

# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Our School Value

Respect - Self-belief - Faith - Friendship - Resilience - Self-control - Perseverance - Aspiration

Our Lady on the Annunciation: O Virgin Mother of God, whence the Light Eternal hath deigned to dawn upon us: regard, we pray thee, the pleading of thy humble servants, that by thy holy intercessions we may merit to obtain the mansions eternal. Amen

Dear Parents,

The count down is on and Advent is almost here. Thank you for your ongoing support and sharing. A special Thank you to the PTA who have rallied quickly to start events again for our children and to start the fundraising. This is an extremely hard job as well as a juggle, but still we have volunteers step forward. Please give your support and time where you can. It does make a difference to our children with events, experiences, opportunities and the money raised does provide for them.

*Have a lovely weekend. Mrs O'Connor*

## Subject of the week – STEM

On Tuesday we held a STEM day for our children. We got to explore our thinking and learning in a practical way. We used our scientific, engineering, technical and mathematical skills to problem solve situations for example building towers, building bridges making electrical circuits as well as creating marble runs. It was a fantastic experience for all, as well as being inter-house! Make sure you check the website for photos of all our activities

LIFT - what a fantastic turn out we had for our maths session on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents that supported us and we hope you found the session useful. We look forward to seeing you all again next term!

House events This term we have held various competitive inter-house events, which the children are really enjoying. So far we have had two sporting ones: cross country/skipping and ball bounces as well as the STEM day activities being inter-house. Next week's event will be a poetry reading one so any children who would like to gain points for their house, just look out your favourite poem, practise it and let your class teacher know on Monday that you'd like to participate.

Advent assembly - Don't forget the school Advent assembly which is held on the first Monday of Advent every year, so will be this Monday (2nd December) at 9.10am. This is a favourite assembly for staff, pupils and parents when we listen to the reasons for the different ornaments and colours on our Christmas trees. As we listen, Year 6 will decorate the tree. Do come and join us!

## PTA DISCO – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas disco promises to be the highlight of the advent season!

It gives our kids the opportunity to jingle and mingle with their friends and of course showcase their legendary dance moves...

Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjosephs351pta/index.cfm> and are a real bargain at £6 per child. Trust us, a great time will be had!

Ticket sales will **close on Monday 2nd December**. So don't delay, buy your ticket TODAY! ☐

If you are available to volunteer and be a chaperone on the day, please sign up when booking your ticket(s).

The PTA team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we work together to give our kids a brighter future!

## Parent voice committee

We currently have vacancies in years 2,3,4,5,6 – if anyone would like to join our parent voice please inform the office. Once we have more class volunteers we will set the first date, hopefully by the end of November

## The Catholic Children's Society - Christmas Gift Appeal

This year, our Trust will be supporting The Catholic Children's Society - Christmas Gift Appeal.

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) works to help local families and children in need.

Alongside CCS, this year, we kindly ask for your support to help thousands of local families and children, who are facing a Christmas without presents, food or basic essentials.

As a school we can help them receive the special gift of Christmas joy, so please donate what you can by Monday 4th December, our Christmas Donation Box will be in the entrance of the school office.

Please note, we can only accept unwrapped brand new gifts.

Thank you again for your kindness, generosity and continued support

ATTENDANCE  
AWARD  
Year 4 99.7%

HOUSE  
POINTS  
Mark

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Ava & Emmanuel

Reception  
Shaya & Maryam

Year 1  
Tabi-Mercy & Sade

Year 2  
Victor & Harley

Year 3  
Phoebe & Orlando

Year 4  
Dominykas & Yusuf

Year 5  
Christy & Isabelle

Year 6  
Aimee & Christian

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1  
Myles

Year 2  
Erin

Year 3  
Nathaniel

Year 4  
Hope

Year 5  
Verone

Year 6  
Saoirse

### 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.

#### 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 <sup>th</sup> November			Topic Sharing/Celebration	Year 3 Prayer service	PTA AGM
2	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance service 9.10am -Chaplaincy led  Anti-Bully week			Year 1 Prayer service	
3	18 <sup>th</sup> November					Onsie upon a time day
4	25 <sup>th</sup> November	School coffee morning	Stem day			
5	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Advent Assembly		PTA Disco		
6	9 <sup>th</sup> December	DT week		Christmas Dinner		PTA Christmas Jumper day & Santa Grotto
7	16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> December -3 <sup>rd</sup> 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-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