ST JOSEPH'S
Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Exciting Christmas Events and Important Reception Updates

We are delighted to share some exciting news about the events and activities coming up for our Reception children. There is lots to look forward to!

Our Christmas Trip to the Farm

We have booked a wonderful Christmas trip to **Thornton Hall Country Farm, Thornton-in-Craven, Skipton, BD23 3TS**, on **Thursday 3rd December 2026**.

We will leave school at approximately 9.15am and aim to return before 3pm.

The cost of the trip is **£16.36 per child**. Included in the School Christmas Experience will be:

- An Elf to greet us.
- A Christmas craft area.
- A visit to Father Christmas and a gift.
- Biscuit decorating
- An indoor soft play area.
- Small animal petting experiences.

Payment for the trip is via ParentPay and should be made by **30.11.26**. If you have any problems with payment, please speak to the Reception teachers.

Our school kitchen will provide a packed lunch for the children. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch, please complete the slip below. Alternatively, you are welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch from home.

St Joseph's Early Years Magical Christmas

We are very excited to invite you to join us for **St Joseph's Early Years Magical Christmas**, a special Christmas singing performance celebrating some of our favourite Christmas carols and songs.

There will be two performances on **Wednesday 2nd December 2026**:

- **Morning performance: 10.30am**
- **Afternoon performance: 2.30pm**

We would love for you to come along and enjoy this special festive celebration with us!

We have allocated up to two tickets per child, per performance in the first instance. These tickets will be sent home with your child. Please indicate on the slip below whether you would like one or two tickets and whether you would like tickets for both performances.

Once every family has had the opportunity to request their allocated tickets, any remaining tickets will be released on a first come, first served basis.

The children have been working hard practising their Christmas songs and we know they will be so excited to share them with you!

Learning with Parents – Reading at Home

This week you will receive a magic link from **Learning with Parents**. This is an app we use in school to record and celebrate your child's reading, both at home and in school.

The app allows you to share videos, photographs and audio voice notes with your child's teacher directly from your phone.

We ask that you try to read a storybook with your child each week and share this experience with us through the app. This will allow us to celebrate your child's reading journey together in school each week.

We are really looking forward to seeing and sharing all the wonderful reading taking place at home!

Phonics Workshop for Parents

On **Tuesday 17th November at 2.30pm**, we will be hosting an important Phonics Workshop for parents.

During this session, we will show you how you can support your child with reading at home. We will:

- Explain and demonstrate how we teach phonics in school.
- Model some fun and engaging games that you can play at home with your child.
- Demonstrate a three-read session with a small group of children.

Working together between home and school will have a significant impact on your child's learning, both now and as they move through school.

We really hope you are able to attend this valuable session and look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

We are so excited about all the wonderful opportunities coming up for our Reception children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to making lots of special memories together!

Kind regards,

Mrs McGovern, Mrs Dunn
Hazel, Maple Class Teachers

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE SLIP BELOW

Child's Name: _____

Farm Trip – Permission Slip

I give permission for my child _____

to go on the trip to Thornton Hall Country Farm on Thursday 3rd December 2026.

Parent/Carer's Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Lunch provided by school: YES / NO

If yes, please select your child's sandwich preference:

Tuna sandwich / Cheese sandwich / Ham sandwich

St Joseph's Early Years Magical Christmas – Tickets

Wednesday 2nd December at 10.30am:

1 ticket / 2 tickets / None

Wednesday 2nd December at 2.30pm:

1 ticket / 2 tickets / None

Parent/Carer Signature: _____