

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Spring Term

12th January 2024

Attendance - week ending 22.12.23

NUR-J	81.2%
NUR-K-R	81.1%
RK	86.6%
RP	91.3%
Y1S	81.3%
Y1T	90.7%
Y2D	88.1%
Y2K	89.7%
Y3GM	91%
Y3T	92.3%
Y4J	93.9%
Y4S	92%
Y5A	83.2%
Y5F	92.3%
Y6B	89%
Y6S	84.8%

Well done to Y4J – a great 93.9%

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a very happy and holy Christmas despite the very wild and wet weather. The children have returned positively and ready to learn. We enjoyed celebrating Mass together today to start our new term. Our Catholic Pupil Profile this term is focused on being eloquent and truthful. We are supporting our children to grow to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, of the relations between people, and of the world.

Reporting an Absence

Please ensure you report any absence to the school office. Teaching staff may not always check ClassDojo and it is Miss Wheatley in the office who records reasons for absence. It is a safeguarding concern if you do not contact us to let us know why children are not in school and this may result in a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

Rainbows bereavement programme

Staff have recently undertaken Rainbows training; this is a national programme which provides training for school staff so they can deliver support groups for children who have experienced a significant loss in their lives. This may be due to the death of a loved one, or family

breakdown/separation. This programme helps children cope with their grief and feel less alone.

Why this is needed

Sadly, one out of every 29 school children have been bereaved of a parent or sibling. That is an average of one in every classroom. Incidences of divorce and separation impacting on children are even higher. As a result, many children feel sad, anxious and alone.

Without support, bereavement and loss can cause children to become increasingly isolated and lead to more serious mental health issues developing. Children's ability to engage with learning and achieve at school can also be affected.

If you feel your child would benefit from accessing the Rainbows programme then please contact me. A form will be sent out shortly with details of the programme.

School Uniform

We are so proud of how smart the children are in their school uniform. Thank you for your continued support. As a reminder, from Year 1 to Year 6 children should only wear black shoes and all children should wear a shirt and tie as part of the winter uniform. We have a range of secondhand uniform in school; please contact me if you require spare uniform.

Get help with School Costs - <https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs>

Your child may be eligible for a School Essential Grant of **£125** and free meals. Children whose families are on lower incomes and qualify for certain benefits can apply for this grant. To check your eligibility you will firstly need to apply for Free School Meals. The same process applies to all children, including those in Reception to Year 3, even though these year groups automatically receive school lunches free as part of the Universal Free School meal initiative. Check your eligibility now <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/applyfreeschoolmeals>

Coats, hats and gloves

The cold weather is set to remain for the next few weeks. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school. If you send a hat or gloves, please write their name in so it can be easily identified when left in the playground!

Dates for the Spring Term

Please find dates for the spring term on the second page of the newsletter. Class assemblies for Y3-6 take place in the main school hall at 9am. For children in Reception to Y2, assemblies take place in the hall near the Year 1/2 classes. We open the gate into school from Convent Street at 9am for these assemblies. We welcome you to join with us for our class assemblies.

Have a lovely weekend.
Angela Heald



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Spring Term 2024 Calendar Dates



Date	Activity	Time
8.01.24	Inset Day	08:40
9.01.24	Return to School	08:40
12.01.24	Whole School Mass – Cathedral (All welcome)	09:15
15.01.24 and 16.01.24	Fluoride Varnish N – Y2	All Day
18.01.24	Reception Class Hearing Screening	All Day
18.01.24	SSFA Y6 Boys Football final - Pure Football	10:00 - 14:00
19.01.24	Year 3T class assembly - entrance via Caepistyll Street	09:00
24.01.24	Osprey's Girls Rugby Match – Sketty Lane	10:00 - 14:00
26.01.24	Year 3GM class assembly - entrance via Caepistyll Street	09:00
26.01.24	Cluster Criw Cymraeg Event at St Illtyd's Primary	
26.01.24	SSFA Boys Y4 tournament – Pure Football	10:00 - 14:00
02.02.24	Year 2D class assembly – entrance via Convent Street	09:00
02.02.24	Number Day – non-school uniform - to 'Dress up for digits'. Simply wear an item of clothing with a number on it.	All Day
05.02.24	Children's Mental Health Week	All Week
06.02.24	Safer Internet Day	All Day
08.02.24	Y4 visit to Bishop Vaughan School	09:30 – 14:30
09.02.24	Year 2K class assembly – entrance via Convent Street	09:00
09.02.24	Dydd Miwsig Cymru – Welsh music day	All Day
09.02.24	End of term	-
19.02.24	Start of term	All Day
01.03.24	St David's Day Mass Y4-6 to walk to St David's Church – Wear your Welsh costume day	10:30
01.03.24	St David's Day Eisteddfodd	All Day
07.03.24	World Book Day – further details to follow	09:00
13.03.24	Lenten Penitential Service	11:00
14.03.24	SSFA Y5/6 Girls Tournament – Pure Football	10:00 - 14:00
08.03.24	Y1T Class Assembly – entrance via Convent Street	09:00
11.03.24 – 22.03.24	Big walk and wheel to school fortnight	-
15.03.24	Y1S Class Assembly – entrance via Convent Street	09:00
20.03.24	Feast of St Joseph	-
21.03.24	Easter Service R – Y6 - Cathedral	14:00
22.03.24	End of Term	-
08.04.24	Start of Summer Term	08:40

Unfortunately, sometimes events may have to be rescheduled or amended. We will give you as much notice as we can. Our website always carries the most up to date information.