

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 15th November 2024



Our School Value

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

A prayer for the month of Remembrance:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.



ATTENDANCE AWARD

Nursery & Year 5
100%

HOUSE POINTS
John

Dear Parents,

This week has certainly been a little more 'exciting' for staff. A very busy start to the week with OFSTED visiting our school to celebrate and recognise all that we do. Thank you parents for all the kind wishes and excellent survey contributions. The report will take a few weeks before it will be published. An exciting but very long week!

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs O'Connor

Subject of the week - PSHE

Our PSHE topic for this half term is Celebrating Differences. Within this topic the children will talk about all the things that may seem so special and unique while also learning the idea of tolerance and respect for others. We will be celebrating how amazing and individual every one of our fantastic pupils are!

Remembrance Service

On the 11th November, we all worked together to compose a memorable service, so that we can all remember those died in war for us. It's not just war, though. The whole school held a 2 minute silence to remember family and friends. For 3 days we worked together to practise our assembly. We also said prayers such as: We pray for all who mourn, with all those who have not come to terms with the fact of death, that they may be comforted by friends and the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We hope that this November will be a special one and that Chaplaincy made it happen and we also hope that future Chaplaincy teams will follow in our footsteps.

Throughout the time, focusing on remembrance, we looked at poppies and how there is not just the red poppy but different ones such as: the white poppy reflecting on peace, the purple poppy remembering all of the animals and creatures that died in the war, the black poppy signifies death, last but not least, the red poppy symbolises remembering who fought in the war. We wear the poppy of our choice on this day. The phrase "Lest we forget" means "it should not be forgotten".

CHEXS Remembrance service at Cedars park

Some children attended the Remembrance Service at Cedars Park with Chexs. Please see below details of their visit.

We received wonderful feedback from the Chexs team "We are so very proud of them all and how they represented themselves, their school and our Charity. Very respectful of others around them in our community". Karen - Chexs

Antibullying Week

This week was Anti-Bullying week and the theme was 'Choose Respect'. We had an assembly on Monday where we reflected on the theme. The children all had fantastic ideas on why and how we should always make the choice of respecting each other and ourselves. We also marked Odd Socks Day on Tuesday in the usual way, with an array of bright and colourful socks, representing how unique we all are! Like the socks, no two pupils are exactly the same! The classes all worked hard to produce posters, role play and discuss this year's theme. Every child also produced a 'Pledge to Choose Respect', with promises of what they can do to ensure our school remains a caring, thoughtful and respectful place to be. Well done everyone!

Year 1 Prayer service

Today was Year 1's prayer service and the focus was choosing respect and showing love to one another. We shared the importance of always showing kindness, love and regard for each other, just as Jesus taught us to do. The children all said their lines perfectly and sang 'The Kindness Song' so beautifully. Well done Year 1 we are so proud of you!

Reading

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a love of reading within our school community, we are excited to share the remarkable progress made by our Reading Ambassadors. This dedicated group of students has been engaging with Year 1 pupils each week, bringing stories to life by acting out key sections of various books. Their enthusiasm is truly infectious, and it is lovely to see KS1s passion for reading through these interactive sessions.

In addition to this each year group has access to a selection of newly recommended books tailored to their reading year groups and interests. Moreover, as part of our initiative to encourage independent reading, every class is visiting the library on a weekly basis. This allows the children to select a new book of their choice, each week further nurturing their individual interests and encourage regular reading.

Stars of the Week

Nursery
Aylin & Maisa

Reception
Amelia & Tatiana

Year 1
Elizabeth & Isaiah

Year 2
Mary & Victor

Year 3
Shin & Jasmine

Year 4
Michelle & Lia

Year 5
Joyce & Maya

Year 6
Saoire & Sienna D

Writers of the Week

Year 1
Sade

Year 2
Eveline

Year 3
Desire

Year 4
Lucy

Year 5
Aisha

Year 6
Sofia

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

Eco Council update

This week we have launched the Eco Council. Our aim is to help the environment in our school and to care for creation. We will be monitoring the energy use in the school and seeing if we can make our school more efficient. More information on our projects to follow...

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.

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		Stem day		Governor morning	
5	2 nd December	Advent Assembly		PTA DISCO		School coffee morning
6	9 th December	DT week		Christmas Dinner		PTA Christmas Jumper Day And Santa's 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-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.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a vast field of red poppies. The sun is setting in the distance, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the tops of the flowers. The poppies are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others just starting to show. The overall mood is peaceful and reflective.

Ceders park remembrance service

With CHEXS

On the 11th of November, Remembrance Day. CHEXS visited ceders parks remembrance service they held in honour of those who lost their lives fighting for ours in war.

We followed as the soldiers carried the flag to where the ceremony begun. Everyone laid reefs made of red poppies just like the ones which grew on the battlefield known as Flanders fields. Prayers and messages were laid on top including logos such as the royal navy and the marines. CHEXS stood as a soldier for a moment of silence to remember those who have died. As the ceremony ended, they marched over to a field of leaves and released them into the air as a sign that every leaf resembles a pupil who participated in the war.

CHEXS owes a big thanks to Ceders park and will never forget that special moment which was shared with them that very day.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU