

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 17th January 2025



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

The Jubilee prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.
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.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Year 5 98.1%

HOUSE POINTS
John

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Alexander & Oliver

Reception
Ariella & Lena

Year 1
Leonor & Oselene

Year 2
Osariemen & Holy-Joy

Year 3
Selin & Francesco

Year 4
Michelle & Callum

Year 5
Acacia & Fire

Year 6
Haris & Sienna R

Dear Parents,

Our week started on a very good note with our Ofsted report being published. The report really does reflect our school and it is one we are all incredibly proud of. The school will continue to progress, nothing has stood still since the Inspection in November and neither will it even with planned changes on leadership. St Joseph's will always be an amazing school with high expectations, with or without my smiling face.

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

Subject of the week: RE

Our spring theme for our KS2 children is all based around the local church and the community, children are exploring scripture and how this links to our every day lives, our KS1 and EYF children are embracing our new RED scheme and developing their knowledge and understanding of the topic 'Galilee to Jerusalem' The children are learning different strands such as baptism, forgiveness, the miracles and parables of Jesus. We have also done a lot of learning about our new Catholic Social teaching strand of 'Solidarity and peace' and how we can be peacemakers in our world today.

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.

Class Charity Day

We are thrilled to share the wonderful events that have took place today for our charities. Each class has selected a charity to raise money for. From our lively Crazy Hair Day to delightful biscuit and juice sales, the participation and enthusiasm have truly been commendable. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who took part today and for their generous contributions. Your support has made a significant impact on the lives of others. Thank you.

Ofsted Report

Our recent Ofsted was finally shared this week. Mrs O'Connor, Governors and the whole staff are extremely proud of the outcome of the Ofsted inspection which took place last term. It was what is known as a Section 8 Inspection which essentially examines the progress we have made since our last graded inspection which was in April 2017.

So, whilst Ofsted does not record grading as part of this inspection the report notes that we have demonstrated significant improvement since its last inspection Ofsted has reported this week. As the school was last judged Good, this means OFSTED expect much if not all the provision to be Outstanding. The report reads exactly as it should, with children coming first. It truly celebrates everything that St Joseph's stands for. It was a rigorous two days but an Inspection that was a joy to be a part of. We are incredibly proud of the whole report but of course there are more pertinent comments to summarise.

When it comes to education and learning the inspectors found that:

"The school has high expectations for what pupils can achieve. Pupils are keen, curious and inquisitive learners. They value the learning opportunities the school provides. This is reflected in lessons where pupils are diligent and highly engaged. Pupils achieve well across the curriculum."

The full report was sent out on Monday via parentmail, it can also be found on our school website.

Reception prayer service

Today Reception had their Prayer Service about having special gifts and talents linked to Epiphany. All the children said their lines clearly and they sang beautifully.

Well done Reception.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Sade

Year 2
Eveline

Year 3
Joe

Year 4
Lia

Year 5
Elnathan

Year 6
Sienna P

Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church "Be a pilgrim with us in the Church Year of Jubilee". In a world that is growing more unjust and unequal, we invite people, schools and communities to experience the joy and strength in coming together as we respond to God's call for a reset, a renewal of faith and a recommitment to a just world. As a school we are excited to be on this journey

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				Year 1 and 2 class mass in church 1.30pm	
5	3 rd February 2025				Nursery Prayer Service 9.10am	School coffee morning
6	10 th February 2025	Art Week	National Safer Internet Day	PTA Event	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