



# St. Joseph's Weekly News

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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

### Christmas Dinner

We had an amazing Christmas dinner on Wednesday; the children wore their hand made Christmas hats and we fully celebrated Christmas in style! We sang some holly, jolly Christmas songs and a jingle along whilst we all ate dinner together. This is one of the most favourite times of year that the children and staff all really look forward to!

### Christmas Jumper Day & Santa

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we had our annual Christmas jumper day and the children got to visit Santa! Thank you to our amazing PTA for arranging this festive event for all our children to experience the wonder of Christmas. The children had a wonderful day and enjoyed themselves today.

### TRUST CAROL SERVICE

On Thursday, 30 members of our school choir were privileged to take part in the annual Trust Carol Service. Each school had prepared one carol as well as practising the whole congregation carols. Our choir had learnt Joy to the World which they sang wonderfully - really raising the roof! They were smartly dressed and beautifully behaved for the whole day too. They also contributed a descant to one of the congregation carols which sounded fantastic. They should be very proud of themselves. Don't forget our own school carol service next week where you can hear them singing again, along with the rest of the school.

### CHAPLAINCY TEAM – “10 DAYS OF GIVING”

Thank you for supporting our “10 Days of Giving” initiative. This was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and support families in need through donations to our local foodbank and parish community.

All donations will be collected by Broxbourne foodbank. Your generosity will help to make a real difference to families in our wider community during this special season.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.



**ADVENT PRAYER**  
God of mercy,  
guide us as we seek to  
straighten the paths of  
injustice  
and prepare a way for you.  
Lead us in your ways as  
together we bring about  
change  
for the good of all.  
Amen.



**ATTENDANCE AWARD**  
Reception 97.1%

**HOUSE POINTS**  
Mark

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Nursery  
Patsy & Sofia

Reception  
Dion & Pietro

Year 1  
Leo & Ralachukwu

Year 2  
Myles & Elizabeth

Year 3  
Ethan & Michalina

Year 4  
Julian & Francesco

Year 5  
Tadiwa & Niya

Year 6  
Maya & Ladiela

**LEARNER OF THE WEEK**

Nursery  
Esme

Reception  
Malyk

Year 1  
Emmanuel

Year 2  
Israel

Year 3  
Aria

Year 4  
Deandra

Year 5  
Hope

Year 6  
Aisha

### 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](http://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.

### AUTUMN TERM 2

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER (INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOS)			PARENT CONSULTATIONS	PTA EVENT NON - UNIFORM
2	10 <sup>th</sup> November ANTI-BULLYING WEEK		REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 9.10AM			CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAISING DAY YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY
3	17 <sup>th</sup> November				YEAR 5 PRAYER SERVICE	ONESIE UPON A TIME DAY
4	24 <sup>th</sup> November DT WEEK					
5	1 <sup>st</sup> December	ADVENT ASSEMBLY		PTA DISCO AFTER SCHOOL		YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY
6	8 <sup>th</sup> December			CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY CHRISTMAS DINNER PTA SANTA GROTTA		
7	15 <sup>th</sup> December			YEAR 1&2 NATIVITY 1.30PM	R&N SING ALONG (9.15am) TALENT SHOW 10AM CLASS PARTIES PM	LAST DAY OF TERM CAROL SERVICE 11AM SCHOOL CLOSES 1.30PM
Christmas Holiday – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December -5 <sup>th</sup> January 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