PTFA NEWSLETTER

March 2026

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St Joseph & St Teresa Catholic Primary School

BREAK THE RULES DAY

Towards the end of January we bought back the very popular, Break The Rules Day, and didn't your young people enjoy it! From crazy hairstyles to wearing a football shirt, from bringing a toy in to wearing face paint, the students certainly ripped up the rule book.



We would like to say a massive thank you for everyone who got involved and help us raise £230. We are sure it will make a reappearance next year.



THE COFFEE SHED

So far this year we have run two Coffee Sheds. Offering Tea and Coffee after morning drop off. This is a new initiative this academic year and we love how it is already getting more popular each time we do it.

We've had feedback, and we've listened...look out for hot chocolate being offered later in the month.

We are proud to be able to offer lovely tasting coffee and tea at a reduced cost to what you'd spend in the shop. We even have a variety of syrups should you wish to really treat yourself.

Want a discount, then bring your own reusable cup and get 50p off your drink.

Our next Coffee Shed will be Thursday 19th March.

After a little break we are back with our monthly newsletter.

We hope you have all survived the non-stop rain and dreary weather and looking forward to more sunny days like we have recently been experiencing.

We started the year slowly, running a couple of events such as Break the Rules Day and a couple of Coffee Sheds but we are stepping up the gear and providing lots of opportunities for you and your familiy to get involved in our PTFA activities.

Inside the newsletter is plenty of information about what we have been doing and what we have coming up over the next couple of weeks.

PTFA VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to:

- Make a positive contribution to the school?
- Help raise funds for important school resources?
- Get to know more parents?
- Have fun?

If the answer is yes, then join the PTFA.

Speak to a member of the committee for more details.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING









BINGO & BUBBLES

We were absolutely delighted to host our first Bingo and Bubbles night in March. Just under 30 attendees all sat anticipating for their numbers to be called with dabbers in hand.

The bar was flowing, as were the prizes. A mix of chocolates and wine for a line all the way to full house. We even had cash prizes for the impromptu game of 'Heads or Tails' and 'Rock, Paper, Scissor'.

Thank you again to Nigel and Neil for being our bingo callers, a first for them. They certainly lightened the mood (and turned the air a little blue) with their alternative calls for Game 5!

We are always open to new ideas for adult socials, please let us know if you can think of anything that might be popular.

PHOTO COMPETITION

A huge thank you and well done to all of our entries, we had over 80 entries. After the initial round of judging by the students the top 5 from each category and age group were sent our judges.

Below is a little background into our wonderful judges. We thank them for giving up their time to judge our photos.

Staff entries for Nature and What Makes Me Happy were judged by Neil Bremner. Neil is a photographer who used to run Made Portraits. Neil was the Guild of Photographers Print Photographer of the Year 2022 and MPA Photographer of the Year 2023. More recently, Neil took the photos on our school website.

Nature entries for both Students and Family members were judged by Kayley Trippick. Kayley runs Kayley Trippick Photography. A local photographer who takes relaxed family photos as well as marketing images for local businesses. Kayley's photos have featured in Kitchens, Bedrooms and Bathrooms Magazine.

What Makes Me Happy entries for Students and Family members were judged by John Ingledew. John is a published photographer and has written 4 books. A keen Chelsea FC fan, he documents the fans whilst they navigate the highs and lows of their team. John has previously worked with Nike, illy, Diesel and Jigsaw.

PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION

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Nature

What Makes Me Happy

Staff

Families

Students

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Our Judges



Neil



John



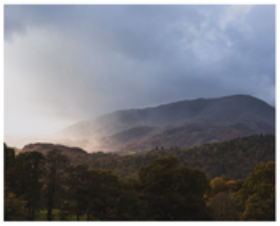
Kayley

Staff — Nature



3rd
Miss Kearley

Staff — Nature



2nd
Mr Justin

Staff — Nature



1st
Miss Kearley

Staff — What makes me happy



3rd
Miss Mckinley

Staff — What makes me happy



2nd
Mrs Chandler

Staff — What makes me happy



1st
Mrs Edwards

Family — Nature



3rd
Rob A

Family — Nature



2nd
Lizzy A

Family

Nature



1st
Hayley S

Family

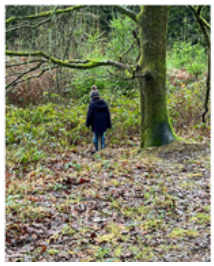
What makes me happy



3rd
Ali H

Family

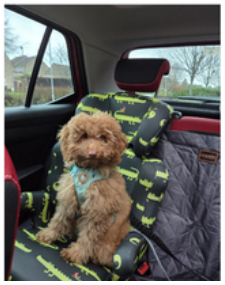
What makes me happy



2nd
Annie W

Family

What makes me happy



1st
James N

Students

Nature



3rd
Edie
Shakespear

Students

Nature



2nd
Faith
Nightingale

Students

Nature



1st
Millie
Rosa Parks

Students

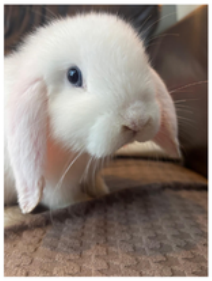
What makes me happy



3rd
Harriet
Malala

Students

What makes me happy



2nd
Lottie
Shakespear

Students

What makes me happy



1st
Jeremy
Shakespear

WHAT'S ON



After the success of The Big Autumn Tidy Up! We are back for our Spring one and looking for a small army of volunteers to help. We will be there on 22nd March from 9am until 1pm, but all we ask is for you to donate an hour or two of your time.

We've lots of tasks to complete including;

- Weeding
- Planting
- Clearing paths
- Cleaning the Bike/Scooter Shed
- Refreshing bark and sand areas
- Possibly even some painting.

If you'd like to put your name down, then please either email stjosephstteresaptfa@gmail.com or scan the QR code below to join our WhatsApp Group.

SCAN ME

We hope you will join us for our first Easter Bazaar on Saturday 28th March. We have a range of local small businesses joining us for the morning plus our own three stalls for;

- Guess the number of sweets in a jar
- Tombola
- Fun Easter Trail in the field

We'd like to thank everyone who donated a prize for this on World Book Day.

Food and drink refreshments will be available.

Entrance is free to the Bazaar. The majority of stall holders will accept card payments, but it might be worht bringing cash in case the 4g doesn't play ball.



TOO GOOD TO THROW POP UP SHOP

Before you go and buy new Summer Uniform, check out what we have on offer in our online store. We have prepared all good quality uniform ready for you to order.



Want to have a look before you buy? We are running a pop-up shop on Wednesday 18th March outside the Reading Hut at 3:10pm.

We guarentee that only clothes without stains and holes are put into our bags.

We have a range of shorts, summer dresses and short sleeve shirts as well as other uniform items.

The online store is updated regularly, make sure you visit it before visiting the school uniform shop or supermarkets!

SCAN ME

STOBERRY HOUSE & GARDENS EXHIBITION

We have been asked to support this event, which is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the PTFA.

We are looking for volunteers to help with car park duties and helping to serve refreshments on the following dates/times.

If you'd like to help, please email stjosephstteresaptfa@gmail.com

Thursday 10th September
(12:30pm - 4pm & 3:50pm - 7pm)

Sunday 20th September
(10am - 1pm & 12:50pm - 4:30pm)

Tuesday 22nd September
(10am - 1pm & 12:50pm - 4:30pm)

PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE

Are you a member of our PTFA Facebook Page?

We post regular updates on events, our Online Store and other message.

Search 'St Joseph and St Teresa's Parents Page' on Facebook, or scan the QR code below.

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