

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 7th February 2025



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

Dear Lord,

Help us to move forward with faith and courage, even in difficult times.

Help us to work together as a community

And to keep our eyes on the goal: justice, equality, and love for all.

Amen

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter to you as Interim Head teacher. It is a privilege for me to be undertaking this role. As I now lead our school, it is imperative that we continue to grow as a community, strengthened by the teaching, pupils and families that we have here at St Joseph's. As a school, we strive on our consistency and high expectations. I look forward to upcoming weeks and ensuring that our school remains a positive, effective and outstanding school.

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

Subject of the week: Spanish

¡Hola! This is our second year of Spanish at St Joseph's and KS2 have been covering topics such as, animals, dates in the year, families, ice cream, presenting myself and seasons in a variety of contexts through listening, speaking, reading and writing. In addition, we've used activities and games to support our learning.

We had a very successful day in October last term celebrating National Spanish Day. The aim of the day was to introduce Spanish vocabulary to KS1 and to encourage KS2 to use conversational Spanish in different scenarios as well as learning more about the country and its history of exploration. We ate Spanish biscuits called Pastisets de Menorca and each class from Reception to Year 6 learnt a very famous dance called the Flamenco.

We have plans to expand our Spanish curriculum coverage into KS1 as well and to continue to incorporate the language, festivals and customs into other whole school initiatives as well.

Football Match

St. Joseph's Year 5 & 6 Football Team Shine at WDPSSA Tournament

On Thursday, February 6th, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School participated in the WDPSSA Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament. The team played four fantastic matches, securing three impressive victories.

Their first match was against Longlands Primary & Nursery School, where St. Joseph's triumphed with a 2-1 win. Next, they faced Holy Trinity CofE Primary School and delivered a dominant performance, winning 4-1. In their third match, St. Joseph's overcame Woodside Primary School with a 2-1 victory.

Unfortunately, in the quarter-finals, St. Joseph's faced a tough challenge against Flamstead End School, losing 0-4.

A huge congratulations to the team for their excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. We are incredibly proud of your efforts and accomplishments!

Wellbeing week

This week was Children's Mental Health Wellbeing week. The theme was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Children have spent time celebrating their uniqueness and how wonderful they are. We all reflected on things that we enjoy and that calm us, giving us time to take care of our mental wellbeing in order to 'grow'. Classes have taken part in role play, yoga, discussion and lots of creative activities to take care of our mental wellbeing. No homework this week and tomorrow children are coming to school wearing whatever clothes they feel truly represent who they are!

Year 3 and Year 4 Class Mass

This week, Years 3 and 4 attended a thoughtful mass, providing a lovely opportunity for reflection. The children engaged in prayer, considering the events of the past week and what lies ahead. It was a meaningful time to express gratitude for our many blessings. Thank you for those who volunteered to walk.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Nursery 99.2%

HOUSE POINTS
Mark

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Amelia & Jasper

Reception
Naomi & Zakarias

Year 1
Myles & Tymon

Year 2
Mary & Dogan

Year 3
Nathaniel & Oscar H

Year 4
Samuele & Lucy

Year 5
Bettina & Verone

Year 6
Ella & Aisosa

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Isaiah

Year 2
Kelechi

Year 3
Sara

Year 4
Precious

Year 5
Ladiela

Year 6
Bellisa

PTA Disco

A reminder that on Wednesday 12th February is our PTA school disco event. EYFS & KS1 will be held from 3.30-5pm and KS2 will be held from 5.30-7pm. Please ensure you purchase your ticket through the PTA event website.

Parent Voice Meeting

Thank you to all the confirmed representatives for each class. We have now successfully appointed a representative for our parent voice meeting. The next session will be Tuesday 4th March at 9am, please arrive early for tea and biscuits. We look forward to celebrating our successes here at St Joseph's as well as listening and valuing the contributions from our parents as to how we can continue to move the school forward.

Curriculum information

All year group curriculum information is on our website for Spring term.

Spring Term 1

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	6 th January 2025	Epiphany Mass 2pm			Topic Launch	
2	13 th January 2025				Reception Prayer Service	Class charity day
3	20 th January 2025	Hinduism Week				
4	27 th January 2025		Mrs O' Connor Day		Year 1 and 2 class mass in church 1.45pm	Mrs O' Connor's Last Day.
5	3 rd February 2025					
6	10 th February 2025	Art Week	National Safer Internet Day	PTA Event Valentines Disco	Year 4 class mass	
Half term -17 th February -21 st February 2025						

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