

15th November 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



socially mistakes morally spiritually potential
confidently **Learn** academically world
Grow **Love** ourselves others
St Joseph's
faith

Gospel reading for
Sunday 17th November
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel, Mark



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Each of us is an individual note, but together we can create a masterpiece was the theme for us all at the start of the year. We reflected upon how when we work together we can create something amazing. We saw this in action this week, when The New Mozart Orchestra joined us to share a musical story and perform a variety of tunes with their instruments. It was a joy to the ears! The concerto that they played highlighted that although one person takes the lead, everyone is needed to create a great team- something we all know about in St Joseph's School. A very lucky group of children got to experience these instruments on Thursday, but the opportunity to learn an instrument is available to all children. Please scan the QR code if your child is interested in learning an instrument, either individually or in a small group. We know that music can provoke deep emotions, influence one's mood and support the cognitive performance of a child. This is what we want for our children—the very best!

Please contact the musicservice@bucksmusic.org for more information

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.

Aspen Talks (RC), Viyaan Sharma (RMG), Kingslee Keenan (1B), Logan Akbar-Tooray (1D), Dakota Donovan (2ME), Jude Fitzgerald (2E), Reese Muller (3S), Olivia Fahy (3D), Fatima Nasir (4B), Xavier Kriel (4FG), Grace Gallagher (5G), Kiera Lawson (5F), Sara Saiju (6ST) and Rayan Brench (6O).



Our Rainbow Award Winners this week:

These children all displayed one of the following characteristics:

reflective, bounce-back, teamwork, curiosity, motivation, independence.

Heidi Buckingham, Lacey McCarthy, Lennox Lickley, Paddy Glynn, Joao Lucas, Sienna Simpson, Tia Matharu, Alisa Tarasevych, Kodi Senior, Jasmine Charge,

Filip Middleton, Aubrey Bryett and all the children in 5F.



HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

St David

95 (525)

St George

64 (386)

St Andrew

102 (539)

St Patrick

94 (508)

Attendance : Week Ending 11th November 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RC	89.2	RMG	97.5
1D	97.9	1B	99.7
2ME	99.2	2E	96.9
3S	96.0	3B	97.7
4B	99.2	4GF	95.2
5F	92.7	5D	97.5
6O	89.1	6ST	98.5

The highest class attendance last week was
1B with 99.7%.



If in a school year, you are late every day by... 5 Minutes 10 Minutes 15 Minutes 20 Minutes 30 Minutes	You would have lost approximately... 3.5 Days from School 7 Days from School 10 Days from School 14.5 Days from School 22 Days from School	or you would have missed approximately... 18 Lessons 35 Lessons 50 Lessons 73 Lessons 110 Lessons
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Well done to Evie Lawson who won our attendance goody bag this week for achieving 100% attendance.

Reminder that children who have 100% attendance for the week are entered into the weekly raffle for the prize bag. Each week all the children are entered into the termly raffle for the £50 Amazon voucher.

Problems with Attendance & Punctuality

Are you having problems with:

- *Getting your child to bed at night or out of bed in the morning?*
- *Finding uniform, school books or bags?*
- *Your child eating breakfast slowly?*
- *Your child not having done their homework?*
- *Your child watching too much TV or spending too much time on electronic gadgets?*
- *Your child getting anxious about school work or tests?*
- *Your child asking for a day off because of birthdays or other family events?*

Have you tried:

- Establishing set times and routines for bedtime?
- Asking your child to prepare their school bag and uniform the night before?
- Establishing a set time for breakfast where the family eat together?
- Having a daily homework slot?
- Limiting TV viewing or screen time on other devices to a set period each evening and morning?
- Talking about school in a positive way and speaking to your child's Class Teacher about any concerns / anxieties?

St Joseph's does not authorise term-time holidays. Whenever the need arises to take a child out of school during term time, parents must complete a Leave of Absence Request Form (available on the school website under "Parents" "Useful forms"). The Headteacher will consider each application individually and consider whether the reason for absence constitutes exceptional circumstances. At St Joseph's, exceptional circumstances are emergency or unavoidable events which relate directly to the child or immediate parents/carers, i.e.. mother/father. In each leave of absence request, the Headteacher's decision is final.

Absence will **NOT** be authorised for the following:

- Illness of a parent
- Holidays
- Day Trips / Long Weekends
- Birthday, weddings or other family celebrations
- Visits to family abroad or families working abroad
- Surprise visits or trips booked without knowledge

Absence may be authorised for the following:

- Illness
- Medical or Dental appointments* (which should be made to ensure the least disruption to your child's learning and, where possible, after 3.30pm or during school holidays)
- Performing Rights e.g. Theatre Productions
- Examinations of dance, music or school entrance tests
- Family Bereavement
- Religious Observances

*Proof of appointments will be required before any absence is authorised. Leave during term-time for appointments will not be authorised without proof.

