

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 8th November 2024



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

A prayer for the month of Remembrance:

Come into our presence this night, O God, as we remember our loved ones. Come to us with light. Come into our presence this night, O God, as we give thanks for the lives of our loved ones who are now in your loving care, Amen

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a lovely half term. Even though it was a little grey, it seemed to be mostly dry so we could enjoy being outside. A busy half term ahead as always, but it will certainly be our most special one with the excitement of Christmas. Please check the website for updates and invites!

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs O'Connor

PTA AGM

Today the PTA held their AGM. Many thanks to the current PTA for providing the children some wonderful memories in the last year.

At this meeting a new PTA committee was elected for 2024 – 2025.

Mrs Campbell-Rose and Mrs Collins - Co-Chair

Ms Pippas Vice-Chair

Ms McKinney – Treasurer

Mrs Tongo – Secretary

We wish our new committee lots of success for the upcoming year and look forward to some wonderful events.

However please be reminded that these events can only take place with parental support so please do offer to help support, where possible.

Year 3 Prayer service

In Year 3 in our RE lessons, we have been learning about the importance of our homes and how they make us feel safe. Through our topic "Homes" we explore how God is present in every home, and how we see this in the love that can bind the family together within the home through good times and bad times. We all belong to the family into which we were born – but we are lucky, because we also belong to more than one family - we are part of our Year 3 family, our school family, our church family and God's family. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this special occasion, and to Fr. John who helped us in our prayer service.

Judaism week

This week we have been learning about different aspects of the world faith – Judaism.

We have learnt about the Torah, Shabbat celebrations, as well as religious places of worship such as a Synagogue, and the traditional meaning of the Star of David, a Jewish symbol of faith. Our children the role of a Rabbi and explored religious signs and symbols throughout the week.

Remembrance service

Please remember that you are invited to our annual Remembrance service on Monday at 9.10am. Fr John and Chaplaincy will be leading this and we would love parents to join us.

Antibullying Week

As usual, we will be beginning our week with 'Odd Socks Day' which will be on Tuesday as Remembrance celebrations will be on Monday. Odd Socks day is marked to celebrate the fact that we are all unique and special, so please send your child in wearing full uniform and colourful odd socks, to join in on the fun! Please also visit our website tomorrow, click on the 'Parents' tab and then 'Latest News', to find out about this year's Antibullying theme, which is 'Choose Respect'. Thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing all the different and wonderful odd socks on Tuesday!

Parking

Please consider other road users and neighbours.

Lates and attendance

Gates close at 8.50am prompt, therefore that is the expectation. While I understand at times there are extenuating circumstances, these are not daily. More than 2 lates a week and you will receive a monitoring letter. More than 4 lates a half term and you will receive the same. Attendance, please read our updated policy as holidays and trips are unauthorised and as the number of unauthorised days increase there are greater resulting consequences.

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.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 4 99.3 %

HOUSE POINTS

Luke

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Pietro & Tony

Reception
Jayden & Kate

Year 1
Jason & Taylor

Year 2
Rory & Myra

Year 3
Ellis & Joy

Year 4
Callum & Olivia W

Year 5
Adele & Jenessa

Year 6
Aisosa & Kamsi

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Elsa

Year 2
Bella

Year 3
Gabby

Year 4
Ryan

Year 5
Janelle

Year 6
Cara

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

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, please note completed forms and supporting documentation cannot be submitted to the school office until Monday 4th November 2024.

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. please note completed forms and supporting documentation cannot be submitted to the school office until Monday 4th November 2024.

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 2024			Topic Sharing/Celebration	Year 3 Prayer service	PTA AGM
2	11 th November 2024	Remembrance service 9.10am - Chaplaincy led Anti-Bully week			Year 1 Prayer service	
3	18 th November 2024					Onsie upon a time day
4	25 th November 2024		Stem day		Governor morning	
5	2 nd December 2024		Advent Assembly			School coffee morning
6	9 th December 2024	DT week				Christmas Jumper day - PTA
7	16 th December 2024			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.

NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU