

St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 27th September 2024



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

Father of all mercies

We ask that you would bless the youngest and littlest of our learners, the most helpless and powerless of persons, with Your unconditional and loving mercy, granting them the strength to learn, concentrate, and act in love towards their teachers and fellow students.

We also ask that You will watch over them, at home and here at St Joseph's

We pray that You will be with each child throughout the day and that this experience may be a stepping stone in the journey of life, which will be watched by you – every step of the way.

Amen

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 2 100%

HOUSE POINTS

Luke

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery
Aylin & Loic

Reception
Pashaan & Rosie Mae

Year 1
Martin & Myles

Year 2
Janice & Ethan

Year 3
Kaima & Oscar H

Year 4
Sebi & Alya

Year 5
Fire & Jayden

Year 6
Aria & Sean

Dear Parents,

A very wet end to what has been a very good week. Thank you to all those parents I met this morning at buddy assembly, it was lovely to see so many attending our assembly. A very special day today with Buddy assembly and then a real celebration of everyone's hard work with our RE Governor morning.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs O'Connor

Subject of the week – History

History is well into full gear this half term. Last week saw many of the students completing their 'History Homework'. I have enjoyed seeing them and I am looking forward to seeing them on display!

History in action:

Reception have been looking at the Bible and Creation Story- linking to history. How the world was made many, many years ago.

Year 1 have been looking at personal chronology and finding out about the past within living memory. By examining photographs and asking questions, children investigate chronology. Beginning to look at a simple timeline extending back to before they were born.

Year 2 have been learning about how was school different in the past. Comparing differences and similarities between school now and school in the past and understanding that although schools have been in the local area for a long time, they have not always been the same; identifying historical similarities and differences; using a range of sources to recognise continuity between children's lives past and present.

Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age asking the question 'Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Iron Age or Bronze Age?' They have been looking at the chronology of mankind, children are introduced to Britain's story. They use archaeological evidence to find out about the Stone Age, Bronze and Iron Age.

Year 4 have been investigating the changes in children's lives through time, children learn how children's spare time, health and work have changed. They explore work in more detail, learning about a day in the life of a working child and the significance of Lord Shaftesbury in changing the lives of children.

Year 5 have been comparing Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, children learn about the changing nature of monarchy. They examine how monarchs tried to control their public images using portraits and royal progresses. Using Tudor inventories to investigate whether people were rich or poor, children learn what life was like for people in Tudor times.

Year 6 have been Investigating local histories from the Victorian to the inter-war period, children explore census records. They learn about the census, its purpose and its changes over time. Children suggest reasons for these changes, linking them to national events. Planning their own historical enquiry, they research a local family or street

Governor morning

On Friday we held our first Governor morning of the year. It was such a delight to see all of our Governors in school. They were able to hear, feel and get a real sense of our community here at St Joseph's. They loved coming in to classes, meeting all our new Reception and Nursery children as well as our new additional children who have recently joined our school. Our children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning and work with the children. Well done to all those involved!

Rooted in Love Club

We have recently launched our new - Rooted in Love club, which will be our new year 5 ambassadors of the school. The children have applied for the role and their big announcement will be revealed next week! Keep your eyes peeled! The children will be at the forefront of our Catholic life and mission of the school, they will support and help promote Catholic Social Teaching within our school.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1
Oselene

Year 2
Aren

Year 3
Phoebe

Year 4
George S

Year 5
Verone

Year 6
Belissa

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

School Retreat day

On Tuesday we held our first annual whole school retreat. It was a fantastic day where we got to promote the values and true ethos of our school. We held many fun activities throughout the day including creation paper plate craft, stain glass windows as well as making creation biscuits. We started of all always, in prayer and we held a whole school mass where we came together as one in the presence of God. It was a fantastic day that was held by all. Please make sure you look at our school website for photos of our wonderful day.

Buddy Assembly 2

Again, an outstanding performance by Year 6 and Reception. A pleasure to see them welcoming their buddies to St Joseph's School. Yr6 were awarded their buddy badges and Reception were awarded their prayer books. Making both parents and teachers very proud. They look forward to spending more quality time together in the coming year.

Oracy –Voice 21

This academic year, St Joseph's School has joined the Voice 21 project. This a wonderful opportunity for us to look at our strengths in oracy and to see how we can develop further, making our children confident and articulate speakers. Watch this space for more information about Oracy October and Talk Tuesdays.

Information update

1. Winter uniform – please remember that our school uniform will change to our Winter Uniform from 1st October . Please see our policy for more information.
2. [Friday morning parent /pupil library sessions will re start on 4th 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 nd September	INSET	INSET	School Open	Beginning of term mass Meet the teacher 3.15/20pm	
2	9 th September	Topic Launch				PTA Event
3	16 th September					Buddy Assembly 1
4	23 rd September		Whole school retreat			Buddy Assembly 2
5	30 th September	Forest school week				St Francis Feast day
6	7 th October		School safer internet day		Year 5 Prayer service	Spanish day
7	14 th October		Year 6 Prayer service	Maths day	Year 2 prayer service	Class charity day
8	21 st October	Black history week Art week	N and R open afternoon and tour 2pm	Parent consultations	Year 4 Prayer service	School coffee morning
Half term –Monday 28th October –Friday 1st 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-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