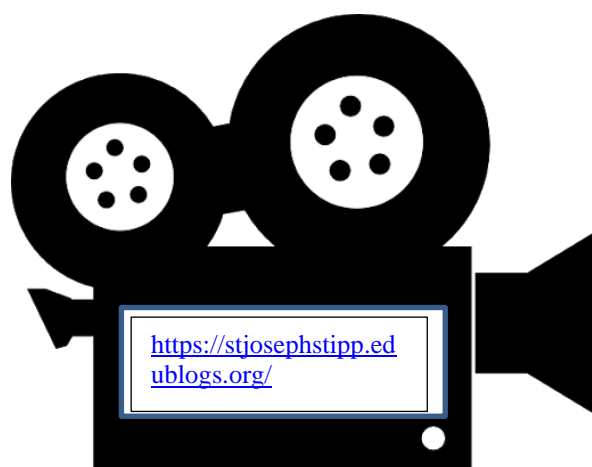


St. Joseph's Primary School

2022-2023



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School Video



Principal:
Ms. Louise
Tobin

Introduction

St. Joseph's Primary School is set in the heart of Tipperary Town in a beautiful, safe and spacious campus. We have a staff of sixteen teachers including three Learning Support/ Resource Teachers, a shared Family Liaison Teacher and two EAL Teachers for pupils whose first language is not English. On campus we have two preschool classes for children with Autism (3-6 years).

School Achievements

- Three times Winners of the Lyric FM Choirs for Christmas Competition.
- Winners of two Ladies County Football Finals U11 and U13 in 2018 and U13 Winners in 2019.
- Winners of Tipperary Summer Blitz Ladies Football June 2022.
- Department of Education Creative Schools.
- Guests at St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Launch with Ryan Tubridy 2018 and 2019.
- School visitors: 2018 Journalist Charlie Bird, 2019 GAA President, Mr. John Horan, 2020 INTO National President Mr. Ferghal Brougham, Country Music Stars Jimmy and Claudia Buckley February 2020.
- Department of Education School's Excellence Fund participant.



Curriculum

We teach all Curriculum subjects as outlined by the Department of Education & Skills. Please take a look at our Whole School Evaluation Report (Oct.'13), published and available online March '14. This report clearly outlines our commitment to achieving highest academic standards in all Curriculum subjects. Please click this link to view our report:

<https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Inspection-Reports-Publications/Whole-School-Evaluation-Reports-List/?q=09432E&t=id&c=&i=&s=&a=&l=en>



Teaching and Learning:

Our teaching staff follow closely the teaching methodologies put forward by the Department of Education & Skills. We promote Active Learning in our school and engage our pupils in numerous focus weeks/days to maximise active learning opportunities.

We also have the support of the School Completion Programme, a team of personnel who assist the learning of our pupils and also strongly support school attendance.

School Facilities

Child friendly
classrooms



P.E. Hall



Teaching laptops,
interactive whiteboards,
visualisers & projectors



iPads and Laptops



Stage for singing and
drama



Refurbished and
decorated toilets



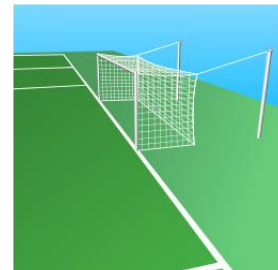
Soft Surface Infant Play
Area



Safe Outdoor
Playgrounds



Sports Field



Fairy Grove



Sensory and
Community Garden



Nature Trail



Outdoor Classroom



Play Equipment



Indoor Safe Playroom



Examples of Focus Learning Weeks/Days include:

- *Art Week*
- *Book Week*
- *Maths Week*
- *Science Week*
- *Healthy Eating Week*
- *Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week)*



In St. Josephs pupils also participate in:

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| • Choir | • Buddy System | • Spelling Competitions |
| • Carol Singing | • Drama and Theatre | • Laptop/ iPad Classes |
| • Projects | • Art Exhibitions | • Author's Visits |
| • Classes in Coding | • Student Council | • Friendship Day |
| • Quizzes | • Green Schools | • Dress Up Days |
| • Educational Tours | • Science Outings | • Lego Technology |
| • Art & Writing Competitions | • Local Theatre Performances | • Operation Transformation |

Creative Schools

We are one of the D.E.S. Creative Schools. This year we are working on lots of creative projects.



School's Excellence Fund

We are part of the DE School's Excellence Fund. We will be engaging in projects on Gardening, Growth Mind-sets and Positivity and Nurture as a means of settling and supporting some pupils.



Music

- **Choir** training is provided for classes 3rd to 6th.
- The Choir participate in concerts and **Choral Competitions**.
- We have recorded five **CD's** over the past three years, two Christmas CDs and three Spring CDs which feature all classes.
- **Ukuleles:** Pupils in 4th, 5th & 6th classes learn this instrument in school. The school has a stock of ukuleles to give to pupils.



