



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 14th November 2025

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

Anti-Bullying Week

This week was antibullying week and the theme for this year was 'Power for Good'. On Monday, it was Odd Socks Day to celebrate how unique and special we are. We had a whole school assembly during which the children shared lots of ideas about what bullying is and how we can be a superhero to use our 'power for good' to stop it. All of the classes participated in lots of discussions, roleplay and other activities focussed on our 'antibullying theme'- using their power for good to stop bullying and to support each other. We also chose new Anti-bullying ambassadors that will be announced later today! The week finished off with an amazing assembly from Year 4 all about anti-bullying. Well done everyone and have a lovely weekend!

Remembrance Service

At 11:00 on the 11th of November, our school community came together around the poppy mural to observe two minutes of silence in remembrance of all those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. This moment of reflection allowed us to honour the courage, bravery and dedication of those who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. The silence was a powerful reminder of the importance of peace, unity and gratitude within our community as we remembered those who gave so much for our future.

When you go home, tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, we gave our today.



Chex Remembrance Service – Cedars Park

We took a group of children to our local Remembrance service in Cedars Park.

We met our Local Mayor Patsy Spears.

It was a reflective time to come together to think of those who have gone before. **LEST WE FORGET**



Year 4 Assembly

Year 4 worked incredibly hard to learn and deliver their lines for an assembly that was both thoughtful and reflective, marking Anti-Bullying Week. Through their performance, they shared important messages about kindness, respect, and the power of standing up for what is right. The assembly reminded everyone that we all have a role to play in using the power of good to stand up to bullying and create a school community where everyone feels safe, valued, and included.

Children in Need Fundraising Day: - **WOW, thank you for all your support, so far our total is £600!!!**



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

And our eternal home.



ATTENDANCE AWARD
Year 3 100%

HOUSE POINTS
Matthew

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Christian & Sofia

Reception
Tony & Gabriella

Year 1
Sienna & Ariella

Year 2
Leonor & Isaiah

Year 3
Yusuf & Mahalia

Year 4
The whole class

Year 5
Thomas & Yusef

Year 6
Kian & Fire

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Bulut

Reception
Asheeba

Year 1
Lena

Year 2
Sofia

Year 3
Aria

Year 4
Ellis

Year 5
Niya

Year 6
Sofia

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

OPEN MORNING

MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025, 9.30AM - 10.30AM

FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE NEW PARENTS WHO WILL BE APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION SCHOOL OR NURSERY PLACE TO START IN SEPTEMBER 2026.

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 GROTTO		
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 CLOSURES 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