



St Joseph's Primary School



Calendar Dates & Information

June 2024



Another year is almost at an end here at St Joseph's as we prepare ourselves to send our Primary 7s off to St Mungo's. They are more than ready for this and St Mungo's have provided some excellent transition activities and days for them with more to come. We wish them every success in their High school journey and thank them for all they have contributed to the life of St Joseph's.

I'm sad to say that this is my last Newsletter. I'm not sure I'm quite as ready for this next phase as the Primary 7s are but I know I am truly blessed to have been part of St Joseph's family. We strive to have every child leave here every day feeling known and loved. I have to say that I am leaving in a few weeks' time feeling very much known and loved. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you for your love and support over the years.

We still have quite a few events to get through this year and we ask you to support as much as you possibly can in this final month.



St Joseph's Production of Bugsy is a Success!!

Our Primary 6 and Primary 7 children really blew us all away with their production of Bugsy Malone. All of the three shows demonstrated talent, professionalism and joy to all who came to see them. Every single member of the show, stage crew and technical crew will have wonderful memories of working under the direction of Mrs Comrie and the staff of St Joseph's. We cannot thank you, our parents and carers, enough for your support with this show. A huge thank you and congratulations to all who made this show such a success!!



Connell Cup Tournament

**Sunday 9 June
1-4pm**

Parents, Family and
Friends ... thank you in
advance for your
support!

A huge thank you to our many parents, grandparents and siblings who have already signed up to help on the day. Please know the more volunteers we have then this spreads the workload more fairly. If you can give an hour or two of your time, please let the Friends of St Joseph's know at friendsofstjosephsps@yahoo.com
Or ask your child to collect a sign-up sheet from the school.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Beat the Street 1st Place!!!

We are delighted to announce that St Joseph's won 1st Place in the Average Points Leader Board for Beat the Street Initiative. We were presented with a trophy and a voucher for £100 for books for our school library! Many, many thanks to all of you for supporting this wonderful initiative and allowing us to achieve success!



Primary 4 Retreat Day Schoenstatt



Primary four children went on a retreat, they all visited Schoenstatt as part of their sacramental preparation for their First Holy Communion. The theme was meeting Jesus in the Eucharist discussing why Jesus is so important to us. They heard a story from the Bible, went on a treasure hunt and visited the shrine. They learned that this shrine for Schoenstatt is the same all over the world. They left prayers there.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 5 June** (weather dependent). You are welcome to come along to support and cheer-on the children in the afternoon **1.15pm-2.45pm**. House points can be won at this whole school event so a healthy competitive spirit will be encouraged.

You are very welcome to bring refreshments with you.

Children should come to school dressed for Sports Day and may wear as many items as they have of their House colours – e.g. T-shirt, socks, shorts or hair adornments.

Class Celebrations

You are warmly invited to join us for the following Class Celebrations:

Tuesday 28 May	P3/4	9.30am
Tuesday 4 June	P1	9.30am

Class Celebrations give us a great opportunity to share the children's learning and faith life with you. We ask that you ensure, as best you can, that every child has someone to come along and see them. If this is not possible, and please know, we are very aware of parents' busy lives, please let the school know and we will endeavour to have someone in the audience for them. The attendance of parents, family and friends, so far, has been in excess of 80% so thank you very much for this support.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all of our children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confirmation last month. We now look forward to our First Holy Communion.

P4 First Holy Communion
Saturday 1 June 11am.



Masses, Services & Sacraments in St Joseph's Church

Our children will attend Mass in the Church each month and each class will take a turn of leading a mass. Everyone in the St Joseph's School and Parish communities are invited to come along and attend mass with us. Tea, coffee, and some sweet treats are available in the Church hall after each mass.

Saturday 1 June	P4 First Communion 11am
Tue 4 June	P7 Pope Francis Faith Award Mass 10am
Friday 7 June	P4 leading school Mass 9.30am
Wed 26 June	Mrs Brady's Leavers Mass
Wednesday 19 June	P7 Leavers' Mass 7pm
Fri 28 June	whole school mass 9.30am



Primary 7 Leavers' Mass and Awards

Primary 7 children will lead their Leavers Mass for parents, family and friends on **Wednesday 19 June** in St Joseph's Church at **7pm**. This will be followed by a short presentation in the school where refreshments will be served.

Primary 7 children will also attend our Cluster Pope Francis Faith Awards Mass on the morning of Tuesday 4 June. We are hosting all of the cluster school here at St Joseph's.



Our school Awards ceremony will be held at **1.45pm on Thursday 20 June**. All welcome to attend.

'Primary 7 Pupil Newsroom'

Written by our Primary 7 Journalists

Laudato Si Scottish Conference

Mrs Dennis and two P5 children attended the Laudato Si annual Conference for Scotland in Winchburgh. They listened to talks about Loss and Damage from Ben from SCIAF who raised issues of the richest countries causing the most climate change damage yet it is the poorest countries who cause the least amount of damage but suffer the most severe consequences. They also listened to Jane from Justice and Peace who spoke about the environmental impact our clothes have on the planet. We hope to invite her in our school soon as it was very interesting.

They learned how important it was to campaign and heard from a young woman who has campaigned for 18months successfully about the abolishment of sales of disposable vapes. They learned that not all components can be recycled and the battery in them can be. They learned that 500million are dumped in the UK a day!



