a peaceful and restful half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Warm regards,

Mr. Marshall



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Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support our Book Fair! Your time, enthusiasm and support helped make the event such a success. With your help we raised **over £600** which contributes to free books for our school.

A special thank you to our KS2 helpers for their hard work and organisation each morning and afternoon to get our book fair ready.

Books open up a world of imagination, adventure and discovery. It was wonderful to see so many families coming together to celebrate the joy of reading!



Performance Poetry

A huge well done to Mrs. Brennan's Class for winning our poetry competition! It was wonderful to see all classes putting in so much effort, creativity and enthusiasm during the showcase on Friday. Well done to everyone who took part and shared their fantastic poetry!



Visit to St John Fisher



On Thursday, Eliza, Orla, Maja and Alicja visited St. John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy with Mr. Marshall. It was wonderful to observe Mass for The Feast Day of Blessed Chiara Badano with other schools in our new trust.





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Wraparound Care

Breakfast (£5 per day)

YR to Y6 everyday from 7:15am



After School

YR to Y6 everyday. Snack included from 4:15pm.

3:15pm to 4:15pm = £4.50

3:15pm to 5:00pm = £7.50

3:15pm to 5:50pm = £9.50

PE Timetable

KS1 Mondays and Thursdays

Year 3 Mrs. Brennan – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Mrs. Towner – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 4 Wednesdays

Year 5/6 Mrs. Land – Mondays and Tuesdays

Mrs. Bainbridge – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Miss. Howarth – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Clubs

From 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Monday

Year 2 Multi-skills

Tuesday

Y5 and Y6 Dodgeball

Thursday

Y1 to Y6 Gymnastics 3:15pm to 4:20pm



Arbor Support

For troubleshooting the Parent Portal App, follow the link below to helpful guides.

[Arbor Help Centre](#)

Apply for Free School Meals

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EYFS Stay and Play

Friday 13th November please join us for Stay and Play; the theme is Nursery Rhymes. All parents and carers welcome from 8:45am to 9:30am.



Sports Partnership

Our girl's football team played round two at Reinwood Jr. School on Monday. They played really well; drawing against Hill View 1-1 and a loss against Reinwood 4-2. Well done girls! You were amazing!

Well done to all children who took part in the Cross Country Partnership Finals at Huddersfield New College. Congratulations to **Zac (Y6)** and **Grace (Y3)** who qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals in March 2027!



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Family Fundraiser

On the 6th of December, Mrs. Emily Weavill and their daughters will be taking part in the Liverpool Santa Dash to raise money in support of their husband and father.

They have set up a JustGiving page to help raise money for The Walton Centre Liverpool – a place that means so much to the family right now.

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Holy Spirit,

As we break for half-term, help us to reflect on the gifts that you have given to us, and to be grateful for these gifts which have been creative in us.

As we prepare to spend more time with our families, make us always aware of the needs of others. Help us to serve them and to be ready to show them your love.

Keep us safe, always in your presence.

Amen.



Before



After

Protect the Wild: A Mural for St Joseph's School

The St Joseph's School Mural Project will transform a deteriorating wall in Dalton, Huddersfield, into an inspiring community mural celebrating children and nature. The FOSJ have been working with a fantastic group called "Huddersfield Rising" to create a mural on the lower KS2 Playground. The Mural will be focused on the story book "The Wild". A story about our need to be kind to our planet and each other.

We only need 24 more donations to secure funding for our project! Any contribution, even just £1 or £2, would make a real difference. Thank you so much for your support!

Friends Of St Joseph's

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- ★ Apply online, apply on time
- ★ Name three preferences
- ★ Include your catchment school



- If your child is starting **Secondary School in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 31 October 2026
- If your child is starting **Junior or Middle School in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 15 January 2027
- If your child is starting **Primary School (Reception) in September 2027**
you must apply online between 1 September 2026 and 15 January 2027
(for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023)



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WALK WHEEL RIDE (HUDDERSFIELD)

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Monday 26th October - 10:00-12:00

- Guided Nature Walk

Huddersfield Riverside Nature Park



Tuesday 27th October - 10:30-15:00

- Children's Bike Skills
- Dr Bike Repairs

Greenhead Park



Wednesday 28th October - 13:00-17:00

- E-bike Test Rides (over 18s only)

Birkby & Fartown Library



Thursday 29th October - 10:30-15:00

- Children's Bike Skills
- Dr Bike Repairs
- Guided Nature Walk

Beaumont Park



Friday 30th October - 10:30-14:30

- Children's Bike Skills
- Dr Bike Repairs

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Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza

Bonfire & Fireworks

Fairground Food & Drink Stalls

Friday 6th November 2026 from 5:30 pm

WYFRS HQ, Birkenshaw, BD11 2DY

Blue Badge parking available • Advance tickets via QR code

No personal fireworks or sparklers • Guide dogs only

Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult

For more information contact: firefighters.charity@westyorkshirefire.gov.uk

Tickets	Pre-booked	On the gate
Adults	£8	£10
Children (aged 4 to 16)	£4	£5
Infant (3 or under)	FREE	FREE
1 Adult & 1 Child Ticket Offer	£10	£13



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Link to purchase tickets: <https://orlo.uk/mZ6oe>



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Journey Together

**BUILDING FOUNDATIONS
IN SEND PARENTING**

Learn strategies for supporting your child with SEND, how to advocate for their needs, and connect with a community of like-minded parents and carers.



- Understanding SEND and what it means for your child
- Practical strategies to help with daily routines
- Support with Speech, Language and Communication
- Navigating the education system and accessing support
- Building resilience and self-care for parents and carers

Course Details:



5 WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING **TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2026**
9.30AM-12.30PM



CONTINUES 17/11, 24/11, 1/12 AND 8/12

FIXBY J&I SCHOOL, HUDDERSFIELD, HD2 2HB

Contact us or scan the QR code to book your place



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WINTER APPAREL APPEAL

DONATE A COAT



Donate clean or new coats to support individuals in need

Drop off point - The Zone, St Andrews Road, Huddersfield, HD1 6PT

HGCT are doing a coat collection appeal this winter.

They are wanting to take donations of clean, old or new coats for those in need.

Coats can be donated directly to The Zone, St Andrews Road, Huddersfield HD1 6PT



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- how to apply for lessons
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