



Statement of the Week

I try to use words that make the world a better place.

This week during collective worship, we reminded ourselves about manners and listened to the story of the Ten Lepers. We remember to thank God during our daily prayer and to thank those around us.

Top of the Class

Last week we were identified within some of the highest attaining primary schools in our area. Our pupils, staff and governors continuously strive to ensure we reach for the stars and be the very best that we can be! A huge well done to all! Below is the article which has appeared in a number of local newspapers, including Wetherby News, Harrogate Advertiser and the Ripon Gazette.

**St. Joseph's Catholic
Primary School - Wetherby**



At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Wetherby, we pride ourselves on developing the whole child through a creative curriculum which provides a rich and exciting stimulus. The opportunities we offer take into account the interests and experiences of our children. We value truly personalised learning within a safe and happy environment where each child can develop their skills and celebrate their talents. We are proud to be performing above national standards in all areas and as a strategic partner of St Anthony's Teaching School, our Specialist Leaders of Education, here at St Joseph's, continue to support and develop staff both in our school and beyond.



Safer Internet Week

This week the official Safer Internet Day falls on Tuesday 6th February. In school we integrate E-Safety into our computing and PSHE lessons but this week some of our children have been looking at ensuring we keep ourselves safe when accessing games online and communicating via the Internet and how to keep our passwords and usernames safe. We always encourage our children to

speak to an adult at home or in school if something makes them feel uncomfortable online or if they experience some of the scenarios we have covered in school. This Friday we have a visitor in school holding Internet Safety Workshops in Y1-6.

School Uniform

Please can I remind parents that we are currently in winter school uniform. This includes a long sleeved blue shirt for all children, grey skirt and tights or grey trousers and a grey cardigan or jumper. Please ensure your child wears black school shoes to and from school and has a black pair of pumps for indoor use.

Assessment Information Evening

Last night we held an Information Evening for Parents. Progress and attainment was explained in detail for each year group and how we track this in school for each and every child. We also shared assessment strategies used throughout school and how children's personalised targets are devised. Materials for assessment were also shared from FS1 to Y6. Materials shared at last night's meeting can be accessed via the school website. The links can be accessed by clicking the 'Parents' drop-down menu and then following the 'Assessment' tab.

Parents' Evening

Booking is now open for parents evening via Teachers2Parents. Please follow the details sent out in the letter last week. Please contact the school office if you are experiencing any issues booking parents' evening slots.

Photographs at School Events

A separate letter is being sent to parents this week regarding the use of photos/videos during school events.

Child Absences

If your child is absent, please contact the school office before school starts. Registration closes at 9am prompt and school will make contact with parents of children who are not in school and not yet informed us. It is important that you have informed school of your child's absence before 9:15am at the very latest as there are safeguarding procedures in place that school follows for all child absences. Please also note we need concise details for each absence.

Show and Share Sessions

This week year 3 host their show and share sessions. We welcome our visitors into school this week to share some of our activities and hope parents are able to take away some of

the games and strategies used to support their child's learning.

Attendance

St Joseph's School Attendance Last Week

FS2	99.7%
Y1	96.0%
Y2	99.3%
Y3	98.7%
Y4	95.0%
Y5	96.2%
Y6	97.9%
Total	97.6%

Congratulations to FS2 and Y2 for their high attendance last week. Overall our attendance last week was above the 97% target! Well done to all!

Confirmation

A reminder to Year 5 and Year 6 parents. The due date for ensuring school have details of children who will begin their confirmation preparation in the summer term is **this Friday 9th February**. Please return all forms to the school office.

Important Dates:

W/C 5th February – Internet Safety Week

Friday 9th February Internet Safety Talks in school: visitor into school

Friday 9th February – break up for half term.

Spring 2 (next half term)

Monday 19th February – Training Day

Tuesday 20th February – back to school

Tuesday 27th February – Walk to School launch
WC 5th March Wellbeing Week – PSCO visiting school.

Monday 5th March and Tuesday 6th March

Parents' Evening

Please continue to visit the school calendar for dates of important events as these are, where possible, uploaded with plenty of notice.

FOSJ

Information Stands will be on display on the school playground from 3:10pm to provide you with more information about the new and exciting fund-raising methods set up by the FOSJ. Members of the FOSJ and school pupils will be around to hand out information leaflets, give out goodies and provide you with any additional information about these new and ongoing fund-raising ideas. Please spare 5 minutes, come along and find out more! The money from the FOSJ is helping to provide additional resources in line with the school development priorities and without your help and support, these resources would simply be out of our reach! The stands will be set up on **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February**. **Thank you to all who attended the FOSJ meeting this week.**