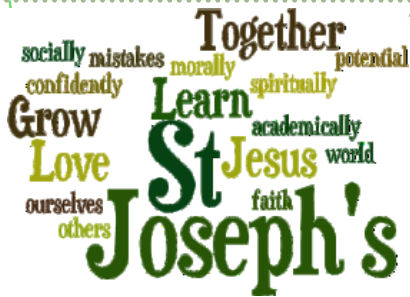


18th October 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel reading for

Sunday 20th October

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 10: 17-30



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We have come to the end of a very busy term here at St Joseph's. It has been great to see children excited about learning and wanting to do their very best. Teachers have also been learning and refining methods of teaching so that they can deliver the very best to pupils. We were so lucky to invite Claire Gadsby (a leading educational consultant, trainer and author) to our inset day to share her knowledge of pedagogy, so that our children can recall and retain concepts in their learning. We felt inspired and enthused following this inset day, but what followed, a day of team teaching, has given us the tools and confidence to ensure that learning is fun, adaptive and responds to the needs of every child.

We have also had Rise Theatre Group in school to share their portrayal of 'God's Planet'. Thinking about how we care for our world, as God's trustees, this inspired emotive and passionate speeches that have been shared this afternoon. It is encouraging to know that the pupils here understand their responsibility in looking after the world that has been gifted to them by God. Well done to all the children for writing such amazing speeches—what a shame that we could not hear even more of them.

At the start of the year, we reflected upon musical notation and how each piece of music has notes that are carefully placed in position to create a harmonious and beautiful sound. This is just like the children of St Joseph's—when placed together they bring a joy and warmth to all those around them—it is a masterpiece just waiting to be heard.

I wish you all a lovely half term break, recharging the batteries for a second half term of Loving, Learning and Growing!



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.

Niall Kelly (1B), Albie Senior (1D), Teddy Simeone (2ME),
Jessie Barrett (2E), Holly Miller (3D), Teddie Mills (3S),
Holly Lopez (4FG), Penelope Glynn (4B), Amber Haddow
(5G), Neha Pallipuram (5F), Chloe Larkin (6O), Cassie
Ward (6MT)



Our Rainbow Award Winners this week:

These children all displayed one of the following characteristics:

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

Ritchie Johnson, Felicity Sheehy, Dylan Jordan, Teddy Simeone, Darcie Cumber-
Wilson, Connor Dundon, Balakanthan Aravind, Philipa Soriano, Elizabeth
Edwards, Thomas Gilday, Hanna Stift, Lottie Faers, Kane Hassett, Cameron Annis,
Cara Rowan, Jack Murphy, Evie Bartlett, Andrews Ciomaga, Sophie Reilly,
Alice Corcoran, Lily Reilly.



HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

St David

79 (352)

St George

40 (284)

St Andrew

86 (376)

St Patrick

84 (368)

Attendance : Week Ending 11th October 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RC	98.3	RMG	91.7
1B	95.9	1D	96.7
2E	93.5	2ME	96.0
3S	98.6	3B	96.0
4FG	99.1	4B	97.3
5F	99.2	5D	97.5
6ST	97.0	60	96.8

*The highest class
attendance last week was 5F with 99.2%*



If in a school year, you are late every day by...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	18 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	35 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	50 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	73 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	110 Lessons

Well done to Heaven in Year 1, who won our attendance goody bag this week for having 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.

School Key Information

School Uniform

Please ensure children return to school after the October break in the school winter uniform.

Please visit the [school website](#) to check if necessary.

Forthcoming Events

PSHE Day—Monday 4th November 2024

Year 3 School Trip—Tuesday, 5th November 2024

Parents Evening—Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th November

3S attending Parish Mass 09.00am (parents invited)

PE Afternoon—Friday 8th November

Remembrance Parade—Sunday, 10th November



Year 4 & 5

Small clean, clear glass jar required for their DT project after half term.

Library Books

Over the half term please could you look out for any school library books that have not been returned. We currently have an enormous amount of books out on loan that have not been returned brought back to school.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS COLLECTED PROMPTLY FROM ALL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

Harvest Festival



On Monday, Mrs Jacobson joined us to celebrate Harvest Festival. We are so thankful for the generosity shown by the families in our school. All donations help The London & Slough Charity Trust to provide food for the homeless.



Speech Day



God's Planet Speeches

Following on from our God's Planet workshop, each year group did some writing on different aspects of preserving God's planet. Lionel from Year 6 spoke about deforestation, Daisy in Year 5 spoke about single use plastics. We heard from Emily in Year 4 who spoke about water pollution and Maahi in Year 3 who told us all about recycling. Year 1 and 2 focused on our appreciation for God's planet as we heard from Joseph and Nuala.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

PUNCTUALITY & SAFEGUARDING

MORNING

It is extremely important to ensure that children arrive to school on time. At 8.45am the main school gates, and doors to both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 buildings are locked. After this time children cannot enter the school via the playgrounds.

If your child is not on either playground by 8.45am **you must park outside of the school grounds and accompany them to the school office to sign them in.**

Reporting Absence

Please use the dedicated absence@stjosephschalfont.school email address to ensure your child's absence is recorded. Alternatively you may call 01753 887743 (Option 1) to leave a message on the absence line.

Parking

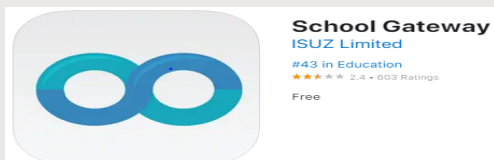
Reminder to all parents to park considerately on Priory Road and surrounding roads. We continue to build strong relationships with residents and ask that we as adults abide by the message of my assembly this week—that we obey the rules of the road and show respect when speaking to others.

Thank you!

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 set up 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

Social Media

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the wonderful and interesting things we are doing in school by regularly checking in to facebook - twitter(X) - Instagram

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.

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SCHOOL VACANCIES

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

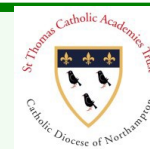
This is organised by St Joseph's Parish and will be led by Fr Jerome Ituah OCD from the Carmelite Community, supported by a small team of Catechists. Catholic children in Year 3 or above are invited to participate if parents discern this is the right time for them to receive the Sacraments. There will be an Open Meeting for Parents on **Monday 7 October at 7:30pm** in the First Committee Room at St Joseph's Church. At the meeting, Fr Jerome will outline the plans and expectations for our 2025 programme.

Preparation sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-June. Online registration will open on **Wednesday 9 October** and close on **Wednesday 23 October** for those who wish to enrol their child in this programme. [Click here for more information.](#)

Families who worship and/or live outside of St Joseph's Parish should contact their own parish in the first instance.



St. Joseph's
Catholic Primary School



VACANCY

Midday Supervisor

We are looking to recruit Midday Supervisors to join our hard working and enthusiastic Midday Supervision Team

Term Time Only

Monday to Friday—or a combination of days

1.5 hours per week across the lunchtime period £11.98 per hour

No previous experience necessary, but an enjoyment of interacting and working with children is essential.

Please contact Maria Morris by email at

office@stjosephschalfont.school for more information.