



# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

## Prayer: Written by Aisha in Year 6

Lord

As we begin to reflect and wait for Easter  
We journey with you through the desert  
Please encourage us and lead us in hope  
Amen

### Ash Wednesday

On Monday, our Chaplaincy led a beautiful Ash Wednesday Assembly, inviting us to reflect and pray as we embark on this meaningful journey towards Easter. The children reminded us of the significance of Shrove Tuesday, and now, as we enter the special season of Lent, we are encouraged to grow closer to Jesus on his journey to the cross. This time of reflection and commitment offers us a chance to deepen our faith and consider how we can embody love and kindness in our daily lives. Let us embrace this season with open hearts and minds.



### DT Week:

This week has been an exciting time for our students as we celebrated Design and Technology Week! The children have immersed themselves in a variety of engaging activities, learning valuable skills from cooking and food tasting to sawing and sewing. Our curriculum has been action-packed, offering countless opportunities for them to design, create, and evaluate their projects.

Across the school we have created paper and wooden structures, electrical movers, used textiles to explore puppets and Egyptian neckwear and cooking making biscuits and healthy foods. I'm sure the children will be excited to tell you about their work in DT and hopefully you will get to see some of the work on your child's class news page.

A special thank you goes out to all the parents who joined us in class this week. Your support and involvement have made a significant difference in enriching our students' learning experiences. Together, we've made DT Week a memorable one!

### Book Fair:

The Scholastic Book Fair came to St Josephs this week with lots of exciting new books and lots of firm favourites too! After getting to grips with the new cashless paying system, parents were able to buy books that the children had chosen. There were also a variety of stationery to choose from. Please continue to come and visit the book fair as it is still with us up until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### School Lunch – Price Increase

Please note: an important change regarding your child's school meals.

ASPENS are implementing an increase to Key Stage 2 paid meals following the February half term

(effective 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026). This will move the price from £3.05 to £3.15.

*ASPENS understand tariff reviews can be challenging but have no option but to move this price point. The increase has been held to 3.2% with the Consumer Price Index sitting at 3.4% and underlying food inflation sat around the 5% mark.*

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

ATTENDANCE  
AWARD  
Year 6 98.2%

HOUSE POINTS  
John

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Anne-Marie & Esme

Reception  
Pietro & Dion

Year 1  
Kalani & Amelia

Year 2  
Taylor & Oseyemere

Year 3  
The Whole Class &  
Princess

Year 4  
Kaima & Oscar W

Year 5  
Alya & Sebi

Year 6  
Acacia & Alexies

### LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Raihaan

Reception  
Aliyar

Year 1  
Naomi

Year 2  
Oseleno

Year 3  
The Whole  
Class

Year 4  
Dreinan

Year 5  
Thomas

Year 6  
Isabelle

## REMINDERS:

### 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.

- Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
- 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.
- **St Joseph's is a 'NUT-FREE' Zone!**
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## SPRING TERM 2

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 <b>DT WEEK</b>			<b>BOOK FAIR (ARRIVES)</b>	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>
2	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>	<b>BOOK FAIR (LAST DAY)</b>		<b>WORLD BOOK DAY DRESS UP DAY</b>	<b>PTA MOTHER'S DAY POP UP SHOP</b>
3	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	<b>BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK</b>				<b>BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK DRESS UP DAY</b> <b>YEAR 1 PRAYER SERVICE</b>
4	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026		<b>PARENT CONSULTATIONS</b>		<b>ST JOSEPH'S DAY 11AM MASS</b>	
5	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026 <b>TRUST CHARITY WEEK</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>	<b>NURSERY PRAYER SERVICE 9.10AM</b>  <b>RECEPTION PRAYER SERVICE 2.45PM</b>	<b>FAMILY BINGO NIGHT</b>	<b>RESSURECTION ROCK 2PM</b>	<b>END OF TERM MASS 11AM</b> <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES 1.30PM</b>
<b>The Easter Holidays -30<sup>th</sup> March -10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>						

## 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