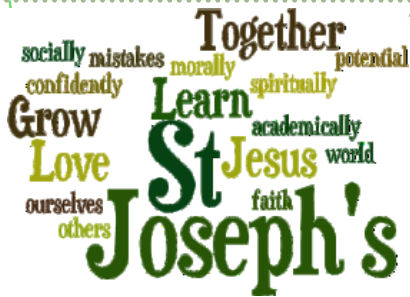


4th October 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel reading for

Sunday 6th October

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 10:2-16



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

In our whole school assembly this week we spent time reflecting on rules; thinking about all the different places where we have rules that need to be followed, why we have rules and why they are important. The children were very knowledgeable about the importance of rules to keep everyone safe and ensure that there is order and not chaos.

We also thought about our rights, especially within school—such as our right to learn, our right to play safely and happily, our right to eat in a clean and safe area and our right to have our own materials and equipment in school.

We finally reflected upon the responsibilities that go alongside each of our rights and the things we should do to ensure that ours and everyone else's rights are respected.

On Wednesday, as you are aware we had an INSET day. The teachers engaged in some fabulous training with Claire Gadsby to ensure that we are all using highly engaging strategies to promote learning and ensure progress. At the end of the day we were all left with a toolkit full of ideas that we had tried out with each other. Claire is returning in a fortnight to work with the staff and various classes across the school. We are all very excited to implement all that we have learnt through this training.



*Joey even
joined in!*



Awards

Class Champions this week:

Nuala McCarthy (1D), Grace Gibbs (1B), Phillipa Soriano (2E), Noah Warren (2ME), Ave-Maria Ward (3D), William Harrison-Enver (3S), Elayna Tawana (4FG), Cleo Faers (5D), Ismael Doha (5F), Chloe Peacock (6O), Joseph Mensah (6MT)



Rainbow Award Winners:

Freddie Jachau, Alfie Long, Calhan Rochford, Riley-George Thompson, Ariya Verma, Owen O'Sullivan, Ariana Piekieniak-Rodgers



HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

St David

123 (193)

St George

126 (182)

St Andrew

119 (188)

St Patrick

115 (179)

Attendance : Week Ending 4th October 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RC	96.6	RMG	99.2
1B	96.6	1D	93.3
2E	96	2ME	94.2
3S	98.3	3B	91.6
4FG	97.8	4B	99.6
5F	92.2	5D	95.8
6ST	98.5	60	97.3

*The highest class
attendance this week was 4B with 99.6%*



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 Darcie Cumber Wilson in Year 2, 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.

RISE theatre



This week we had the pleasure of welcoming RISE theatre company to St Joseph's. It was a fantastic opportunity for the whole school to participate in our exciting new day 'God's Planet'.

The workshops and performance took us on a breath-taking journey of discovery around the earth and into space, learning about the beauty of God's creation, His incredible love for every person, and how each of us can care for our planet and the environment. We joined Kit and Sam on an exciting journey around planet earth - from the cold peaks of Antarctica, the depths of the sea, to the multicoloured rainforest and the never-ending awe of outer space!

We are all now planet heroes!



RC - Archer Taylor
RMG – Ariana Berci
1B - Amelia Bull
1D – Nuala McCarthy
2ME – Connie Gaughan
2E - Harriet Matthews
3B – Amrita Mundaie
3S – Ciaran Gibbs
4B – Evie-Mae Boardman
4FG – Evie Hill
5F – Olivia Choinkowska
5D – Calum O’Donnell
6ST- Joseph Mensah
6O- Tia Matharu

Faith Leaders



1D – Amelie Kriel
1B – Dylan Jordan
2ME – Kane Hassett
2E – Jesse Barrett
3B – Reeva Groenewald
3S – Amelia Chichirau
4GF - Martin Barrett
4B – Penelope Glynn
5F - Daisy Ashe
5D – Cecilia Sheehy
6O – Lena Kwiatkowska
6ST – Rhian Crump
RC – Emily Kelly
RMG - Ava Holland

