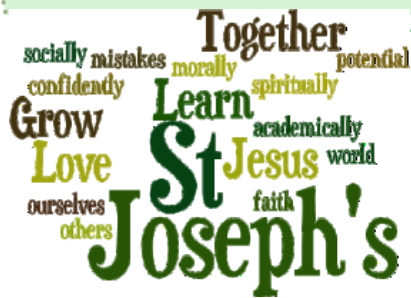


28th June 2024

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for  
Sunday 30th June  
Thirteenth in Ordinary Time  
Mark 5: 21-43*



## *Headteacher Message*

*As I sit at my desk this afternoon, I am struggling to summon the energy to type on my keyboard. What a week!*

*We have had rehearsals for the Year 6 production, a Roald Dahl Day, a drama workshop for classes from Years 1 –5, drumming, the creation of marble runs, assemblies, the release of butterflies and finally Sports Day!*

*I would like to thank my staff for their commitment and dedication to the children of St Joseph's—these wonderful learning experiences could not happen without you.*

*Well done to St George for winning the cup for our St Joseph's Sports Day 2024.*



## Year 3—Roald Dahl Day



### Roald Dahl Day

**We came to school dressed up as Roald Dahl characters- I am so glad we could wear our own clothes! In our workshop we played games and we learned how to tell different stories, sorted stories into order and learned about Roald Dahl. It was very interesting and it was really fun. We designed our own sweets and made up names for them**

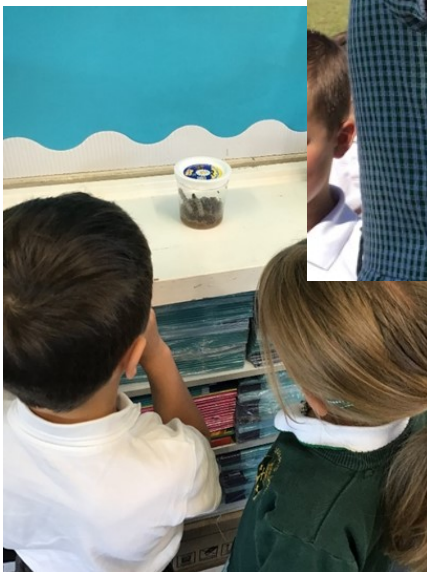
### Fabric Donations!

Year 6 will be completing a D&T Textiles project, making waistcoats, next week and are looking for any donations of fabric that you may have. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please send it in with your child to either take to the Year 6 classrooms, or alternatively to the office.



## Year 2—Butterflies

It has been an amazing few weeks in Year 2! We have watched tiny caterpillars grow into enormous ones and then spin their own cocoons. We then had to patiently wait until they emerged into beautiful butterflies. We even managed to see one as it happened. This week we have set them free on the school field...so if you see a butterfly, it might just be one of ours!





## Year 1

Year one had a very busy and exciting week! We took part in a sports afternoon and had lots of fun doing activities. We also worked in groups to make our own marble run. Additionally, we had a drama workshop with a lady from Perform.



**Drama Workshop**



## Year 1-Marble Run

### Creating a marble run



## 5C Class Assembly



5C had their class assembly this week – all about Freedom and Responsibility.

We told everyone about what we have been learning and sang a couple of songs inspired by the Beatitudes and the idea that if we have freedom, we also need to be able to use that freedom for good.





## Year 5



The Year 5s were lucky enough to have the chance to go see St. Mary's dress rehearsal of Mary Poppins! It was wonderful and all the children seemed to enjoy themselves! Truly a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious performance!



## Information

### **Overgrown Hedges—Update Received from Buckinghamshire Council**

**Please be advised that the overgrown hedges along the walkways outside of the school have been reported to the Council. Hopefully, they will be attended to shortly.**

All wild birds are protected. This includes their nests (whilst in use or being built) as well as any eggs the nest may contain. Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), it is an offence to:

- intentionally kill, injure or take any wild bird
- intentionally damage, destroy or take the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built (nests of golden eagle, white tailed eagle and osprey are protected all year round)
- intentionally destroy an egg of any wild bird
- intentionally or recklessly disturb certain wild birds or their dependent young while they are nesting (including disturbance of nesting young)

Although no dates are legally stated between which hedges cannot be trimmed, cut, laid or coppiced, the main bird breeding season is recognised as being between 1 March and 31 July which we adhere to. Please note, if the issue reported is classified by our Highway Officer as an emergency, arrangements will be made to make the hedge safe for both road and pedestrian users in line with our [Highways Safety Inspection Policy](#).

*Posted by **Buckinghamshire Council** at 09:43, Friday 21 June 2024*



## School Information

### Scooter and bicycles

Can we please remind all parents that children **MUST** dismount from cycles and scooters on entering the main school gate. Scooters and bicycles can be parked using the scooter/bike rack in the staff car park. Under no circumstances should either children from school, or siblings, be riding around the playground at drop off or pick up time.

