

# St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Our School Value

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

Dear Lord,  
Guide us as we journey together in faith.  
Share with us your love in all we do.  
Allow us to be who we are, kind, caring, loyal friends to all we know.  
Amen

Dear Parents,

I hope you are enjoying a good week. It has been lovely to be out and about seeing the pupils on the playground this week. Lots of lovely friendships and exciting games in action. Parliament has ordered equipment as discussed at their last meeting, so watch this space!

*Have a lovely weekend Mrs O'Connor*

## Subject of the week – Science

We are excited to share that we have officially launched our new science topics this term! It has been fantastic to see the quality of science homework return this week, showcasing the hard work and enthusiasm of our children. The breadth of new concepts introduced has sparked a tremendous interest among the children!

Witnessing our pupils' curiosity blossom into a deeper understanding of science is truly inspiring. The vibrant discussions about scientific ideas in classrooms highlight the growing passion for the subject. As we progress through this term, we encourage all children to continue exploring these fascinating topics, both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's keep nurturing the children's love for science together!

## Buddy Assembly 1

What a pleasure it was to see Yr6 welcoming their buddies to St Joseph's School. As part of Yr 6's wellbeing they have been spending time completing activities together such as painting, reading stories and outdoors playing.

As always it was an outstanding assembly.

Yr6 were awarded their buddy badges and Reception were awarded their prayer books. Making both parents and teachers very proud.

## Walking to and from school

Please could I bring to your attention two issues with regards to walking to and from school. Firstly, pupils in year 6 walking on their own. We have had to reiterate the importance of road safety due to concerns. Also that they are on their phones while crossing the road. Please could we ask you to speak with your children and remind them of how to keep safe at all times.

Secondly, parent responsibility of children using bikes and scooters. Please ensure they are wearing helmets, and that they are supervised by you while riding these to and from school.

## Clubs

All staff led after school clubs are now up and running. We thank our dedicated staffing team who give their time to run these clubs for our children.

## A Message from the Primary Minister

Welcome back to the new year at St Joseph's. My name is Johnny and I am the Primary Minister for our school and this year I will be assisted by Aria. Last year, we raised over £330 which we used for new playground equipment. Over the next few weeks, we would love to hear everyone's ideas for what we should achieve this year. We will be available on both playgrounds for children to talk to us next week.

## Parent readers/Helpers

We are seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to join our reading programme and share the joy of literature with our children. As a parent reader, you will have the opportunity to engage with students, fostering their love for reading and improving their literacy skills. We welcome you to participate at a time that suits your schedule. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Entwisle or visit the school office. Your involvement can make a significant difference in our children's educational journey. Thank you for your support!

## Diversity working party

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY! 2.30pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

We will be holding our first meeting for this academic year for our Diversity Working Parent Partnership. During the meeting we will be reflecting on what we have implemented and embedded so far within our curriculum and where we are next

We will be discussing:

- Outcomes of Trust RJED meeting
- Curriculum updates
- Black History Month
- Other upcoming events
- Representation within our classroom

## ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 5 99.3%

## HOUSE POINTS

John

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery  
Amelia-Grace and Malyk

Reception  
Zec and Leo

Year 1  
Isaac and Leonor

Year 2  
Sofia and Osarieman

Year 3  
Selin and Nathaniel

Year 4  
Abbia and Ryan

Year 5  
Ladiela and Sofia

Year 6  
Sienna D and Sienna R

## WRITER OF THE WEEK

Year 1  
Tabi-Mercy

Year 2  
Ava

Year 3  
Poyraz

Year 4  
Callum

Year 5  
Maya

Year 6  
Keila

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

### 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 Meet the teacher 3.15/20pm	
2	9 <sup>th</sup> September	Topic Launch				PTA Event
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 Art week	N and R open afternoon and tour 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-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