

# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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

## 3rd Prayer of Advent

Loving Father, as we continue in this Advent season, fill us with the joyful virtue of hope. Help us to long for your Son Jesus with love in our hearts. Let us remain faithful until He returns in glory.

Amen

ATTENDANCE  
AWARD  
Year 2 100 %

HOUSE  
POINTS  
Matthew

Dear Parents,

I can imagine you are incredibly busy with the preparations for Christmas. School is a very festive place to be with carols and Christmas songs playing out through every door. We had a very special visitor to our chalet this week, Father Christmas took a break from his workshop and spent a whole day meeting our children. As you can imagine the excitement was high amongst staff and children. One more week to go in school. Dates below of all our events, I look forward to seeing you.

*Have a lovely weekend. Mrs O'Connor*

### Subject of the week: DT

This week we had our termly D&T week.

Year 1 made axels and wheels. Year 2 made pouches and they sewed beautiful pouches, with the help of many parents!! Year 3 finished off making textiles as well as a year 4 making fastenings. The children really enjoy these wide variety of projects throughout the year. Well done everyone!

### Trust Carol Service

Twenty members of our school choir attended the Trust Carol Service on Thursday. The morning was spent rehearsing with the other schools from the Trust and then the performance was in the afternoon. Our choir blew everyone away from the very first carol with their descant to accompany O Come All Ye Faithful. They then performed their own carol 'Joy to the Earth' beautifully. They were an excellent representation of our school and our choir as their behaviour matched their wonderful singing. Want to hear more? Come to the school Carol Service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> in the Church.

### Christmas Carol Singing in Waltham Cross

On Wednesday, Year 6 went to the Pavilions in Waltham Cross to join the Christmas celebrations and entertain the shoppers with their Christmas singing. Year 6 sang for nearly 30 minutes, accompanied by Miss Gunn and did a fantastic job! They sang a range of Christmas carols and songs absolutely brilliantly and behaved impeccably. They even had their photo taken with the Mayor. Well done, Year 6 - you really did us proud.

### Christmas Dinner

We had an amazing Christmas dinner on Wednesday, the children wore their hand-made Christmas hats and we fully celebrated Christmas in style! We sang some holly, jolly Christmas songs and a jingle along whilst we all ate dinner together. This is one of the most favourite times of year that the children and staff all really look forward to!

### PTA -Jumper Day & Santa

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> we had our annual PTA jumper day and the children got to visit Santa! The children had a wonderful day and enjoyed themselves today. They were dressed up in their colourful, bright and Christmas colours!!

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Amelia-Grace & Dion

Reception  
Victoria & Samuel

Year 1  
Favour & Mattyas

Year 2  
Sofia & Rory

Year 3  
Deandra & Poyraz

Year 4  
Faith & Lucy

Year 5  
Janelle & Sophia

Year 6  
Johnny & Sean

### WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1  
Israel

Year 2  
Alex

Year 3  
Joy

Year 4  
Messi

Year 5  
Precious

Year 6  
Jojo

### Parent voice committee

We were meant to meet last week but still we have 4 gaps. If these reps are not found for N,3,4,6 then we will not be able to resume our parent voice. If you would like to discuss or sign up please pop in to the office.

### Events next week

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 and 2 Nativity – To school 9.30am to parents 2pm	N&R Sing a long 9am  Talent show 10am  Christmas Party pm	Last day of term – Normal time  Christmas Carol Service 2pm Church

### **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.

## 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