



# Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School

'We Learn, We Love, We Grow in Jesus' Name'

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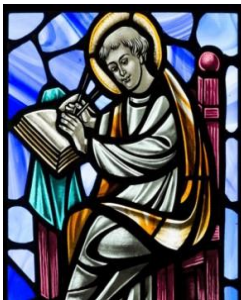
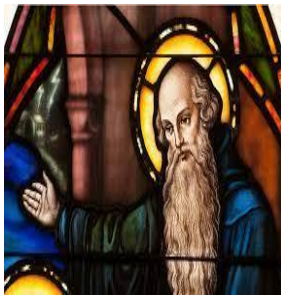

## Spring Dates



Date	Event	Time	Parents Invited
Friday 2 February	NSPCC Number Day – Wear something with a number on	All Day	Yes
Saturday 3 February	Liturgy 4 Mass (Holy Communion children) Brooms Church	5.30pm	Yes
Monday 5 February	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week	All Week	No
Monday 5 February- Wednesday 7 February	Year 6 Residential – Dukeshouse Wood	Residential	No
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day	All Day	No
Tuesday 6 February	Chinese New Year Lunch	Lunch	No
Tuesday 6 February	Holy Communion Session (in school)	3.30pm – 4.30pm	No
Friday 9 February	Oases Assembly	2.30pm	No
Friday 9 February	Half Term Holidays start	3.20pm	
Wednesday 14 February	Ash Wednesday		
Monday 19 February	Children return to school	8.45am	No
Tuesday 20 February	Y6 Booster Class	3.30-4.30pm	No
Friday 23 February	Wear Something Purple & Cake Sale		No
Tuesday 27 February	Y6 Booster Class	3.30-4.30pm	No
Wednesday 28 February	Mini Police – Year 5		No
Wednesday 28 February	NSPCC Speak Out & Stay Safe Workshops	Afternoon	No
Friday 1 March	Coffee Afternoon	2.30pm	Yes
Friday 8 March	Book Sale	8.30-9.30	Yes
Friday 15 March	Cake Sale	3pm	Yes
Friday 22 March	Big Lent Walk	Throughout the Day	No

**Statement to Live By**  
**'I try to be patient with people'**

### HOUSE POINTS

Feast Days	St Aidan	St Bede	St Benedict	St Cuthbert
<b>31 August</b>  <b>25 May</b>  <b>11 July</b>  <b>20 March</b>				
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>365</b>	225	174	180
<b>Running Total</b>	938	677	621	737

***Congratulations to this week's winners – St Aidan's House***

#### Attendance

Please ensure your child arrives into school on time so they can be in class for registration at **8.55am** in order to prevent any delay to the start of lessons. **Children should be in class and ready to begin lessons by 8.55am**

Children arriving late will delay the start of lessons and will be marked late.

If your child is unable to attend school, please inform school via email or telephone no later than **9.30am**.

In order to ensure that all of our children are safe, it is vital for us to know as soon as possible.

#### Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from the 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters.'

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

Throughout the week we will focus on one of the five pillars of wellbeing each day.

**Monday – Connect**

**Tuesday – Be Active**

**Wednesday – Give**

**Thursday – Take Notice**

**Friday – Keep Learning**

There will also be a ***special suggestion station*** in school where children can feel that their voices are heard.

#### Reading Plus

Some of our children are enrolled on a programme called Reading Plus which they access at school but we also encourage them to access this at home. Log in details have already been sent home with your child if they are using the programme.

Children will be able to access extra Reading Plus sessions during some lunch breaks to ensure that they are accessing the programme more regularly.

### Reading Café

We are holding a 'Reading Café' on Thursday 1 February 2024 at 2.45pm, and we would like to invite parents/carers/grandparents to come into school and read with their child.

Refreshments will be available for a small donation.

We hope this will become a more regular event and provide the opportunity to take a pause out of our busy lives and enjoy reading together.

### Police Commissioner's Challenge (Year 5)

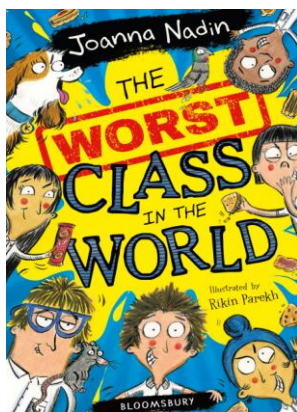
Could Year 5 children please complete and return to school their Police Commissioner Challenge book no later than 29 January 2024.

### Lost Property

We have had a number of uniform items found in school with no names on. Please ensure you label your child's clothing.

### World Book Day – Thursday 7 March 2024

We will be marking the day with some book related fun. Our Year 3 children will be joining our BWCET family for some online book sharing. Their focus will be The Worst Class in the World. If they are stuck for a good book between now and then, this would be a great choice! Watch this space for more information on how our school will celebrate. It's a good change to have ideas ready for dressing up as a book character. Any costumes that you might have at home that could be reused in school can be sent in and we will help to recycle. I also hear that Fantasia in Blackhill is selling off children's costumes for a fiver. Could be worth a look!



### Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club now starts at **8am**. Children can be admitted up to **8.15am**.

If your child wishes to bring their own breakfast to school, they can do so.

Please remember children for breakfast club should be in school no later than 8.15am. Please book via telephone 503979 or email: [olsj@olsj.bwcet.com](mailto:olsj@olsj.bwcet.com)

### After School Clubs

Monday – Meaningful Colouring

Tuesday – Movie Club

Wednesday – Sports Club

Thursday – Sewing Club

***Please remember to book your child's place and pay on Arbor or cash in to school, 50p per session.***

# Wednesday Word

**THE WORD** SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL A Weekly Gift to Your Family from Your Catholic Parish School

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's important to have good teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children - other family members and friends can also teach about what really matters in life. But who can really teach us about the best way to live?

Jesus stood out as a teacher because he taught with authority and power. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates this through the amazing healing of the man in the synagogue.

Jesus' teachings expose the things that weaken us - setting free all those who listen to him. The whole of Jesus' life was a continual teaching. His teaching is calm and wise, powerful but gentle, and enriches family life.

Just follow the simple steps overleaf to enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **TEACHES**.

Don Henry Glasbrough

A Word from Pope Francis: "Jesus is a teacher of truth and life who shows us the way that leads to happiness."

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH**  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. Jesus' teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority, while he was teaching. Jesus was interrupted by a very sick man who started to shout wildly and whose body was trembling and shaking. So Jesus paused and healed the sick man in full view of the people. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. "Here is a teaching that is new," they said, "and with authority behind it." And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Adapted from Mark 1:21-28  
The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in church: all are very warmly invited.

**Good News for Everyone** When we have Jesus as our teacher, we are being taught by God. Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws - to live a good life that is pleasing to God. Our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do this.

Connecting Home, School & Parish Through Sunday's Gospel [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)

Share the Good News Print and complete the leaflet with your child & SHARE A DIGITAL COPY with your friends

A Free Weekly Gift for Everyone

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## Recommended Reads for January 2024



EYFS



KS1



Lower KS2



Upper KS2