### Playground equipment

Reminder to all parents—the children and any siblings are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment on KS1 or KS2 play areas out of school time. Children are not allowed on this equipment at the end of the day. Please also be aware that the Forest School area should not be entered by the children out of school hours. Please make sure that you keep your children with you at the end of the day to ensure that children are kept safe.

### Midday Supervisor

#### 'Love, Learn, Grow'

St Joseph's is a two-form entry Catholic school with a drive for continued improvement, a creative and inclusive curriculum and fantastic staff and children.  
We are looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor to join our hard working and enthusiastic Midday Supervision Team

Contact [office@stjosephschalfont.school](mailto:office@stjosephschalfont.school) for more information

### Pets

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted onto the school site. Dogs should **NOT** be tied and left unattended at the school gate.



### BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR BADGE IS CLEARLY DISPLAYED

PLEASE ABIDE BY HIGHWAY CODE WHILST DRIVING

PLEASE USE PARKING PRIVILEGES ONLY WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING THE DESIGNATED

BLUE BADGE HOLDER

PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT OTHER TIMES.

## Uniform Reminders

**Summer Hats are currently in stock in the Uniform Shop, which is open every Wednesday from 3pm  
Please purchase directly or visit [Earth Uniform](#)**

We would like to remind all parents that it is part of the teachers duties to monitor uniform and they will speak to children and parents where uniform is not adhered to. Unfortunately, this has been met with rudeness and aggressiveness recently—which is really disappointing given that this was the topic of the headteachers message a few weeks ago.

For clarification—our uniform policy relating to summer dresses is—

The option of a summer dress does not include culottes or gingham shorts and top set. **There seems to be a trend recently of wearing shorts under dresses, this is not part of our uniform and if the shorts are visible when children are standing we will ask them to remove them. If you wish your child to wear shorts underneath please ensure that they are not visible.**

Please be reminded about acceptable hair cuts below:

On health and safety grounds, shoulder length hair and longer hair should be tied back neatly using bands in the school colours (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.

**Socks—should be either ankle socks or knee high socks. Over the knee or trainer socks are not part of the school uniform.**

**PLEASE NOTE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO RETURN LOST PROPERTY IF IT IS UN-NAMED.  
UN-NAMED UNIFORM IS RECYCLED OR GIVEN TO THE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

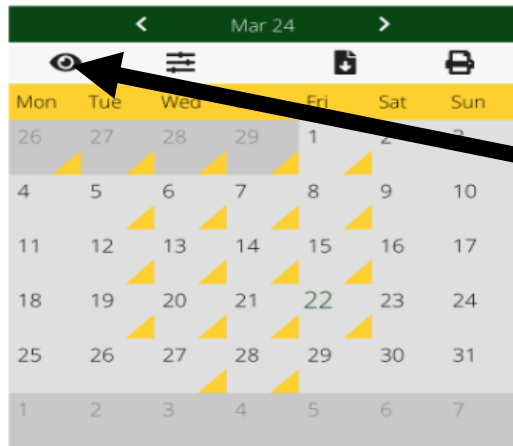


## Uniform

	<b>Reception – Year 6</b>	<b>Available from</b>
<b>Winter</b>	Dark green V-necked jumper <b>with school crest</b>	Earth Uniform Website
	Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe	Earth Uniform 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
<b>Summer</b>	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark grey knee length school shorts / Dark grey full-length school trousers / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	White cotton shirt (worn with school tie)	Any stockist
	School tie (if wearing a cotton shirt)	Earth Uniform Website
	White polo shirt <b>with or without school crest</b> (worn without school tie)	Earth Uniform Website
	Dark green and white full gingham <b>dress</b>	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	<b>Dark Green</b> Baseball cap / Kepi cap <b>with or without school crest</b>	Earth Uniform Website
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
<b>Outdoor Wear</b>	Black / navy coat (plain – no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark green shower-proof jacket or fleece with school crest	Earth Uniform Website
<b>PE &amp; Games</b>	Dark green gym bag <b>with school crest</b>	Earth Uniform Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt <b>with gold school crest</b>	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
<b>School Bag</b>	Dark green book bag <b>with school crest</b> (Infants)	Earth Uniform Website
	Dark green rucksack (small or large) <b>with school crest</b> (Juniors)	Earth Uniform Website

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### Calendar



Following feedback regarding the calendar view on the School App, we have adjusted the capability to view events.

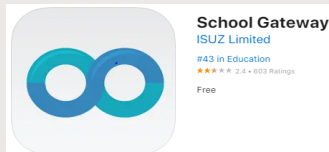
Please click on the eye symbol above the calendar and events will open up for you.

Please be aware that the calendar is being constantly updated—so keep an eye on it for events.

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



*Have a lovely weekend*

**St. Joseph's School**





## Information



St Mary's School  
Gerrards Cross

INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL  
FOR GIRLS AGED 3-18

*Whole  
School  
Open  
Morning*

SATURDAY  
12th OCTOBER  
from 0915 hours

[CLICK HERE  
TO SIGN UP](#)