Eco Team



1D – Maxwell Simpson
1B- Thomas O'Reilly
2ME- Millie Cloherty
2E- Philippa Soriano
3B- Holly Miller
3S- Maddox McLelland
4B – Jasmine Charge
4FG- Isla Harris
5F- Neha Pallipuram
5D- Clarke Bartlett
6O- Sonny Connors
6ST- Taleya Daly
RC – Teddy Faust
RMG –Zakariyya Khurshid



6O
Alexia McLelland
Amaya Iraola James
Anna Martin
Ariarna Piekieniak-Rodgers
Chloe Peacock
Ethan Golding
Evie Bartlett
Lena Kwiatkowska

6ST
Annabelle Young
Bailey Whelan
George Young
Grant Wilkes
Harper Muller
Holly Marszalek
Luke Logan
Narayan Tawana
Rosalind Matthews
Sophie Riley
Verity Jackson
Mia Humphrys

Sport Leaders



3S – Riley Perez

3B - Isak Doha

4B – Reggie Williams

4FG – Tom Corcoran

5F- Freddie Ratcliff

5W – Millie Hennessy

6 ST – Bailey Whelan

6O - Ethan Golding

Reading Squad

Year 6

Jeevan Bancy

Rayan Brench

Lionel D’Souza

Amaya Iraola Jones

Tia Matharu

Alexia McLelland

Harrison Perez

Simon Metcalfe

Patrick Soriano

Rhian Crump

Verity Jackson

Holly Marzalek

Anna Martin

Aryan Patel

Sophie Reilly

Narayan Tawana

Rosalind Matthews

Joseph Mensah

Bailey Whelan

Annabelle Young



Year 5

Calum O’Donnell

Neha Pallipuram

Cara Rowen

Daosy-Rose Ashe

Sienna Dann

Jolin Schwarz

Max Cloherty

Cleo Faers

Cecilia Sheehy

Evie McCarthy

Cameron Annis

Jaiya Viridi

Ismael Doha

Oliver Gallagher

Kaylan Verma

Lennox Draper

Yan Hernick

Clark Bartlett

Next week the newly appointed Pupil Leadership Team (Year 6) will introduce themselves in the newsletter.

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

END OF DAY COLLECTION

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL AT 3.30PM PROMPTLY. TEACHERS HAVE FURTHER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND TO AT THE END OF THE DAY AND ARE OFTEN DELAYED DUE TO LATE COLLECTIONS.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE ON SITE READY TO COLLECT AT 4.15PM.

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!

School Key Information



London & Slough
Charitable Trust

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Years
ANNIVERSARY

HARVEST FESTIVAL

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024

The **London and Slough Charitable Trust** supports the homeless and people in need. Every week it distributes food and drink to homeless people on the streets. Donations of the following foodstuffs are very much appreciated:



Small individual cartons of orange or apple juice
(*no cans or fizzy drinks please*) **Reception**

Packets of individually wrapped cakes **Year 1**

Small chocolate biscuit bars (such as two fingered Kit-Kat,
Penguin, Rocky, Club biscuit bars, etc) **Year 2**

Multi-packs of individual bags of crisps **Year 3**

Bananas or satsumas **Year 4**

Jars of peanut butter, marmite or jam (for sandwiches) **Year 5**

Boxes of teabags, jars of coffee, bags of sugar **Year 6**

Thank you for your generosity

WEBSITE: londonssloughcharitabletrust.org

EMAIL: admin@thelongdonandsloughrun.org

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.

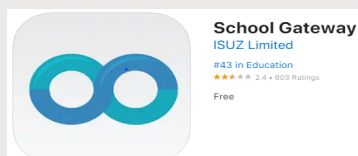
Preparation sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-June. Online registration will open on **Wednesday 9 October** and close on **Wednesday 23 October** for those who wish to enrol their child in this programme. [Click here for more information.](#)

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

REMINDER

- Please ensure that you are checking the website calendar regularly for updates.**
- Monday 7th October 9.00am KS1 Hall SEN Parent Workshop (invited parents only!)
- Thursday 10th October 9.00am 6O assembly—KS2 Hall
- Thursday 10th October—Year 2 PE afternoon (please ensure PE kit is in school)
- Friday 11th October—Year 3 PE afternoon (Please ensure that PE Kit is in school)
- Friday 11th October—Pupil Leadership Team attending Diocese Mass
- Friday 11th October—School photos—individual and sibling photos.

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.

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