Sports

We place a big emphasis on sports in our school and offer a variety of sports to suit all abilities and talents.

- Training is provided for all pupils in Gaelic Football.
- Weekly lunchtime Camogie and Football Training- senior classes
- Training is provided for Senior pupils (classes 2nd to 6th) in a selection of the following:

Camogie

Tag Rugby

Tennis

Soccer

Basketball

Athletics

Hockey

Dance

Gymnastics

Swimming

Table Tennis

Rounders



Student Council

We have a very active and organised Student Council appointed each year. The Student Council have regular meetings with Ms. Tobin (Principal) and are proactive in organising school activities such as Friendship Week, fundraising and corridor displays.



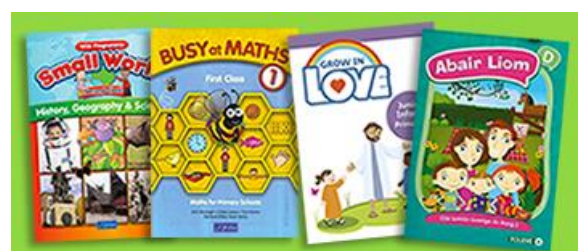
On Campus Facilities: St. Josephs is an all-inclusive educational campus.



On our campus we have:
2 pre-school classes for children
with autism aged 3-6 years,
including a sensory playroom and
secure outdoor play area.

Book Rental Scheme

A book rental scheme is available for pupils. Many schoolbooks may be rented for the year for a small fee. Those who wish to participate may collect their set of books at the school before school reopens – dates and times to follow. Children must return books in good condition at the end of the year.



Parent Association

The school has a very active Parents' Association that supports many school activities along with helping and supporting parents. Activities include:

- Cake Sales
- New Parents Coffee Morning
- Guest Speaker Visits
- Second-hand Uniform Shop in the Irish Wheelchair Charity Shop in town
- Ongoing school improvement
- Hands-on help with outings, sports etc.
- Book sale
- Skipathon
- CD Production and Sales
- Special Guests
- Fundraising Raffles



Playground Activities

We offer structured playground activities or dance at lunchtime for all pupils to enable them to develop play and develop social skills. On wet days pupils enjoy games, DVDs and board games in the classroom. We also offer lunchtime coaching in Gaelic Football & Camogie.



We are a Green School

St. Joseph's Primary School is a Green School, and we are delighted to have been awarded our 11th Green Flag in 2022. We promote Recycling and Green Codes in all aspects of school life.



Healthy Eating

The school promotes healthy eating and encourages pupils to form good eating habits from an early age. Our Healthy Eating Policy states which foods and drinks we encourage, and which foods are to be kept to a minimum. We believe our policy is realistic with the wellbeing of the whole school as its centre.



School Lunches

As we are now a DEIS Band 1 school, each pupil can have a packed healthy lunch delivered to the school each day. Parents/ guardians will be able to go online to choose the lunch you would like your child to have. We will issue further details about this in mid-August. The food suppliers have to follow strict guidelines from the Department of Education with regard to St. Joseph's healthy eating policy.

School Uniform

- **Royal blue or navy pinafore or skirt, or navy trousers** (not tracksuit legs). Both navy skirts & royal blue pinafores or skirts can be worn for the school years 2022-2024.
- The Royal Blue pinafore and skirt will be phased out and will no longer be part of the uniform in September 2024.
- White shirt, royal blue and white tie, royal blue cardigan or jumper.
- White, royal blue, navy or black socks or tights.
- Navy or black flat walking shoes ONLY.
(If parents/guardians wish that their daughter(s) wear boots coming to school during the winter weather, flat shoes/pumps must be worn indoors).
- During periods of warm weather, plain navy knee length shorts may be worn as part of the school uniform.

Parents are advised to shop around for the best value in school uniforms and all stockists have been advised to offer a choice of price range. Uniforms are available in Julies, Tipperary Town; Dunnes, Marks and Spencers, and Fennessy's, Limerick. A search on the Internet may also be worthwhile.



P.E. Uniform

- Navy tracksuit legs (no logos allowed).
- Navy round-necked sweatshirt: All new sweatshirts must have the new school crest attached on to the left-hand side. Crests will be available from the Office for €4.
- White or light blue polo shirt.
- Runners.

These basic tracksuit items can be purchased in the suppliers listed above or in most chain stores like Dunnes, Penneys, Tesco, etc. Tracksuits can only be worn on P.E. days for the school year. A note is required if for some reason uniform cannot be worn.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL SCHOOL ITEMS ARE LABELLED.

Personal Insurance

A Pupil Personal Accident Insurance Policy is available for (approx.) €6 for school related or €9 for 24-hour cover per annum. Further details will be sent out in September.

Health & Safety at School:

We take our responsibility for your daughter's health and safety very seriously during the school day. **We are delighted to have a new defibrillator at the school, sponsored by Tipperary Town Credit Union.** Staff will be trained up to use the defibrillator in case of emergency.



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