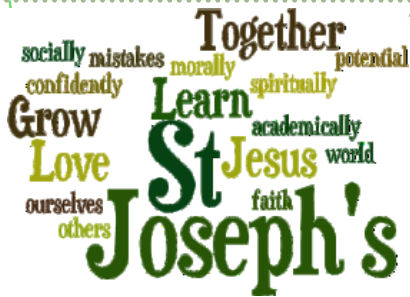


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 29th September

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48



WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH'S

Today we officially welcomed our new Reception children into the family of St Joseph's. In the reading shared, taken from the Gospel of St Mark (10: 13-16), we were reminded of the high regard and importance placed upon children by Jesus.

'Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded the people.

When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said to his disciples, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you that whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them.

Ted Corcoran
Lilly Grace Coyle
Oliver Duffy
Evie Elawify
William Evans
Teddy Faust
Layton Hayes
Harry Hennessey
Edith Johnson
Tadgh Jordan
Emily Kelly
Lola Warren

Lennox Lickley
Tejas Munda
Nathan O' Donnell
Mia Pawelko
Oscar Peacock
Tighe Rochford
Emilia Ruivo
Ishar Saini
Patrick Sweeney
Aspen Talks
Archer Taylor
Rory Walton- Gould

Frankie Barrett
John Barrett
Ariana Berci
Arthur Bowles
Heidi Buckingham
Delilah Coomber
Jesse Day
Chloe Donovan
Joel Etherington Chan
Ava Holland
Luna Iraola Jones
Zakariyya Khurshid

Molly Marsh
Tiarnan McCann
Teddy McDonagh
Charlie Murphy
Darragh O' Donnell
Ivy-Luella Rabaja
Oscar Riddell
Theodora Rowe
Viyaan Sharma
Teddy-Ray Sheppard
Leona Sirko
Efrayim Thomas

Awards

During our weekly celebration assembly on Friday, we present the children with Class Champion Awards. These are for those children who have stood out and displayed the key qualities of their class saint that week. The children receive a certificate and wear the Class Champion Lanyard for the week. This enables them to have special privileges such as walking Joey, being the line leader, going into lunch first with a friend and being allowed on all the play equipment all week (even when it is not their year groups turn).



Well done to all our winners this week who are listed below.

Class Champions this week:

Max Simpson (1D) (Cian Dundon (1B) Adam Middleton (2ME) Dallas Barrett (2E) Toby Aziz (3S) Thomas McDonagh (3B) Sienna Ward (4B) Tom Corcoran (4GF) Cameron Annis (5D) Leah-Rose Thompson (5F) Kai Moody (6ST) Lionel D'Souza (6O)

Rainbow Award Winners:

Serena Taank, Elizabeth Edwards, Nuala McCarthy, Mark Kurnyi, Conor Dundon, Balakanthanulia Aravind, Julia Gosling, Riley Perez, Reuben Peacock, Cecilia Sheehy, Daisy Ashe, Cerys Dreelan and Cooper Cassidy



HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

St David

70

St George

67

St Andrew

69

St Patrick

64

Attendance : Week Ending 20th September 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RC	95.0	RMG	96.0
1B	99.3	1D	98.1
2E	91.9	2ME	94.4
3S	95.2	3B	94.2
4FG	93.5	4B	98.1
5F	92.6	5D	92.5
6ST	97.4	60	96.3

*The highest class
attendance this week was **1B** with **99.3%***



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 **Narayan Tawana** in Year 6 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

MORNING DROP OFF

Please be mindful that the morning drop off procedure is managed by teaching and support staff to ensure the safe arrival of children to school.

Please be supportive, courteous and cooperate with any directions given.

Thank you

Meet The Teacher Presentations

Presentations have been loaded to the [school website](#) under the Parent/Parent Workshops Tab.

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.

AFTERNOON

Passwords are used to permit other adults to collect your child. It is not necessary to call the school office in addition. Please do not email the school office with messages and reminders to pass on to children at the end of the day. It is not possible to guarantee that these messages will be seen and dealt with in time.

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.

Year 3 Science Lesson

Year 3 will be investigating the energy values shown on the packaging of different food types.

Please allow your child to bring into school any discarded (clean) food packages to use in their investigations.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

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.

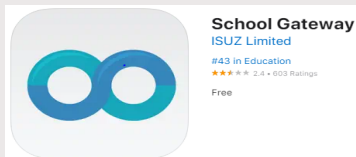
Preparation sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-June. Online registration will open on **Wednesday 9 October** and close on **Wednesday 23 October** for those who wish to enrol their child in this programme. [Click here for more information.](#)

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

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).

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

FOLLOW US



School Reminders

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that we do this in all cases and it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school. As an example, if your child is sick at lunchtime on a Tuesday, they should not return to school until after lunch on Thursday, provided there have not been any further episodes of vomiting.

**Reminder—Monday 30th October—Faith Leader's Mass at St Joseph's Church 11.00am.
Parents of the children involved have received further communication.**

Reminder—Friday 4th October, PSHE Workshop for parents in KS1 Hall 9.00am.

Drop Ins : Between 3.30—4.00pm

Preschool	Tuesday (3.15—3.45pm)
Reception	Monday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Monday 4FG Tuesday 4B
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday

**Reminder—Wednesday 2nd October is an INSET Day—
children should not attend school on this day.**