

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 25th October 2024



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

*Let us pray: O God of infinite goodness and mercy, fill our hearts with a great confidence in Thy most holy Mother, whom we invoke under the title of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and grant us by Her most powerful intercession all the graces, spiritual and temporal, which we need.
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*

Dear Parents,

A very busy half term has come to an end. It has been fantastic to see all our new children and families settle into our school. The opportunities celebrated so far this year have been vast and as always next term will bring even more. Thank you Parents for your continued support in every way. Have a wonderful half term. See you in November for the most special Christmas term!

Mrs O'Connor

Subject of the week – Art

This week we have been diving back into our Art skills, we have begun to develop our drawing skills again across the school, we have looked at observation drawings, stippling, cross hatching and how to add fine details to our drawings. We love doing art at St. Joseph's 'It is my favourite lesson to do because it is so much fun, we get to experiment and I learn new things from when we were last taught' 'Art is my favourite subject, it is so fun and I get to be creative!'

Black History Week

Black History Month 2024: This year our national theme for Black History month was the theme of 'Reclaiming Narratives'. We have been celebrating Black History Month this week throughout the school. We started this week off with an assembly and we finished our week with a sharing assembly about everything we have learnt. Please make sure you check our latest news and class news for all of the photos and information about this week.

Football-Year 3 and 4 tournament

Year 3 and 4 footballers attended their first tournament this week. While it was the first time they'd actually played together they did really well. They came fifth overall in the tournament. Behaviour and team work was unquestionable as always.

Trust Chaplaincy Liturgy

On Monday we took part of our Trust Liturgy. We led the liturgy in such a beautiful manner and made we really think about the purpose of how we can help. The rest of our academy children listened carefully to the word of God that our children led and we were able to reflect on how we can be stewards of the Earth. Well done to all the children involved, and particularly our children here at St Joseph's who led.

Year 4 Prayer service

We are delighted to share that the Year 4 Prayer Service was truly beautiful and inspiring. The children read their lines wonderfully, articulating thoughts that resonated deeply with all who attended. Their reflections highlighted the importance of family, reminding us that, family trees are like treasure maps guiding us back to where our hearts belong. The service was a poignant reminder of the love and support that families provide, and it encouraged us all to cherish these vital connections. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Parent Coffee morning

It was lovely to see some parents this morning at our coffee morning. Lots of new parents who we more than welcome and hope this is just the start of your school involvement and in building relationships together. Thank you for signing up for our events 😊

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

So far we just have parents signed up for one year group. This will be our final call out to all year groups. If you would like to sign up or find out more please do. Thank you

**ATTENDANCE
AWARD**
Year 2 100 %

**HOUSE
POINTS**
Matthew

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Dion & Ezekiel

Reception
Alice & Samira

Year 1
Stanislaw & Yasli

Year 2
Myra & Victor

Year 3
Julian & Francesco

Year 4
Emilia & Lia

Year 5
Isaac & Lena

Year 6
Alissa & Henry

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Elsa

Year 2
Mary

Year 3
Orlando

Year 4
Harry

Year 5
Christy

Year 6
Aisosa

PTA AGM

Our PTA team 2023-2024 would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the support you have shown.

Being part of the PTA has been a rewarding experience, but it is now time for a new team to take over for the 2024-2025 school year.

We will be holding our AGM on **Friday 8th November 2024 at 8:50am** in the school hall.

If anyone is interested in joining the PTA please do come along to the meeting, its a great way to be involved in your child's school and meet other parents.

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM meeting.

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.

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THANK YOU