



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Attendance - week ending 01.03.24

NUR-J	88.8%
NUR-K-R	87.1%
RK	97%
RP	94%
Y1S	99.3%
Y1T	93.7%
Y2D	91.3%
Y2K	96.7%
Y3GM	94.2%
Y3T	97.7%
Y4J	91%
Y4S	93.7%
Y5A	97.4%
Y5F	92.3%
Y6B	95.2%
Y6S	90.3%

Winning Class this week is Y1S with 99.3%. Well done!

11.03.24 – 22.03.24	Big walk and wheel to school fortnight	See 2 nd page for details
13.03.24	Parenting Workshops	09:00 – 10:00 Learning Pod
15.03.24	Y1S Class Assembly	09:00 entrance via Convent Street
15.03.24	Comic Relief Day	All Day
19.3.24	Feast of St Joseph – Mass in Cathedral	09:30am
21.03.24	Easter Service R – Y6 - Cathedral	14:00 All Welcome
22.03.24	End of Term	3:25pm
08.04.24	Inset Day	-
09.04.24	Start of Summer Term	08:40

Spring Term

8th March 2024

Year 1T Class Assembly

Well done to all our young friends from Year 1T as they led our school assembly this morning. We all enjoyed listening to them discussing their learning about special foods. Thank you to all our family members who joined with us. What a lovely opportunity to show off the wonderful talents of the children.

Volunteers

Thank you to the parents who have offered to become a school volunteer. On behalf of the staff, we are so grateful for the time you are offering to share with us in school. We know the children will benefit from the support you will bring to school.

World Book Day - 7th March

What an amazing day we had yesterday! I had such fun trying to work out the 'words' you had come dressed as. Thank you to all our families for your inspiration and commitment to helping us all to have such a fun day.

Big Walk and Wheel to school

Mrs Powell is organising our big walk and wheel to school this year. We are encouraging as many children and family members as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school. We will have a café next Friday 15th March with bacon or veggie sausage sandwiches for families who have joined in with the big walk and wheel to school. Breakfast available in the learning pod from 8am. Come and join us.... All welcome.

Parenting Workshops

Please take this opportunity to join in our parenting workshop here in school next Wednesday 13th March. It is a chance to meet with other parents and discuss a range of strategies to help with supporting your child at home.

Comic Relief – Friday 15th March

It is comic relief day on Friday 15th March. Children can come into school in their own clothes on this day. Any donations welcome – we will send the money directly to comic relief

Feast of St Joseph

19th March is the feast day of St Joseph. Please join with us and the Parish for Mass at 9:30am in the Cathedral.

Easter Service

As part of our preparation for Easter, we will join together as a school to retell the events of Holy Week. With our Year 6 children leading the reading, each year group from Reception to Year 6 will be singing and acting out the events from Palm Sunday through to the crucifixion of Jesus. We would love you to join with us in the Cathedral at 2pm on Thursday 21st March.

Easter Bonnet Parade – nursery and reception

We will have our Easter bonnet parade on Wednesday 20th March at 9:15am for Mrs Powell's class and 9:45am for Mrs Keegan's class.

The nursery parade will be 9:15am on Thursday 21st March for Mrs Kinsey-Rees class and 10:45am for Mrs Jones' class. These will all be held in the Parish Hall. The afternoon nursery class will hold their Easter bonnet parade at 1:00pm on Thursday 21st March in the nursery classroom.

Angela Heald
Head Teacher



Dear Families,

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in the 15th year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11-22 March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event, they can let their teacher know how they came to school and there will be a school total each day.

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel and know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. We realise some children get the bus to school but maybe you can encourage them to walk to the bus stop or scoot a little way.

Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/>

For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk . Enjoy the challenge!

Best wishes

Mrs Powell