Global Goals

Two weeks ago we linked Laudato Si to the 17 Global Goals. We mixed all of the classes and each mixed class learned 3 goals. We then made a poster about the goal and presented these at the afternoon assembly. Now we all know about the 17 Global Goals that are linked to Laudato Si.



P7 Transition Day

Primary 7 enjoyed their transition visit to St Mungo's where we got to experience some practical subjects. We cooked in Home Economics and made a keyring in Technology.



Feast of St Joseph the Worker

We thoroughly enjoyed dressing as what we aspire to be when we are older. We all gathered in the hall to show case our future professions! The teachers played music and if that suited your profession you danced in the middle. Frank Sinatra's 'Come Fly with Me' for the flight attendants and pilots, 'Rocket Man' for the astronauts were to name a few of the songs! Some parents also delivered talks to the some classes about their careers. Some teachers also shared their journey into teaching.



Congratulations

Miss McGuire became Mrs McCann! We wish her and husband all the very best.

Campaign

Our Faith in Action group worked with Antonine Primary helping our community. We did litter picking at the local park where local councillors also attended and helped clean the equipment there too. We worked together on a dog poo campaign as on our litter walk we counted 49 just on the path that both our schools use to walk to and from school and the park. We then wrote to Falkirk Council Waste Management officer Caitlin. She then came to our school where we invited Antonine and we created dog poo dispensers. Together we have attached these around our local area. Falkirk Herald also came and helped us advertise this issue.



Back to school news...

Summer Trips

We have arranged for our Primary 1- Primary 6 children to go to Perth Active Kids Adventure Park on Tuesday 11 June. The cost of transport, which is £900, will be covered by our school funds raised by our wonderful Parent Council. Parents will only be required to pay the £8 entry fee. Families will only have to pay for a maximum of 2 children. The school will also cover this cost for families on receipt of free school meals entitlement (not universal free school meals).

We have different plans for our Primary 7s. They will walk to the Falkirk Wheel on Thursday 13 June and will have a canoeing lesson. Thank you again to our wonderful friends of St Joseph for funding this. There will be no cost to parents as no transport is required.

More details and letters will follow.

Wear it Blue for Autism

On Friday 28 June, last day of term, we invite everyone to wear something blue and bring a donation for the very worthy local charity, Falkirk Autistic Bairns.

Uniform Available

Please know that due to the generosity of our



parents, we have a large selection of nearly new uniform. Let's look after our environment and use these pre-loved items. Just contact the

school or Parent Council directly at

friendsofstjosephs@yahoo.com

As always, with a large amount of uniform items freely available, we ask that you ensure all children come to school in their uniform each day. We thank you for supporting us in this matter

Help is here if you need it...

SVDP are able and willing to help anyone who is struggling to make ends meet. They can help in many ways.

Their financial assistance for the school enables us to always ensure no child is excluded from school trips for purely financial reasons.

If you could benefit from their assistance, please know that you will be treated in the strictest of confidence. Please contact myself, Aileen Brady, the Head Teacher in the first instance.

Dates for your Diary

P7 Inverclyde Trip

Mon 27-Fri 31 May

P3/4 Class Celebration

Tue 28 May 9.30am

P6 Athletics Grangemouth	Wed 29 May
P4 First Communion	Sat 1 June 11am
P1 Class Celebration	Tue 4 June 9.30am
New P1 Induction lunch	Tue 4 June
PFFA Mass P7	Tue 4 June 10am
Wed 5 June	Sports Day
Mass P3/4	Fri 7 June 9.30am
Connell Cup	Sun 9 June 12-4pm
P1-P6 summer trip	Tue 11 June
P7 Transition visit	Mon 17 June
	Tue 18 June
P7 Leavers Mass	Wed 19 June 7pm
Awards Ceremony	Thu 20 June 1.45pm
Retiral Mass	Wed 26 June 2pm
Fun Day	Thu 27 June
Wear it blue for autism	Fri 28 June
End of year Mass	Fri 28 June 9.30am
End of School year	Fri 28 June 1.30pm
In-service Day	Monday 12 August
Children return	Tuesday 13 August
	Wed 14 August

**As the end of year approaches may
we wish you all a safe and happy
summer holiday and...**

Oh, Primary 7, we will miss you!
Good luck in St Mungo's High School
and God Bless. Keep in touch and
always feel welcome to come back
to visit.

Semper fidelis
'Always faithful'

Support for Parents

If you would like support to find out if you are eligible for any of the following please email etu@falkirk.gov.uk quoting "Money Advice"

School Clothing Grant 

Free School Meals 

Debt Advice 

Benefit Advice

BUDGETING ADVICE

01324 504408 | etu@falkirk.gov.uk | www.falkirk.gov.uk/PESF

Employment and Training Unit

We may be able to help if you are a:

- Lone Parent
- Parent with 3+ children
- Black, asian or ethnic minority parent
- Parent a
- Disabled
- Parent of
- Parent of

or if your childcare for your 2 year old is fund

What support can ETU give working parents?
You and your advisor will agree on a personalised plan according to what support will best help you progress in work.

- Support to gain a qualification
- Help with improving skills
- Dedicated time with an advisor
- Health and well-being support
- Money advice
- Support to access childcare

Contact us today to arrange an appointment with one of our friendly team

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