



# St Joseph's News

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*Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me. Mark 9:37*

### Wednesday Word

'Serving' is the theme of the Gospel this weekend and our Bible verse for the week refers to how we can serve others when we offer a warm and Christ-like welcome.

Jesus taught us to serve one another and this could, for example, be through prayer, hospitality, visiting the sick, volunteering our time or through charitable giving. Jesus reminds us that by serving others, we are serving God too.

Through serving one another, we bring the peace and joy of God's love to those we meet. This helps us become more like Jesus and helps others to know him better too.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to say these words together:

***Dear Lord Jesus, you served others. Please help me to follow your example, so that my home, my school and my community may be filled with your love. Amen***

### Messages From Father Stephen

Fr Stephen began his year of weekly visits to St Joseph's this week. Fr Stephen was accompanied by Fr Gabriele who has recently joined the parish and they both worked with Year 6 this week. We welcome Fr Gabriele and look forward to his ministry in supporting the parish and our school.

Fr Stephen has asked us to remind families of Year 6 children that he will be arranging interviews for secondary school applications. Fr Stephen will make announcements at upcoming weekend masses with information about how and when to arrange appointments for this process.

### School Coats / Hats & Scarves

These items of winter uniform will be available from the office soon - we will let parents know when new stock has arrived. Limited stock of coats in some sizes are available now so please enquire at the school office if you need a coat for your child urgently.

Please remember that all children are expected to wear full and correct uniform every day. Attention should be paid to the presentation of both uniform and hairstyles.

### Attendance

Last week, Classes 1O, 2L, 2M, 4G, 6K and 6M had 100% attendance. This week, the classes with 100% attendance were RS, 3C, 4G, 4W, 5M and 6K.

Please ensure that your child aims for 100% attendance this year. Every lesson counts so your child can benefit from the excellent learning opportunities at St Joseph's.

Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

***Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)***