



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 28th November 2025

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

DT WEEK

For the first time this year it is Design and Technology week! This is a wonderful opportunity to explore product design and to use creativity to produce our own DT project work. Year 2 and Year 4 have been sewing pouches and making fastenings, Year 6 have also been using textiles to design and create their own waistcoats. Year 1 and Year 5 have used mechanical systems to make pulley systems and pop-up books. In Year 3 they have built castle structures, linking to 3D shapes in their maths. Hopefully you will be able to see some of your children's work on their year group pages.

Football Match – A Tough Game, But Plenty To Be Proud Of!

Today our team faced a very strong opponent in Brookland Junior School and even though the result didn't go our way, there were lots of positives to take from the match.

Right from kick-off, the children showed fantastic teamwork and kept encouraging each other, no matter what the score was. Our first 10 mins was the best we have ever played. We saw some brave defending, great effort to win the ball back, and some determined runs forward, plus our goalkeeper Devid made several excellent saves. Although we lost 7-0, this is an improvement on our previous matches. Matches like this help us grow, and the team should feel proud of the effort they put in.

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.



REMEMBRANCE PRAYER

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Thy Throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure,
Sufficient is Thine Arm alone
And our defence is sure

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight,
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night,

Before the rising sun O God,
Our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while troubles last

ATTENDANCE AWARD
Year 2 98.6%

HOUSE POINTS
John

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Tommy & Sebastian

Reception
Ava & Robert

Year 1
Ralachukwu & Theo

Year 2
Martin & Elsa

Year 3
Huda & Kelechi

Year 4
Joy & Ellis

Year 5
George L & David

Year 6
Joyce & Verone



LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Kavian

Reception
Amelia-Grace

Year 1
Chizaram

Year 2
Taylor

Year 3
Harley

Year 4
Joe

Year 5
Maxwell

Year 6
Ladiela

At St. Joseph's we live, love and learn by the example of Jesus.
Aspiring for excellence for all, together as a catholic community.

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 FUNDRAISING 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 GROTTTO		
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