

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 6th December 2024



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

2nd Prayer of Advent

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

ATTENDANCE
AWARD
Year 5 98.5%

HOUSE
POINTS
Matthew

Dear Parents,

Thank you parents for such support always but especially this week. Our Advent assembly was well attended, the most in all my time here. So Thank you, a very special celebration to be a part of. It's been a busy week as the festivities and preparation really step up but a joyous time of year.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs O'Connor

Subject of the week: RE

As we come into the season of Advent, we reflect on our own journey's and we prepare to become closer to God during this time. We prepare ourselves as we get ready for coming of the Messiah. We have begun our final topic for this term in our classes, as well as beginning our own Advent journey. This special time in school and in our RE lessons enable us to learn about religious stories and scripture readings.

Westminster Carol Service

On Wednesday we took our Chaplaincy team to Westminster Cathedral for our annual Advent carol service. It was a truly beautiful and awe-wondering moment. Our children were fully embraced in the service and we active participants of the carol service. Well done to our children and what a beautiful and wonderful way to start this Advent season.

PTA DISCO

Our new PTA held their first event on Wednesday 4th December 2024, And what an amazing time our children had at the Christmas Disco.

Thank you to the PTA for organising a wonderful event and for the many volunteers that supported this event.

Parent voice committee

We were meant to meet last week but still we have 5 gaps. If these reps are not found for N,3,4,5,6 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.

The Catholic Children's Society - Christmas Gift Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations. They really will make a difference this Christmas.

Reminders

Our Children will be singing in Waltham Cross Pavillion on Wednesday morning, pop along for a bit of Festive cheer.

Christmas Dinner- Please bring your Christmass Hats on Wednesday

Talent show auditions next week

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Eliora & Malyk

Reception
Vienna & Ellyana

Year 1
Tymon & Tabi-
Mercy

Year 2
Kelechi & Ethan

Year 3
Gabi & Kore

Year 4
Rafa & Hope

Year 5
Bettina & Elnathan

Year 6
Sara & Sofia

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Isaiah

Year 2
Dogan

Year 3
Selin

Year 4
Olivia S

Year 5
Jenessa

Year 6
Ella

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.

Information update

1. Friday morning parent /pupil library sessions have re started – all are welcome

Curriculum information

All year group curriculum information is on our website

Autumn Term 2

Week	Date-Week beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	4 th November			Topic Sharing/Celebration	Year 3 Prayer service	PTA AGM
2	11 th November	Remembrance service 9.10am -Chaplaincy led Anti-Bully week			Year 1 Prayer service	
3	18 th November					Onsie upon a time day
4	25 th November	School coffee morning	Stem day			
5	2 nd December	Advent Assembly		PTA Disco		
6	9 th December	DT week		Christmas Dinner		PTA Christmas Jumper day & Santa Grotto
7	16 th December			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 Christmas Carol Service 2pm Church
Christmas Holiday –Monday 23 rd December -3 rd January						

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-diary 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