



St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 7th November 2025

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

Guy Fawkes Day

This week we celebrated an old English tradition. Bonfire Night celebrates the day the Gunpowder Plot failed in 1605, when a group of people tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament with gunpowder. Because the plot failed and the King was saved, people lit bonfires to celebrate. Today, we still celebrate on November 5th with bonfires, fireworks, and sparklers.

We went over to our forest school and we listened to the story of Guy Fawkes, lit the fire and had toasty marshmallows! A lot of fun was had by all



Parent Consultation

We held Parent Consultations on Thursday 6th November 2025. We hope you found this informative and supportive. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss the progress and next steps of learning for your child.

Remembrance Prayer Garden:

Today as a school community we laid and placed poppies in our dedicated 'Remembrance Prayer Garden'. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a Catholic Community to reflect, prayer and remember those gone before us. **LEST WE FORGET**



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.
Amen

ATTENDANCE AWARD
Nursery 98.1%

HOUSE POINTS
Matthew

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Raihaan & Patsy

Reception
Elira & Maylk

Year 1
Rosie-Mae & Samuel

Year 2
Mattyas & Favour

Year 3
Eveline & Filippo

Year 4
Kore & Dreinan

Year 5
Faith & Lucy

Year 6
Alexies & Fareedah

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Barbara

Reception
Tony

Year 1
Amelia

Year 2
Zeynep

Year 3
Ava

Year 4
Gabbi

Year 5
Dom

Year 6
Adele

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 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 CLOSES 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