

# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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

## Chaplaincy Prayer

Lord, God our Father,  
Thank you for our school community.  
Just as you inspired St Francis of Assisi,  
inspire us to work together  
to spread your Word within our school  
and across our family of schools.  
Help us to create a community  
where love shines through us.  
Amen

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 2 98.5%

## HOUSE POINTS Mark

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrate our Trust Saint Feast day. A lovely morning mass started our day with beautiful singing as always. It was very special to be a part of our Parish morning Mass as a whole school. Thank you to our parent walkers. I hope you enjoy the remainder of St Francis of Assisi Feast day.

*Have a lovely weekend Mrs O'Connor*

## Subject of the week – ENGLISH

This week has been an exciting Poetry Week at our school, and it has been truly fantastic to witness the children engaging with various forms of poetry. Each class has dedicated time to learn a poem by heart, incorporating creative actions to enhance their performances. We are excited to share these lively performances on our website very soon, allowing families and friends to appreciate the hard work and enthusiasm of our talented students.

It has also been a delight to see the humorous poems shared within classrooms. Some children have crafted their own original pieces, demonstrating not only their understanding of poetic techniques but also their ability to express themselves artistically. Thank you for all the teachers and students for making this week such a memorable experience.

## Chaplaincy Trust Assembly

On Thursday we welcome 8 Chaplaincy Teams from across our Trust to St Joseph's. It was an opportunity for all the teams to meet together to be inspired in their role as school faith leaders for the year ahead. We shared reflection together and discussed our Franciscan values. We also shared lots of ideas for our Trust Charity in March 2025 and ideas for activities. We look forward to meeting each other throughout the year on our online liturgies and in person again on our Retreat.

## St Francis Feast day

Today we celebrated a beautiful mass in Church to celebrate our Trust Feast day. St Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his willingness to minister to the lepers, and for his love for animals and nature. He is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment.

## Reading

We are delighted to announce that this Friday, 11th October, we will be reopening our library with our exciting initiative, 'Words for Breakfast'. Each Friday morning between 8:10 and 8:40 am, we warmly invite parents and children to join us in our library for a delightful 'Grab a Book and a Biscuit' session. This presents a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to kick-start your Friday with a good book and, of course, a tasty biscuit!

Last year's sessions proved to be a tremendous success, bringing together our school community for memorable moments filled with laughter, stories, and shared experiences. We encourage you to take a moment to enjoy the cosy atmosphere of our library, explore a variety of books, and savour a biscuit together. It's a fantastic way to nurture a passion for reading, while also enjoying quality time as a family. I look forward to welcoming you and your child this Friday morning for books, biscuits, and bonding. See you there!

## Black History Month

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Amelia & Ava

Reception  
Lena & Tristan

Year 1  
Chinedum & Asaiah

Year 2  
Michalina & Aren

Year 3  
Beatrice & Dreinan

Year 4  
Harry & David

Year 5  
Precious & Yaman

Year 6  
Ella & Krystian

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1  
Martin

Year 2  
Aria

Year 3  
Kaima

Year 4  
Dominykas

Year 5  
Adele

Year 6  
Sophie

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### Parent Voice Committee

Parent Voice committee is one that we run for many years ,with much success. Parent voice previously brought about changes with PE shorts, Homework structure and much more. It is our intention to re start it this year. If you would like to be the class rep for your child's class and attend ½ termly meetings with Mrs O'Connor then please give your name to the office. If we receive more than one offer per class then we will 'pull from a hat'.

### Information update

1. Winter uniform – please remember that our school uniform will change to our Winter Uniform from 1<sup>st</sup> October . Please see our policy for more information.
2. Friday morning parent /pupil library sessions will re start on 4<sup>th</sup> October

### Curriculum information

All year group curriculum information is on our website

### Autumn Term 1

| Week   | Date-Week beginning        | Monday                         | Tuesday                                | Wednesday            | Thursday  | Friday                |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | INSET                          | INSET                                  | School Open          | Beginning of term mass<br>Meet the teacher<br>3.15/20pm |                       |
| 2  | 9 <sup>th</sup> September  | Topic Launch                   |  |                      |   |                       |
| 3  | 16 <sup>th</sup> September |                                |  |                      |   | Buddy Assembly 1      |
| 4  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> September |                                | Whole school retreat                   |                      | Governor morning  | Buddy Assembly 2      |
| 5  | 30 <sup>th</sup> September | Forest school week             |  |                      |   | St Francis Feast day  |
| 6  | 7 <sup>th</sup> October    |                                | School safer internet day              |                      | Year 5 Prayer service                                   | Spanish day           |
| 7  | 14 <sup>th</sup> October   |                                | Year 6 Prayer service                  | Maths day            | Year 2 prayer service                                   | Class charity day     |
| 8  | 21 <sup>st</sup> October   | Black history week<br>Art week | N and R open afternoon and tour<br>2pm | Parent consultations | Year 4 Prayer service                                   | School coffee morning |
| Half term –Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October –Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024 |                            |                                |  |                      |   |                       |

### 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