School Uniform

Please ensure children are wearing our winter uniform.

Winter	Item	Available from
	Dark green V-necked jumper with school crest	Earth Website
	Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe	Earth Website
	White cotton shirt	Any stockist
	Dark grey full-length school trousers / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee/ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist

Outdoor Wear

Black / navy coat (plain – no branded logos)	Any stockist
Dark green shower-proof jacket or fleece with school crest	Earth Website

PE and Games

Dark green gym bag with school crest	Earth Website
Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts	Any stockist
Green T-shirt with gold school crest	Earth Website
Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist
Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist
Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist

We draw your attention to our policy on hair.

On health and safety grounds, shoulder length and longer hair should be neatly tied with school coloured bands in (white, dark green or black only). Large hair rosettes and bows are not to be worn. Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, close shaved hair (even under top layer of longer hair - undercut) and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair. Children's hair length should be no shorter than a number two. The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed. If we feel a hairstyle **is unsuitable, we will ask for this to be rectified.**

Please can we also draw your attention to the policy regarding footwear and outdoor coats.

Black shoes only (boots and trainers are not part of our uniform)

Outdoor coats must be black, navy or dark green.

When joining our school parents agree to uphold our policies.

School Information

PUNCTUALITY & SAFEGUARDING

It is extremely important to ensure that children arrive to school on time.

Whilst the roadworks continue to delay journeys to school, the school gate will remain open until 08.50am. **Please note this is a temporary measure.**

Please do not drive onto school grounds once the designated adult supervising the gate has left. Please do not attempt to drive through the gates if they have been opened by an exiting car. Parents must park outside of the school grounds and walk to the school office to sign their child in. Do not leave your child unaccompanied at the school gates.

Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

We have been made aware of an issue with the **SchoolComms/ Gateway App**, and concern that some parents are not receiving text messages, even though the App has been downloaded.

Advice from School Comms is to delete and re-install the App to ensure that the most up to date version is loaded to your phone. This link will share some [troubleshooting](#) tips....

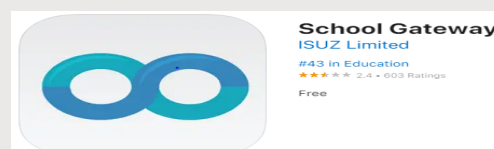
It is important for you to check that your **SchoolComms/Gateway App** is receiving text messages. Relying on other parents or WhatsApp groups may result in missed, or incorrect messages.

Thank you for your support.

Email communications are sent to you via

Schoolcomms

To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the [App Store](#) to download



Enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have shared as your contact information for school

A PIN number will be sent to you and text messages will appear via this App.

WITHOUT THE APP YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES

Orchestra Visit



New Mozart Orchestra

“ I loved the performance. The music was really moving and I learnt about how all the instruments blend together to make a wonderful sound. The workshop was amazing too and I loved having a chance to play each of the instruments.” A pupil in Year 5



Year 3 Trip—Chiltern Open Air Museum



On Tuesday Year 3 went to Chiltern Open Air Museum to learn about Stone and Iron Age. We were very busy making butter, grinding wheat to make flour and making our own clay pots. We have also learnt about artefacts and how significant these are to learn about the past. We even tried to put some broken artefacts back together.

