

# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Our School Value

Respect - Self-belief - Faith - Friendship - Resilience - Self-control - Perseverance - Aspiration

The Jubilee prayer  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
Amen.

ATTENDANCE  
AWARD  
Year 5 96.9%

HOUSE POINTS  
Mark

Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed a lovely week. January is nearly over so not too long. Soon spring will be a reality. This week we celebrated our launch of the Jubilee year of hope. Please ask your children to share with you.

*Thank you for your continued support . Have a lovely weekend. Mrs O'Connor*

## Parent Workshops

A survey will be coming out shortly. Please take the time to request any sessions or support for your child. We re introduced parent workshops in Autumn, sadly some with no uptake at all. Therefore we want to hear from you so we can tailor the sessions for your need as parents to support your child.

## Hinduism week

This week our Key stage two children have been learning about Hinduism. Our children have learnt that Hinduism does not just have one sacred book but several scriptures. Hindus read and study them as part of their worship and the contents of these books guides their lives. They have been learning about special places of worship, such as the Mandir, as well as Karma and Dharma and how Hindu's care for creation. A really excellent opportunity for our children to explore and embrace other world religions.

## Wellbeing week

on the week beginning the 3rd February it will be Children's Mental Health week. The theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Stay tuned for upcoming information and, as always , there will be no homework that week! Stay tuned...

## Chaplaincy

Our chaplaincy team have been busy at work this week with their 'thought of the week' based around the Jubilee year of celebrations. Some fantastic art and design work and a lot of thought has gone into their posters to explain to the children about this special Jubilee year. Our chaplaincy have also started their Friday prayer sessions again, all the children are excited for this to happen!

## Oracy update

We are continuing our involvement in the Voice 21 project as a school, currently with a focus on listening and how to know whether you're listening well. Look out for the new listening ladder which will be on display in the hall reminding everyone of the steps to being a focused listener. We have also been practising talk tactics to help in discussion for children to participate fully and build on each other's ideas. We've already seen a big improvement in language and talk partner work so we look forward to this continuing

## Diversity Working party

We will be soon approaching our Spring session diversity working part, this will take place after February half term and a parent mail will be sent out

We look forward to seeing you all there and discussing these relevant topics: Curriculum updates, Diversity within Art. Any thoughts from parents and we will be discussing our next big event in school, International Week.

## Parent Voice Meeting

Thank you to all the confirmed representatives for each class. We have no successfully appointed a representative for our parent voice meeting. The first session will be **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9.am**, please arrive early for tea and biscuits. We look forward to celebration 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.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Emmanuel & Maisa

Reception  
Jayden & Leo

Year 1  
Isaac & Jason

Year 2  
Mahalia & Huda

Year 3  
Julian & Holy

Year 4  
Ryan & Polina

Year 5  
Lena & Yaman

Year 6  
Bellisa & Keila

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1  
Asaiah

Year 2  
Mary

Year 3  
Vinny

Year 4  
Niya

Year 5  
Aisha

Year 6  
Lilly

## 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 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Epiphany Mass 2pm			Topic Launch	
2	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2025				Reception Prayer Service	Class charity day
3	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Hinduism Week				
4	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		Mrs O' Connor Day		Year 1 and 2 class mass in church 1.45pm	Mrs O' Connor's Last Day.
5	3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2025				Nursery Prayer Service 9.10am	School coffee morning
6	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Art Week	National Safer Internet Day	PTA Event	Year 4 class mass	
Half term -17 <sup>th</sup> February -21 <sup>st</sup> 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.

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# THANK YOU