



St. Joseph's Weekly News.

Friday 7th March 2025

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

God who walks with us, and knows what it is to be hungry, teach us to walk alongside one another and to work together to overcome the challenges in our world.

Amen.

Dear Parents,

Spring is in the air and we are one step closer to the blossom blooming, for us many our Lenten journey has begun, and we know this is time for us to become closer to God through our prayers, actions and alms giving. We ask God during this time to support and guide us.

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Moseley

PARENT VOICE

On Monday I held my first parent voice meeting, many thanks to our parent voice committee for such a productive meeting, the minutes are on the school website under the Parents tab>Parent Voice.

SHROVE TUESDAY

This week, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday in style! A heartfelt thank you for your generous donations of pancakes. The children had a fantastic time during their first St Joseph's Pancake Day race, complete with tossing, flipping, running, and plenty of laughter. It was a wonderful occasion, enjoyed by all. Here's to many more joyful celebrations in the future!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We are delighted to report that World Book Day was a resounding success here at St Joseph's! The children showcased their creativity by dressing up in a vibrant array of colours, and they enthusiastically shared synonyms for their chosen shades, which was a wonderful exercise in language. All year groups embraced the theme of cooking recipes inspired by narrative stories. Nursery and Reception made delicious fruit kebabs based on "Handa's Surprise," while Year 4 created marmalade sandwiches from "Paddington Bear." Furthermore, Reception prepared pancakes inspired by "Mr Wolf's Pancakes." The day was filled with oracy games, engaging debates around character questions, fun quizzes, and delightful class swaps where teachers read their favourite books. Thank you, parents, for your involvement and support in making this event so special for our children!

SUBJECT OF THE WEEK - READING

We are excited to remind you that our "Words for Breakfast" event continues every Friday morning in the library! Reading is such an essential part of your children's lives, enriching every subject and surrounding us daily. Join us from 8AM for a delightful morning where you can enjoy a good book, a biscuit, and a steaming hot chocolate. We have a fantastic selection of both children's and adult books available for you to borrow and return. Our wonderful Reading Ambassadors arrive early each week to set up the space, tidy the area, and ensure your comfort. We invite you to take advantage of this exciting opportunity to inspire a love of reading in your family. We look forward to seeing you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

On Wednesday, our Ash Wednesday service took place. This was led beautifully by our Year 6 Chaplaincy Team who read parts of the service and assisted Fr John in the distribution of ashes. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for this lovely, reverent service which started our Lenten journey so well.

HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS GALA EVENT

On Thursday, twenty members of our choir attended a massed rehearsal with all of the other primary school choirs taking part in the Hertfordshire Schools' Gala in the Royal Albert Hall later in March. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to work as a part of a huge choir with a proper conductor! We're looking forward this wonderful event on Sunday 23rd March.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations, will take place on Wednesday 12th March 2025 from 2.00pm - 7.30pm in the school hall.

Please note the following:

School will close at normal time on Wednesday 12th March.

Our Paid After School Club will NOT be operating on Wednesday 12th March.

Teacher led clubs will NOT be running on this week. (ONLY Netball on Monday 10th and Football on Wednesday 12th will continue)

Appointments can now be made only via parentmail until Monday 10th February 2025.

Should you need to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

This is the only way you can make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

If you wish to discuss your child's SEN targets in more detail and not during this meeting then please do not make an appointment. Our Senco or the class teacher will be in touch separately to arrange an appointment with you to review targets and set new ones.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Reception 100%

HOUSE POINTS
Matthew

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Maisa & Ava

Reception
Alice & Ral

Year 1
Ethan & Zeynep

Year 2
Alex & Sophia

Year 3
Vanya & Poyraz

Year 4
George S & Precious

Year 5
Ladiela & Fire

Year 6
Henry & Jojo

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Favour

Year 2
Eveline

Year 3
Beatrice

Year 4
Ryan

Year 5
Janelle

Year 6
Sean

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

Spring Term 2

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	24 th February					
2	3 rd March	World Book Week		Ash Wednesday Service 9.10am in school	Book Dress Up Day	
3	10 th March	British Science Week		Parent Consultations	Year 6 class Mass	
4	17 th March			St Joseph's Day Celebrations Mass in church 11am		Being British Day
5	24 th March	Trust Charity week Enterprise Week			Year 5 Class Mass	
6	31 st March	Stations of the cross (in school) DT week	Talent show 10am PTA Easter events		Easter Story to parents Invited Resurrection Rock Year 3 and 4 (2pm)	Easter End of Term Mass in Church 2pm
Easter Holidays -7 th April-21 st April 2025						

REMINDERS!

Healthy items for packed lunches.

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

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!

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.

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-diary 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