



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 5th December 2025

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

Advent Assembly

Our Advent assembly was held on Monday. This is a favourite assembly for staff, pupils and parents, we listened to the reasons for the different ornaments and colours on our Christmas trees. As we listened, Year 6 decorate the tree.

Festival of Carols

On Wednesday, Year 6 went to the Pavilions in Waltham Cross to join the Christmas celebrations and entertain the shoppers with their Christmas singing. Year 6 sang for nearly 30 minutes, accompanied by Miss Gunn and did a fantastic job! They sang a range of Christmas carols and songs absolutely brilliantly and behaved impeccably. Well done, Year 6!

Westminster Carol Service

On Wednesday we took our Chaplaincy team to Westminster Cathedral for our annual Advent carol service. It was a truly beautiful and awe wondering moment. Our children were fully embraced in the service and we active participants of the carol service. Well done to our children and what a beautiful and wonderous way to start this Advent season.

PTA DISCO

Our PTA held an amazing Christmas Disco for the children on Wednesday. Thank you to the PTA for organising a wonderful event and for the many volunteers that supported this event.

Year 5 Assembly

Year 5 held our Class Assembly today, which focused on our learning in the Autumn term. In RE we had been studying the important events in the life of Moses, and in History we had studied the Vikings. We also learnt about Remembrance and how important the poppies are in November. Thank you to all the families who joined us for this special occasion and helped their children learn their lines. I was very proud of Year 5 today.

Chaplaincy Team – “10 Days of Giving”

As Advent approaches, we are delighted to launch our “10 Days of Giving”. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and support families in need through donations to our local foodbank and parish community.

Each day, a different class is invited to bring in a specific type of item. This allows us to collect a wide range of essential products that foodbanks have highlighted as most needed at this time.

10 Days of Giving – Donation Schedule

- 1st December – Nursery Pasta and rice
 - 2nd December – Reception Cereal and biscuits
 - 3rd December – Year 1 Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant
 - 4th December – Year 2 Cleaning products, detergent
 - 5th December – Year 3 Long-life milk, tea, coffee
 - 8th December – Year 4 Tinned meat or fish, sweetcorn or fruit
 - 9th December – Year 5 Sugar, honey, cooking oil, cooking sauces,
 - 10th December – Year 6 Sanitary products, lentils, beans, herbs and spices
- All donations will be collected in school and delivered to Broxbourne foodbank shortly afterwards. 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.

Reminders

Christmas Dinner Day

Please wear your Christmas Jumper and bring your Christmas Hats on Wednesday 10th December 2025.

ADVENT PRAYER

God of all, fill us with joy and expectation in this Advent season, and move us to share our hope with others, by being a good neighbour, that we might be found ready, when you come in glory. Amen.



ATTENDANCE AWARD
Year 3 98.5%

HOUSE POINTS
John

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Valentina & Bulut

Reception
Alexander & Asheebea

Year 1
Michael & Kate

Year 2
Oseyemere & Sofia

Year 3
Atalia & Myla

Year 4
Shin & Joy

Year 5
Lia & Dom

Year 6
Yaman & Isaac

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Barbara

Reception
Maisa

Year 1
Pashaan

Year 2
Tymon

Year 3
Bella

Year 4
Vanya

Year 5
Ryan

Year 6

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.

AUTUMN TERM 2

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	3 rd November	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER (INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOS)			PARENT CONSULTATIONS	PTA EVENT NON - UNIFORM
2	10 th November ANTI-BULLYING WEEK		REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 9.10AM			CHILDREN IN NEED FUNDRAING DAY YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY
3	17 th November				YEAR 5 PRAYER SERVICE	ONESIE UPON A TIME DAY
4	24 th November DT WEEK					
5	1 st December	ADVENT ASSEMBLY		PTA DISCO AFTER SCHOOL		YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY
6	8 th December			CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY CHRISTMAS DINNER PTA SANTA GROTTA		
7	15 th December			YEAR 1&2 NATIVITY 2.30PM	R&N SING ALONG (9.15am) TALENT SHOW 10AM CLASS PARTIES PM	LAST DAY OF TERM CAROL SERVICE 11AM SCHOOL CLOSSES 1.30PM
Christmas Holiday –Monday 22 nd December -5 th 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