

# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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

## A Prayer for the Feast of Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only Son to every nation  
by the guidance of a star.  
Bless this home and all who inhabit it.  
Fill us with the light of Christ  
That our concern for others may reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

ATTENDANCE  
AWARD  
Year 3 & 6 99.3%

HOUSE POINTS  
Mark & John

Dear Parents,

Welcome back & Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and I hope that 2025 has started well. Spring term already! As always in school, time is ticking quickly and to call it Spring term always sounds strange when we really are in the middle of Winter. A busy but exciting term ahead. Especially with the news shared yesterday. Thank you for such kind words and wishes! St Joseph's will always hold a special place in my heart and I will see you all before I leave!

Please continue to read the newsletter and check our website for dates, invites and more.

*Have a lovely weekend. Mrs O'Connor*

### Subject of the week: PE

We're excited to continue our "10 in 10" during lunchtimes! This fantastic lunchtime exercise encourages children to get up and moving while exploring a variety of stretches and exercises. Led by our enthusiastic PE ambassadors, it's a brilliant way to promote fitness and fun.

### Parent voice committee

I can finally announce we have a rep for each class. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered. A spring term date will be sent soon.

### 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.

### Clubs

Our clubs will start back next week. We are incredibly lucky to have our teaching staff volunteer their time to deliver our clubs, as well as some parent volunteers who so graciously give their time to provide for our children. Sadly there are situations when clubs need to be cancelled for various reasons, sickness, their own family circumstances, the weather. We will always endeavour to give as much notice as we can in such circumstances. Therefore thank you for your support.

### Epiphany Mass

On Monday, we celebrated a beautiful Epiphany Mass in school. It was a wonderful mass to have time to think and reflect about the Magi that came to see Jesus. We know we too have gifts that we can give the infant King, and so we too reflected on how we present our own gifts to Jesus and how we can become close to Him during the January month.

### Topic launch

We are excited to announce the launch of our new history topics, which are both engaging and enjoyable for our children. These topics will not only ignite curiosity but also encourage critical thinking about key historical events. We can't wait to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine as they dive into these new topics!

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Eliora & Amelia-Grace

Reception  
Morayo & Chizaram

Year 1  
Stanislaw & Alina

Year 2  
Myra & Aren

Year 3  
Joe & Oscar W

Year 4  
Thomas & Devid

Year 5  
Adele & Jenessa

Year 6  
Lilly & Cara

### WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1  
Elsa

Year 2  
Stefania

Year 3  
Tyler

Year 4  
Samuele

Year 5  
Lena

Year 6  
David

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

### St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Admissions Nursery and Reception 2025

All prospective new parents who will be applying for a Reception school or Nursery place to start in September 2025.

Supplementary Information Forms are available to collect from the school office.

As well as completing and submitting the Supplementary Information Form to the school office, you must also apply for a school place online.

The online application process for Under 11s (Reception) commence on Friday 1st November 2024 and close on Wednesday 15th January 2025 on the following website [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Reception 2025 applies to children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.**

**Nursery** applications should be made via the school only and will commence on Friday 1st November 2024 and close on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Supplementary Application forms are available to collect from the school office.

**Nursery applies to children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**

Please Note: We are a 30 hours childcare provider, and welcome applications from children of all faiths to our Nursery.

#### 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				Year 1 and 2 class mass in church 1.30pm	
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.

# NUT FREE SCHOOL



# THANK YOU