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## **School Mission Statement**

*'To inspire, to learn, to love with God'*

This half term we are focusing on being;

### **Compassionate and Loving**

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

### **What does this mean?**

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by being compassionate and loving in the way pupils are treated, especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening pupils' eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence.

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14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parent/Carers

We have had such a busy half term - well done to all of our children for working so hard.

We have so much to be thankful for!

Well done and thank you to-

Everyone who generously supported our Autumn Fayre and making it such a great success. Special thanks to our PTFA for all their hard work and to Year 6 for the wonderful stalls. We made an amazing £1027!

The parents of Years 1&2 who attended our RWI information evening- and for all your support in hearing your children read each day- it is making an amazing difference.

Year 6 in delivering such a wonderful topic assembly and to all our Year 6 parents who attended (we are all looking forward to the Buddy Assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November)

To Mr Hunt who came in to talk to Year 2 about what it was like to attend St Joseph's school in the 1940s!

All the children and parents who supported and joined our prayer service when the relics of St Bernadette visited our Parish- it was such a special and wonderful occasion.

Our wonderful football and netball team who participated in a tournament at Cardinal Griffin and to Mr Sayce and Miss Edwards for organising.

Year 4 who led our whole school Mass focussing on St Bernadette and to Father Jeremy and everyone who attended.

Year 2 for a fantastic stay and pray service focussing on their class saint- St Francis of Assisi.

Year 3 parents for joining us for our First Holy Communion meeting.

All the Year 1 families who joined us for the "come dine with me" lunch and for Mrs Daly and Mrs Shelley in the kitchen for cooking such delicious food.

Years 5 and 6 who participated in an environmental awareness session this week presented by Cannock Chase Council.

Year 5 who visited the Black Country Museum this week and were congratulated by staff there on their excellent behaviour and manners.

Our School council who organised our Harvest Foodbank appeal and everyone who generously donated - all donations will be taken to the local foodbank.

To our wonderful staff at St Joseph's for working so hard to provide interesting and engaging learning experiences for our children each day!

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Jones last week who is moving on to her new post at The Bridge. We look forward to welcoming Miss Maguire who will be working with Year 6 as their new teaching assistant.

Please could we ask that you make sure you put your child's name on all items of their uniform, including black tracksuit tops. We have over 200 children all wearing similar jumpers/cardigans, it can be very difficult to locate a misplaced item without a name. Our lost property box is again full to the brim! Please ensure you label everything so any missing items can be returned to their owner!

The application system will open on 1st November 2022 for September 2023 Reception class places. We have an open morning on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November- if you have any family or friends who are looking for a school place for next September please encourage them to come. Please spread the word about our wonderful school. If you or anyone you know cannot make the open morning you are always welcome to call to arrange an appointment with me for a tour of the school at anytime.

October as you know is the month of the rosary. We have been praying the rosary in school together. The rosary helps us grow in the hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever. Let us ask Our Lady to look after us and bring us closer to her son, Jesus.

Don't forget to participate in our October Reading challenge to see how many different people you can read to throughout October. A full grid (returned to school by October 31<sup>st</sup>) will be entered into a prize draw.

We return to school after half term on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. On this day we will be welcoming Dan and Emily from Onelife music who will be leading us in a whole school retreat- Let Creation Sing!

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we should be humble - especially when we pray. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God.

"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things."

Pope Francis

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 1st November (Monday 31st October is an INSET day)

Mrs B Corbett

You are being asked to see how many different people you can read to throughout October. Each row you fill in must be a different person and a different book. A full grid (returned to school by October 31<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a prize draw.

HELLO

October

Date	Name (who did you read to?)	What book did you read to them?	What did they enjoy, find interesting or have question about?	Signature of the person you read to


**Easyfundraising**

Please register by following the above link to raise money for St Joseph's.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford/>

### **Parish Links**

The year 3 and year 6 commitment Mass will take place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am. Everyone is invited to attend. Those children wishing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation next year must attend.



### **Autumn Fayre Raffle**

Congratulations to the winners of our raffle:-

Esme Y4, Charlie F Y6, Zac Y5, Archie Y3, Jacob Y4, Joel Rec, Amelie Rec, Miss Farr, Jude Y3, Nancy Y2, Finley Y4, Finley Y5, Maeva Nur, Camilla Rec, Walter Rec and Maks Y5.

