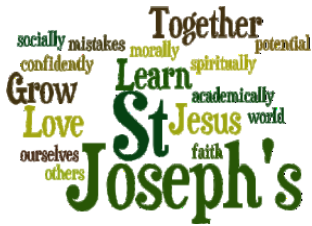




14th February 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for
Sunday 16th February
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 6:17, 20-26



Headteacher Message

This week marked the end of the first half of the Lent term—which has been an extremely busy one. The curriculum provided here at St Joseph's offers stimulating and challenging activities that encourage critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. From practical projects to interactive lessons, our goal is to ignite a passion for learning in every child. This is something that you will witness here every day and something that our Governors were able to observe on their visit on Wednesday.

The visit was based around the schools development plan to improve our school and the experiences for our pupils. Our key development points are acquiring and embedding foundational knowledge, engaging and responsive teaching to accelerate learning, developing Maths fluency and number sense/recall for all pupils and supporting the mental health of our pupils in a world where this is threatened by so many factors.

Presentations, delivered by leaders, explained the reasoning behind the decisions made and the actions taken to enhance the experience for all our pupils. A walk around school enabled Governors to see this work in action—all the things that will improve pupils academically, morally, spiritually, socially and emotionally. Our pupils LOVE, LEARN and GROW here at St Joseph's, learning things that will enable them to make a difference and change the world for the better.

St Valentine is somebody that we can aspire to be like. Legend states that Valentine was called before Emperor Claudius and refused to give up his Christianity to become a pagan. Another story is that Valentine was secretly marrying Christian couples, a practice which had been outlawed by the Emperor. Which ever story is true Valentine stood true to himself and what he believed—this is something that we want for all our children.

Saint Valentine was executed on 14 February in the year 270. It is said that prior to his execution, St Valentine had cured the blindness of his jailor's daughter and his final act was to write her a love message signed 'from your valentine'. Perhaps as we reflect upon our Mission Statement and the acts of St Valentine, we can all try to LOVE with more openness and honesty—this is what is needed to change the world!

Reminders for w/c 10th February 2025

Monday, 24th February	Whole School PSHE day
Tuesday, 25th February	Maths Challenge at St. Mary's School (Selected Students)

Letters sent out this week

Woodrow House—Preferences letter
World Book Day letter
PHSE & Ten Ten Letter and Resource Link
Reception / Year 6 Heights and weights letter

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Awards

Class Champions this week:

Well done to all our class champions this week, who displayed the qualities of their class saints. These children will all have VIP privileges next week.



RMG	Ava Holland	RC	Edith Johnson
1B	Sophia Goncalves	1D	Eli Housen
2E	Harriet Matthews	2WE	Lottie Faers
3B	Mila Virdee	3S	Micheal McCann
4B	Filip Middleton	4FG	Evie Hill
5D	Joseph Thompson	5F	Ollie Gallagher
6O	Tia Matharu	6ST	Mia Humpreys

Our Rainbow Award Winners this week:

These children all displayed one of the following characteristics: reflective, bounce-back, teamwork, curiosity, motivation, independence.

Conor Dundon, Milly Lindsay, Felicity Sheehy, Cecille De Charmant, Jaxon McDonagh, Amara Bruno, Nuala McCarthy, Amelie Kriel, John Barrett, Tiarnan McCann, Tighe Rochford, Oliver Duffy, Kodi Senior, Jaiya Viridi, Toby Aziz, Luke Logan, Rayan Brench, Thomas McDonagh



HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

St David

90 (644)

St George

80 (685)

St Andrew

94 (575)

St Patrick

108 (560)

Attendance : Week Ending 7th February 2025

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RC	90.8	RMG	93.0
1D	96.9	1B	100
2WE	95	2E	94.8
3S	93.9	3B	95.2
4B	93.5	4GF	97.5
5F	81.5	5D	93.6
6O	99.5	6ST	96.7

The highest class attendance last week was class 1B with 100% (second time this class has achieved 100%)

Weekly Prize Bag



There is a draw each week in Celebration Assembly and children who have had 100% are entered. The winner receives a goody bag.

This week's winner was

Tilly Williams

Each week the names are transferred to the big prize draw bucket for £50 Amazon Voucher—in the Love Learn Grow Assembly.

Key School Information / things to note

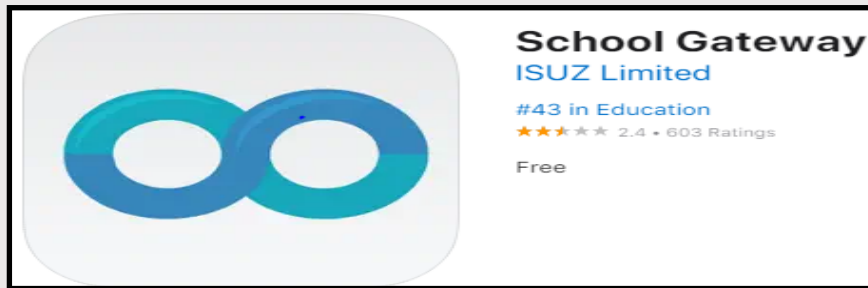


After half term the School Choir will move to its' new slot on a Monday after school from 3.30-4.15 in the 2EW classroom.

The choir is open to all children from Year 2 upwards and will be led by Mrs Whittingham.

Children will be dismissed from the KS1 playground gate.

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Talking to Strangers

Reminder to all parents and carers to please not speak with children outside the school gate. Please can you remind your sons/daughters that they should not speak with adults they do not know. Encourage them to talk to a member of staff if they have any concerns.

We remind all parents and carers that if your child talks to you about something in school—please do not approach other children directly yourself, but alert the class teacher.