



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 19th December 2025

Our School Values **Respect - Self-belief - Faith - Friendship - Resilience - Self-control - Perseverance - Aspiration**

As we approach this festive season, I want to take a moment to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! This time of year is not just about the decorations and presents; it's a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas—Christ, the light of the world will soon be born and it time to come together as we remember that first night in Bethlehem. May this Christmas fill you with hope and your homes with laughter. Thank you for being such an integral, vital but most of all special part of our school community. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

YEAR 6 CAROL SINGING: On Tuesday the choir made their annual trip to Deercote Home to sing for the residents. This is always a lovely occasion, and it was no different this year. Choir were made very welcome and everyone enjoyed their beautiful, joyful singing. A great start to Christmas.

YEAR 1&2 NATIVITY: This week was the Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity. The children were fantastic! The acting was wonderful and they all sang and said their lines beautifully! It was wonderful to welcome so many parents. Thank you for all of your help with costumes and supporting your child to learn their lines. We are so proud of each and every one of them and what a fantastic start to our festive celebrations!

NURSERY & RECEPTION SING ALONG: This week Reception and Nursery had their Christmas Sing-a-long. The children have worked so hard learning all the songs and even performed Jingle Bells with Makaton sign language! All the children sang beautifully and looked wonderful in their Christmas outfits. Thank you to all of those parents that joined us and to Nursery and Reception for getting us all into the Christmas spirit!

TALENT SHOW: The Talent Show 2025 was an absolute blast! It was amazing to see the incredible talent our children showcased, from singing and dancing to magic tricks and comedy routines. Everyone really got into the spirit of the event, and it was fantastic to see so many students take part. The atmosphere was filled with fun and laughter, making it a memorable day for all.

A huge congratulations to our winners! Your hard work and dedication truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder. But remember, every participant was a star in their own right, and we appreciate each and every one of you for sharing your talents with us. Here's to more fun-filled events like this in the future!

CLASS PARTIES: Christmas school class parties are always so much fun! The children truly enjoyed themselves, showcasing their fantastic dance moves while grooving to festive cheer. The air was filled with laughter and joy as everyone sang along to beloved Christmas songs. These celebrations not only bring the school community together but also create lasting memories for the children. It's a wonderful time to embrace the spirit of the season and enjoy the magic of Christmas with friends!

CAROL SERVICE: Our Christmas school carol service was a beautiful celebration, bringing the spirit of the season to life. Students shared a delightful retell of Christmas, reminding us all of the joy and warmth this time of year brings. The outstanding singing from our choir filled the hall with festive cheer, truly marking the beginning of Christmas. It was a heartwarming event that united our school community in song and celebration, leaving everyone with a sense of joy and togetherness.

Christmas Prayer

"Lord, as we come together this Christmas, unite our hearts in love, understanding, and peace. Help us to forgive past hurts and embrace each other with open hearts. Let the joy of this season fill our home, and may we continue to grow in love and support for one another."



TALENT SHOW WINNER XMAS 2025

1ST PLACE: Abbia - Singing

2ND PLACE: Ellis - Piano

3RD PLACE: Callum - Magic Tricks

SPECIAL STAR WINNERS: Vienna, Maia and Victoria

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 4 96.8%

HOUSE POINTS

John

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
The Whole Class

Reception
The Whole Class

Year 1
The Whole Class

Year 2
The Whole Class

Year 3
Janice & Myra

Year 4
Katia & Oscar W

Year 5
Paola & Messi

Year 6
Elnathan & Christy

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Christian

Reception
Aliyar

Year 1
Jayden

Year 2
Leonor & Isalah

Year 3
Osariemen

Year 4
Ellis

Year 5
Precious

Year 6
Verone

Reception - September 2026

Reception applications commenced on Monday 3rd November 2025 and will close on Thursday 15th January 2026. Supplementary Information Forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office from Monday 3rd November 2025.

As well as completing and submitting the Supplementary Information Form to the school office, you must also apply for a school place online.

The online application process for Under 11s (Reception) can be found on the following website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Reception 2026 applies to children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.

Nursery - September 2026

Nursery applications should be made via the school only and commenced on Monday 3rd November 2025 and close on Thursday 15th January 2026.

Supplementary Application forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office from Monday 3rd November 2025.

Nursery applies to children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023

Please Note: We are a 30 hours childcare provider, and welcome applications from children of all faiths to our Nursery.

Parking

Parents/visitors to our school are kindly reminded:

- Be considerate of road markings and neighbours when parking near our school.
- do not park or stop on yellow lines or zigzags.
- do not ignore road markings.
- do not park over driveways.
- do not cause increased danger for road users.
- do not be abusive or rude to the local residents or other members of the community.

Scooters

Please be reminded that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on school premises.

Please disembark at the school gate and walk/wheel the scooter/bike from the school gate and leave them in the designated bike/scooter area next to the library.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Spring Term 1

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	5 th January 2026	INSET DAY	SCHOOL OPENS EPIPHANY MASS 2PM		YEAR 4 PRAYER SERVICE	
2	12 th January 2026					LUNA NEW YEAR ASSEMBLY
3	19 th January 2026					PTA NON- UNIFORM DAY
4	26 th January 2026 ART WEEK				YEAR 3 PRAYER SERVICE	
5	2 nd February 2026					YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY
6	9 th February 2026		SAFER INTERNET DAY	PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY AND VALENTINES DISCO		YEAR 2 PRAYER SERVICE
Half term -16 th February -20 th February 2026						

REMINDERS!

1. Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
2. Please remember your child should be wearing their house badge every day to school. Additional badges can be purchased from the school office for 30p
3. Children are NOT to ride Bikes and Scooters whilst on school premises. This is still happening and can cause accidents so parents please be mindful – if this continues then bikes and scooters will be banned!
4. Children are NOT to play on the Adventure Trail or in the access road outside the Royal Avenue gate, as this vehicular gate is in constant use.
5. Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking near the school site.

St Joseph's is a 'NUT-FREE' Zone!

A Healthy Packed Lunch

Suggestions for food to include in a healthy packed lunch

- **At least** one portion of fruit or vegetable every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, beans, soya or hummus), every day
- Oily fish such as pilchards, salmon or tuna
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice noodles, potatoes or other type of cereal every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard.
- Cereal bars rather than cakes or biscuits
- Seeds, crackers and cheese, vegetables or bread sticks with a dip

Drinks

- No drinks are to be brought into school – water is provided.
- Water bottles are to be brought on school trips – NO other drink.

FUN FRIDAY

Suggestions for food to include ON A FUN FRIDAY in a healthy packed lunch.

- Snacks such as crisps
- Chocolate coated biscuits or wafers **or**
- Small cake e.g. fairy cakes, cake bars, muffins **or**
- Small pudding pot e.g. chocolate mousse)

Foods that should not be brought into school (These are foods that we have already asked not to be brought into school)

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars.
- Sweets
- Nuts or nut products (although they can be healthy there is a very serious risk to other children with allergies).
- Fizzy drinks or any soft drinks.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU