

Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 3rd February 2023



Children's Mental Health Week

We all know how important good mental health is and we will be highlighting this with children through a range of activities, organised by our School Council. This year the theme is "Let's Connect" and parents and carers may want to use the link for further information.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

On Friday 10th February, School Council will be organising a Dress to Express day. Children will wear uniform but can express themselves further by choosing socks, hats, scarves, badges, headbands, hair accessories etc.

A message from the School Council:

On Friday 10th of February we are dressing to express! Wear your school uniform but add accessories to express yourself: hats, socks, scarves, headbands, hair dos, badges. You can also have your face already painted from home. Enjoy the day and make your accessory as funky, funny or colourful as you want. Don't forget to have fun and remember to always... SMILE!

Attendance

Congratulations to Y2 and Y3 who share the attendance bear this week with a very good 98% attendance! High attainment, confidence with peers, future aspirations and future careers depend on good attendance and punctuality!

Whole school attendance 94% Target 96%

Eat well and sleep well to try and keep healthy and make sure you get to school on time!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th February – VEX club

Monday 6th February – Y3 Gospel Assembly
2.30pm all welcome

Tuesday 7th February – Library Club Y1

Wednesday 8th February – Y6 Booster

Thursday 9th February – Y5/6 Fitness

Friday 10th February - Mac the dog working with Y5

Friday 10th February – Dress to Express!

Friday 10th February – Y2 Gymnastics

Friday 10th February – school closes for half term break

Friday 10th February – Dress to Express Day

Monday 20th February – school opens to all pupils

Monday 20th February – Y6 Residential

Information session via zoom 5pm

Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March –
Scholastic Book Fayre

Tuesday 28th Feb 2023 – Industrial Action

Monday 6th March – Fire Safety session Y3

Wednesday 15th March 2023 - Industrial Action

Thursday 16th March 2023 - Industrial Action



Exploring Bullying Virtual Event

Mrs Foxley-Johnson, who regularly works with and advises school, will be running two virtual workshops for parents/carers on Tuesday 28th February. KS1 will be at 4pm and KS2 will be at 5pm. There will be some overlap between the sessions if you are unsure which one to join. The session will include identifying bullying behaviour and how to support your child if they experience or witness bullying. Please contact the office if you would like to attend and a zoom link will follow.

Industrial Action

As you aware the National Education Union (NEU) has announced national and regional strike action for teachers in England on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 28th Feb 2023**
- **Wednesday 15th March 2023**
- **Thursday 16th March 2023**

Teachers who are members of the NEU are not required to inform their schools if they are taking part in strike action beforehand. In theory, they could just be absent on the day, with no prior warning. This makes it extremely difficult to have an accurate picture of staffing levels for the days of industrial action.

Any information about future days of Industrial Action will be shared as soon as possible.

Parents/carers should be prepared for disruption to school opening.

Jess Cup

Congratulations to this week's winner of the Jess Cup, Evie Hardy! Well done!



First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion preparation will begin in St. Joseph's Church in February. Baptised Catholic children in Y3 and above are eligible. The initial Family Meeting will be after 11:15 Mass on Sunday 26th February and forms can be picked up from church from this date. The date for First Holy Communion is Sunday 25th June 2023. All further details will be shared at the meeting. Preparation for First Holy Communion is done in the parish and we look forward to celebrating this very special occasion in school afterwards.

ELSECAR HERITAGE CENTRE
Amazelab: Exploding Rainbows
Friday 17 February 10am–11am, 11.30am–12.30pm & 2pm–3pm
Calling all young inventors to join Amazelab and discover how to make Exploding Rainbows! Learn about chemical reactions in a colourful and creative way.
Suitable for 5–11-year-olds. Places are limited so please book your place on Eventbrite to avoid disappointment. See website for details at www.elsecar-heritage.com

WORSBROUGH MILL
The Kingdom of Tiny Things at the Waggon Way Glade
10am–12 noon & 1pm–3pm
Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 February
Join Oak Forest School for a magical session where we discover more about the nature around us and create homes for the enchanting creatures in the Country Park. Make magic fairy doors and enchanting elf portals!
Meet at Learning Hut in Mill Yard. Free but places are limited so booking is essential through Eventbrite. See website for details at www.worsbrough-mill.com

Free Family trails Throughout the half term
Find all the winter birds hidden around the reservoir at Worsbrough Mill and explore the beautiful gardens of Cannon Hall with our multisensory trails.
Free, drop-in. Pick up from our sites during opening hours or download at worsbrough-mill.com and cannon-hall.com

For more details on activities visit www.barnsley-museums.com or check out our social media @Barnsley Museums

FREE family fun
this February half term @ **BARNSELY MUSEUMS**

EXPERIENCE BARNSELY
Mummies in the Museum Trail
Until 18 March during Museum opening hours
Can you find all our Egyptian LEGO® figures in the museum? Find them all and collect a sticker.
Free, drop-in | Suitable for all ages

CRAFTY EGYPTIANS
Tuesday 14 February
Come and try out some traditional Egyptian crafts. Will you make a canopic jar or perhaps some beautiful jewellery?
Free, drop-in, 10am–12 noon and 1pm–3pm
Suitable for ages 6+ | For details visit www.experience-barnsley.com

CANNON HALL
Beautiful Bug Hotels
Saturday 18 February
Help us create a beautiful bug hotel in the walled garden and make your own mini bug house to take home.
Find us in the North Glass (far end of the walled garden).
Free, drop-in, 10am–12 noon and 1pm–3pm | Suitable for all ages

COOPER GALLERY
Amazing Animals
Friday 17 February
Go wild at this animal printing workshop! Be inspired by artist Henry Moore's beautiful animal drawings and create your own perfect print.
Free, drop-in, 10am–12 noon and 1pm–3pm, Suitable for ages 6+

Barnsley Museums Half Term Events

Barnsley Museums are offering a number of fun and free activities for families over February half term across all Barnsley museums. The museums are all free to enter and can also act as warm spaces during the cost of living crisis. Please see details here.

Holiday Pattern 2023/2024

With this newsletter you will find the holiday pattern for the next school year. Please note that two of the required INSET days are set with three more to be arranged.



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Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

September (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November (19 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January (18 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March (17 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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April (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May (18 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June (20 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July (16 Days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Denotes Bank Holidays



Denotes School Holidays

195 days – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff



Denotes INSET days – two already set, three further INSET days to be set