



St. Joseph's Journal

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5th Edition

Pupil Premium

We have had another very busy start to the half term. As we draw closer towards Christmas, where money can become tight and household incomes squeezed, I wanted to highlight some additional funding your family might be entitled to, it is a way of also helping the school budget at St Joseph's. As you may have read in the media, the pressure on school finances has never been greater. Introduced in 2011, Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of children from low income families.

If your child qualifies for free school meals (FSM) or has at any point in the past six years, it's important that you tell the school – even if they're in Reception or KS1 and automatically receive universal infant free school meals or are in KS2 and take a packed lunch – please let us know if you think you qualify as this enables us to claim Pupil Premium funding.

All of the children in school will reap some benefit from how we spend Pupil Premium funding: some of the ways we have used our current funding for example include,

- Extra one-to-one or small-group support for children within the classroom.
- Employing extra teaching assistants to work with classes.
- Running catch-up sessions for children who need extra help with maths or literacy.
- Running a school breakfast club to improve attendance.
- Providing extra tuition for able children.
- Paying towards music lessons for children whose families would be unable to pay for them.
- Paying towards funding educational trips and visits.
- Paying for additional help such as speech and language therapy or family therapy.
- Funding English classes for children who speak another language at home.
- Investing in resources that boost children's learning, such as laptops or tablets.

St Joseph's is given Pupil Premium funding for children in Reception to Year 6 who are **currently entitled to FSM** and those **previously entitled to FSM** - based on their family income: this is **£1345** per pupil, per school year.

Children in care: **£2345** per pupil, per school year

Children previously in care who have been adopted, or who have a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order: **£2345** per pupil, per school year

Children recorded as being from service families: **£310** per pupil, per school

All children who currently qualify for [free school meals](#) based on their family circumstances are entitled to Pupil Premium. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)

Income support

Income-based jobseekers' allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guarantee element of state Pension Credit

Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to Pupil Premium.

In addition, pupils who have qualified for free school meals on the above grounds in the past, but are no longer eligible, continue to receive Pupil Premium for the next six years. PLEASE do get in touch via the confidential email (helpinghand@stjosephshh.org.uk) or apply online if you think you may qualify via:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>



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We Remember Them

Today our RE council, House Captains, along with our head boy/girl and deputy head boy/girl attended a Remembrance service at St Wilfrid's. It was a time to reflect and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, giving their all for our tomorrow. On Sunday we honour the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces community, the British and Commonwealth veterans, the Allies that fought alongside us and the civilian servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts, we also remember those who have been part of other conflicts since. Thank you to our year 6 children who have been selling poppies on the school gates and to all who help raise money to support our veterans and their families.



London's Burning

Year 2 have started their Great Fire of London topic, this week they burnt down the Stuart houses that they made prior to half term to recreate what it would have looked like!!



Vacancies At St Joseph's

There are various positions available within St Joseph's, please do visit our website <https://www.stjosephshh.org.uk/> for further information.

It's A Baby!!!

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Kit Dewdney, yesterday morning at 1.15am, weighing in at 8lb,6oz baby and mum are doing well. We send all our love and congratulations to mum and dad—we look forward to meeting baby Kit!



Fortnightly Attendance

St A	95%	St B	97%
St C	98%	St D	96%
St E	95%	St F	94%
St Gen	96%	St Geo	99% ★
St H	98%	St J	93%
St M	96%	St P	97%
St T	98%	St X	97%



Starting School - September 2024

Online applications are now open, go to: westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries, the closing date is **Monday 15 January 2024** and you must submit your completed application by this date. We require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), to be completed. Catholic applicants application forms must be signed by your parish priest. Fr Raglan will be signing after 9am and 11am Masses on Sundays 19th November and 3rd December.

Medication in School

If we hold medication in school for your child, please remember that it is your responsibility to check expiry dates with the school office. **Particularly Epipens**



and asthma inhalers. If your child requires antibiotics or any other medication, we can only administer if your child requires it 4 times or more in a school day. All medication MUST come to the school office in its box with the information leaflet enclosed.

NUTS & SESAME



Please remember we have a NO nut or Sesame policy in school. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella / Peanut Butter, dips such as hummus and chicken satay. We have several children with severe nut and sesame allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.

Foodbank

We are very aware that many families are currently under considerable financial pressure and it isn't always easy to ask for help. We have a very good relationship with the local Foodbank team. If there are any families within the school community who would benefit from a Foodbank delivery, please speak to a member of the school office team in the strictest confidence and we can arrange this for you. They now have a Baby/Children's Bank and have an assortment of items to share, including Moses baskets, prams, cots, travel cots, high chairs, baby baths, bedside cots - **Please do get in touch.**



Reporting Absences & Appointments

Please can we remind parents that **all absence, whether for illness or medical appointments or any other reason, should be reported to the school via Studybugs.** Studybugs is a free app and all reported absence goes directly into the register and keeps class teachers informed of the reason for your child's absence. We have a legal duty to ascertain the whereabouts of all children. By reporting all absences, it prevents office staff from having to ring and email parents to find out the reason for them not being at school and avoids unnecessary home visits. Please remember to report absences daily, your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



Dogs On School Premises

Please could we remind dog owners that as lovely as your furry friends maybe, they are NOT allowed on school premises - this includes the foyer outside the school office! There are both adults and children who find dogs scary - thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Open Morning

We have an Open Morning on Friday, 17th November from 9.45—11am for prospective parents of children due to start primary school in September 2023. There will be a presentation on the 17th November at 10am, followed by a tour of the school by our school prefects. No appointment is necessary.

Individual Photos

Photos are now available to view using the QR code on your child's proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof and following the instructions. The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is 21st November 2023 Website is: www.getphotos.co.uk and our school code is 7875.

Autumn Term Diary Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

14th Nov - Year 5 to attend Parish Mass, 9.30am - parents are welcome to attend

15th Nov - Parent Consultations, 3.30-6pm - all years (NOT St Francis Class)

16th Nov - Parent Consultations, 3.30-6pm - St Francis Class ONLY

17th Nov - Open Morning, 9.45-11am

17th Nov - FOS School Disco

21st Nov - Year 6 to attend Parish Mass, 9.30am - parents are welcome to attend

24th Nov - School Closed

27th Nov - INSET DAY - School Closed

28th Nov - Year 3 to attend Parish Mass, 9.30am - parents are welcome to attend

December

2nd Dec FOS Christmas Fair, 12-3pm

4th Dec - EYFS Nativity, pm

5th Dec - EYFS Nativity, am

5th Dec - KS1 Nativity, pm

6th Dec - KS1 Nativity, am

7th Dec - Flu Vaccinations

7th Dec - KS1 Nativity, evening performance

8th Dec - Carol Service, 2pm years 3-4 / 6pm years 5-6

12th Dec - Elf on Twelfth

13th Dec - Christmas Lunch

14th Dec - Party Day

15th Dec - End of Term, **1pm finish**

Please note all dates and events are subject to change.

Dates are also available to view on the St Joseph's website calendar.