### **Secondary School Application Forms**

A reminder to year 6 parents that application forms for admission to secondary school next September must be completed by 31 October 2022. Applications can be made using the online application service, which

is available at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

and by following the links to 'making an application'



### **Nursery - January 2023**

If your child turns 3 before 31 December 2022 they will be eligible to start in our nursery from January 2023. Applications can now be accepted. Please see the school website or contact the school office. Closing date 31 October 2022.



### Barn Dance - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 7pm

A barn dance is being held to raise funds for the church roof repair. This will take place on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the church hall. Admission is

£5. Bring your own food and drink. For tickets please ring Mick on 07789 111767



### Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November (3.30pm-6pm) and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November (4pm-7pm). An invitation has been sent to all parents by text/email.

Please click on the link provided to book your appointment. Parents' evening will take place in school.

### Attendance

We congratulate year 4 on their attendance this week - highest in the school.

Over the whole half term year 5 have pipped year 4 to the post. Well done!

Year Group	Weekly attendance %	Half term attendance %
Reception	95%	92.3%
Year 1	91%	93.8%
Year 2	97%	92.9%
Year 3	97%	95.2%
Year 4	98%	96.5%
Year 5	94%	96.7%
Year 6	89%	91.8%
Whole school		94.2%





## "What Outstanding Work" Assembly

We congratulate the following children who were recognised at our WOW assembly today:

Reception	River	Amelie
Class 1	Bonnie	Harvey
Class 2	Karen	Oli
Class 3	Macey	Hollie
Class 4	Connor	Fabian
Class 5	Jack	Kian
Class 6	Charlie F	Charlie W

Well done on  
all your hard  
work

	<p>Virtues Awards</p> <p><i>Compassionate &amp; Loving</i></p> <p>Autumn term 1</p>	
Reception	<p>Camilla</p> <p>Camilla is always kind to</p>	<p>Joel</p> <p>Joel is always so kind to</p>

	<p>her friends and considerate to everyone she meets.</p> <p>Compassionate and loving is a natural part of who Camilla is.</p>	<p>others but he also shows a lot of compassion and love for nature and the environment. This shows such a nurturing nature and this helps his friends to love the world they live in too.</p>
Year 1	<p>Sophie</p> <p>Sophie is always so kind and considerate to not just year 1 but to everybody in our school. She is always helping others and setting a good example.</p>	<p>Stefan</p> <p>Stefan is always playing nicely and looking after his friends. He always offers help to both his teachers and friends.</p>
Year 2	<p>Max</p> <p>Max is very kind and helpful to others in his class and to the teachers. He is very caring and if he completes his work he asks if he can help others if they are stuck.</p>	<p>Ava</p> <p>Ava is always smiling at school and starts the day off with a cheerful greeting in the register. She is loving towards others and shows compassion for anyone that may need help in class or on the</p>

		playground.
Year 3	<p>Nancy</p> <p>For always helping her peers and helping take care of them.</p>	<p>Dakota</p> <p>For making Esme feel so welcome at our school and for helping her around school.</p>
Year 4	<p>Esme</p> <p>Can always be relied on to support and care for others.</p>	<p>Victoria</p> <p>She was very caring towards another child when they were hurt.</p>
Year 5	<p>Callie-Rae</p> <p>Callie-Rae uses her gifts and talents in service of others and is a fantastic role model for all in school.</p>	<p>Emily Mc</p> <p>Emily is an excellent friend to all in class five. She goes out of her way to offer encouragement and support to others.</p>
Year 6	<p>Georgia</p> <p>Georgia is always seeking to support and help others. She has such a calm manner which shows how caring she is.</p>	<p>Isabella</p> <p>Isabella is a perfect role model for these virtues. She is always asking how she can help Miss Smith with any jobs and smiles when others are smiling.</p>

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**HAYES GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**17TH & 18TH DECEMBER**

Showtimes 2pm & 6.30pm

07850 927354 - [lisajayne621@btinternet.com](mailto:lisajayne621@btinternet.com)

Single ticket £7 Family ticket (4 people) £25

**Contact the venue or message 07884 431346**