

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 20th December 2024



Christmas Prayer

Be our strength and consolation, and bring joy to our longing hearts. By the power of the Holy Spirit, fill us with your joy and peace, and help us to abound in hope. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for joining us this week for our services and shows. The children are always a true credit and it is this time of year that allows us the privilege of feeling the joy and hope that the festivities bring. Thank you for your continued support and patience this year. St Joseph's is a truly special place to be!

Have a happy and holy Christmas. I hope that 2025 brings you everything you wish.

Mrs O'Connor

Deercote Residential House

On Tuesday we made our annual choir trip to Deercote Retirement Home in Cheshunt to sing for the residents. Our 36 choir members blew them away with their fantastic singing as they blasted out a range of carols and Christmas songs. As always, Deercote offered us a warm welcome and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

Nativity

What an incredible performance our children took part in on Wednesday. They were absolutely amazing and all of their hard work has paid off. They sang so well, we could hear every single line that was spoken and they were just a joy to see. Well done to all the children, families and parents for all of your support and hard work that went into practising their lines and singing parts. It really was a special performance that has got ourselves ready for Christmas.

Sing a long

On Thursday we were treated to a spectacular sing a long from Nursery and Reception. It was an absolute treat to see them on stage singing their little hearts out. Their amazing singing and actions certainly got us in the mood for the Christmas Season.

Talent Show

What a way to end our term with our annual Christmas talent show. A huge well done to all the children that took part in the talent show, and of course well done to our year 6 team who have worked very hard to do all the music, judge and sort the act out. A special mention to Miss Perone who held the auditions and supported the talent show! What a lovely way to end our year as we got to watch all the amazing talent we hold here at St Joseph's.

Our overall winners were:

1st place – Olivia S

2nd place – Jenessa and Maya

3rd place – Julian

Star of The Show - Joy

Christmas Party

On Thursday, all year groups celebrated the festive season with their Class Christmas parties, and what a fantastic time it was! Our children enjoyed a variety of Christmas games and even had a chance to show off their dance moves.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who generously donated food and snacks; your contributions truly made the atmosphere magical and created a true party spirit.

Our children (and staff) had a fantastic time and really got the chance to shine with some amazing dance moves! This special treat is a lovely way to celebrate the season and all of our hard learning over last term, so a big well done to our amazing children!

Trust Writing Competition

Well done to **Myles and Harry** who were winners of the Trust writing competition.

Franciscan Values Winners

Well done to our Franciscan Values Winners **Huda** for Kindness Values and **Polina** for Gratitude Values.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD

Year 1 99.5%

HOUSE
POINTS
LUKE

STARS OF
THE WEEK

Nursery
Whole Class

Reception
Raluhaolu & Michael

Year 1
Lennon & Tobi-Merry

Year 2
Makim & Harley

Year 3
Destie & Winnie

Year 4
Mys & George

Year 5
Emanuel & Verone

Year 6
Ronald & David

WRITER OF
THE WEEK

Year 1
Sade

Year 2
Mahalia

Year 3
Jasmine

Year 4
David

Year 5
Adele

Year 6
Alina

Carol Service

It's always a joyful way to finish the Autumn Term when we gather together for our school carol service. All the children have practised hard for this service but the choir in particular have put in a lot of hard work in order to lead the singing and their hard work has really paid off. We hope all parents and staff enjoyed this beautiful end to Advent and beginning of Christmas.

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

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.

Parking

Please ensure the safety of children and adults when parking. Trinity lane is becoming increasingly more dangerous because of parents need to park so close to the school. Please could you park at a further distance to ensure this area is more manageable for crossing and moving.

Spring Term 1

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	6 th January	Epiphany Mass 2pm			Topic Launch	
2	13 th January				REC prayer service	Class Charity Day
3	20 th January	Hinduism Week				
4	27 th January				Year 1 & 2 Class Mass in church 1.30pm	
5	3 rd February				Nursery Prayer Service 9.10am	School coffee morning
6	10 th February	Art week	National safer internet day	PTA Event	Year 4 Class Mass	
Half term -17th February -21st 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