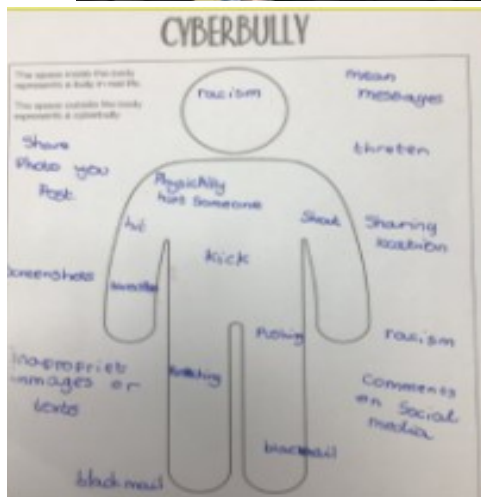


YEAR 6 SPORTS AFTERNOON—TEAM WORK SKILLS

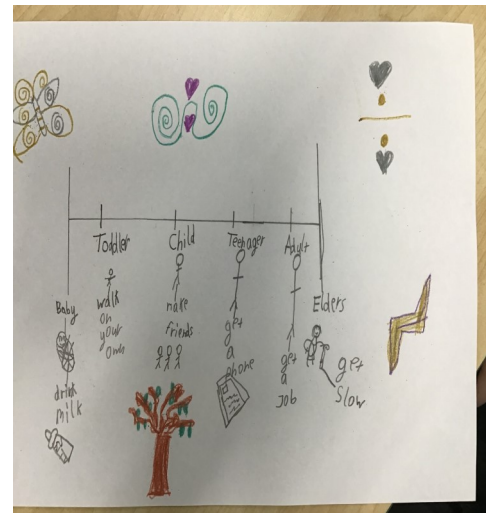
The focus of our Year 6 Sports Afternoon this week was Teamwork. After a rigorous warm up, led by our sports leaders, Ethan and Bailey, the afternoon was filled with teamwork activities that relied upon clear communication, encouragement and motivation. Each team worked together to win house points for their respective houses. It was a fun filled afternoon, and lovely to see how the children managed their competitiveness whilst being able to encourage one another.



PSHE Day

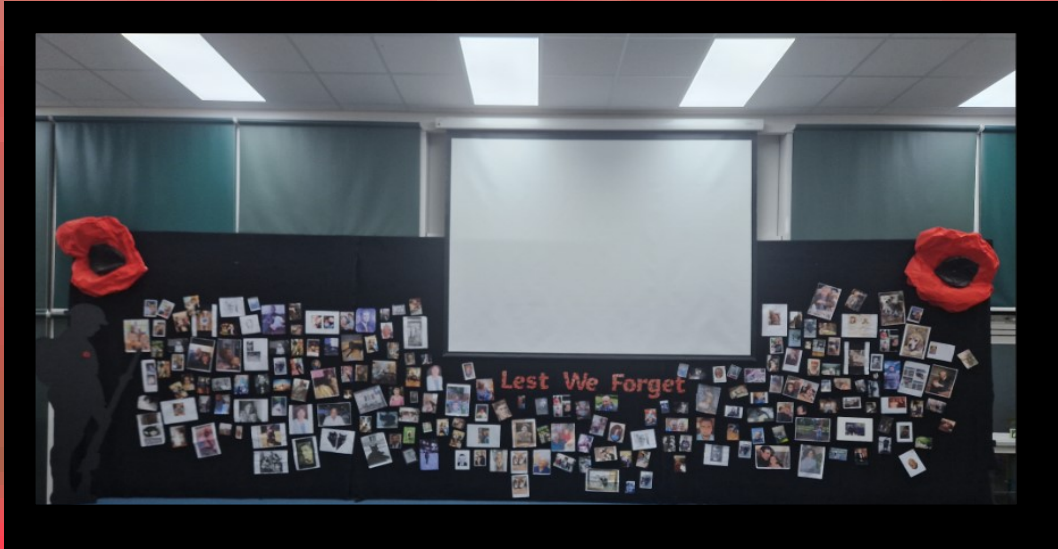


PSHE Topic & Timelines



We had a PSHE day last Thursday. Our Reception children learnt about the creation story and the importance of looking after ourselves. In Year 1 children looked at life cycles, they had some baby photos of teachers and had to match them to their current selves! In Year 2 children discussed what happens in different stages of life. In Year 3 children discussed how little and big changes can impact their lives. In Year 4 children learnt about each stage of the life cycle. Year 5 and Year 6 learnt about how to stay safe online.

Remembrance



During November, we have been remembering those who we love and have lost. Thank you to everyone for bringing in your photos. On Monday, each year had their own Remembrance Liturgy and placed their individual artwork in the prayer garden. The children also spent some time in the hall being quiet and still while they looked at the Remembrance Wall.



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Key dates and events for the next fortnight

Monday 18th November	Maths Fluency Workshop (Years 1-6) 9.00am
Friday, 22nd November	Whole School Maths (Fibonacci) Day
Thursday 28th November	Year 1 Science Museum Trip
Thursday 28th November	4FG Class Assembly 9.00am

THE FOSJS MAIN EVENT OF THE SEASON

Autumn Festival

Saturday 16th November

2.30PM - 5.30PM

Adults: £9, Children: £6
Under 3's FREE

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Priory Road, Chesham

SOLD OUT

CHRISTMAS SHOW

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW: 4:30PM
MUSIC WITH ALL YOUR FAVOURITE SONGS!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING STALLS
BOTTLE & GIFT BAG TOMBOLAS
NEON & JEWEL FACE PAINTING
GLOW STALL
FANTASTIC RAFFLE
MULLED WINE & BEERS
CAKES, DONUTS & SWEET STALL
HOT DOGS, GRILLED CHEESE TOASTIES
FIRE PIT & MARSHMALLOW TOASTING!

Tickets available until 4th November at:
<https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

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