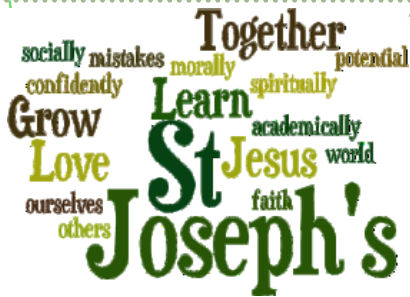


6th December 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel reading for
Sunday 8th December
Second Sunday of Advent
Luke 3: 1-6



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful week it has been!

To start, Little Miss Millie Barugh came into the world on the 3rd December, weighing 7lb 3ozs. Mum and baby are home safe and sound, with the Barugh's preparing to celebrate Christmas as a family of three. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Barugh.



We have also had our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children perform their Christmas productions this week and what a triumph they were. I was amazed at the high quality performances from the youngest pupils in our school—they showed confidence, poise and determination in remembering the words to the songs, learning the lines to narrate and tell the story, as well as acting out the scenes. To succeed in creating a 'masterpiece' such as this, you need to work as a team and I would like to thank all the children and staff, who worked together to support each other at this busy time. Thank you also to parents for supporting your children and the school, to make these moments magical and memorable.

Our festivities continue next week with our Key Stage 2 Carol Service in St Joseph's Church on Thursday evening at 7pm. Please do join us. Also, a reminder that Father Christmas' reindeers have taken time out of their busy schedule and are paying a visit to school on Thursday, so please remember that children can wear their own clothes and Christmas jumpers to school.

A Huge Thank You!

You may have noticed that just after the summer holiday we had a new building installed on the Key Stage 1 field. We have long dreamt of having a quiet and calm space that we can use as a chapel in school, for both individuals and classes and a space that could double up as a music room.

This fantastic pod will provide us with the opportunity to have this for the new year. Up until now, we were unable to use the space as we did not have a path around it and hence it would have very quickly been destroyed with muddy footprints.

To the rescue came a wonderful team of our dads, who last Saturday morning gave up their time to lay the path for us.



We are extremely grateful to them for doing this and count ourselves very blessed to have such supportive parents who so willingly provide for the school.

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.

Heidi Buckingham (RMG) , Layton Hayes (RC), Morch Donovan (1D), Olivia Cimpeanu, Paddy Glynn (2ME), Anna Pilsniak (2E), Imogen Gibson (3D), Sienna Simpson (3S), Teddy Robertson (4B), Hayden Phillips (4FG), Calum O'Donnell (5D), Evie McCarthy (5F), Anna Martin (6O), Annabelle Young (6ST)



Our Rainbow Award Winners this week:

These children all displayed one of the following characteristics: reflective, bounce-back, teamwork, curiosity, motivation, independence.

Emily Kelly, Whole class 2E, Whole class 2WE, Molly Marsh, Leo Kerton-Ferguson, Alexia McLelland, Aryan Patel, Verity Jackson, Preston Soriano, Kiera Lawson.



HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

St David

100 (784)

St George

101 (651)

St Andrew

107 (810)

St Patrick

110 (779)

Attendance : Week Ending 29th November 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RC	91.7	RMG	95.8
1D	92.9	1B	95.0
2ME	92.8	2E	97.3
3S	97.7	3B	96.0
4B	94.6	4GF	93.9
5F	94.6	5D	100
6O	98.2	6ST	94.8

The highest class attendance last week was
5D with 100%



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 Leo Hendricks 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.

School Information

St Joseph's Year 1's played 4 brilliant matches on Saturday 30th November in their first home friendly match against Chalfont Park. They won 3-0 and 4-2 with goals being scored by Dylan Jordan, Max Simpson and Thomas O'Reilly. Team 2 lost their first game 5-2 and won their 2nd by a stunning 7-0— goals scored by Cian Dundon, Raffi Younis, Niall Kelly and Ryan Patel. All teams played exceptionally well and should be proud of themselves. Player of the week went to Cian Dundon due to scoring an impressive 7 goals.



Parenting Support






The Chalfonts Community College

Success is an Attitude!

The Chalfonts Community College is running a Christmas Gift Appeal to support families in our community during these challenging times. Thanks to the generosity of our students, parents, and sponsors like Card Factory, we have a selection of gifts ready to share with children of all ages for families who are struggling this Christmas



What's on Offer?

-  Beautifully wrapped gifts for children, ranging from toddlers to teenagers.
-  A welcoming, discreet collection process.
-  A chance to brighten your family's festive season.

More Information

Please Scan The QR Code Below



Family Lives offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent Line). If you require emotional support, information, advice or guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life—call 0808 800 222.

Parent Reminders



Advent Calendar 2024

Please remember to login to your ParentPay account to make a payment or give permission for your child to attend the Pantomime in December.

Please remember to check the Advent Calendar that has been sent to all parents. The Calendar contains the link to all relevant letters containing details of event. The letters are loaded separately to the School Newsletter under the News / Events Tab—Newsletters.

School Information

Inspired by research into her Class Saint—Anna will be raising money selling house plants that she has cultivated herself.... Please see the details below.

HOUSE PLANT SALE – NEXT Sunday 8 December
after 9am and 11am Mass: Anna (from 9am Mass) has cultivated some succulent houseplants which would make ideal Christmas gifts! Please bring cash to spend at her stall in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). The minimum suggested donation is £3.

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....

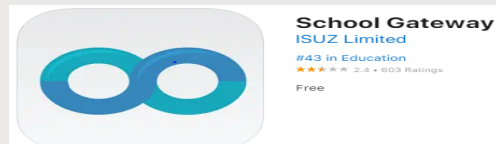
It is important for you to check that your **SchoolComms/Gateway App** is receiving text messages. Relying on other parents or WhatsApp groups may result in missed, or incorrect messages.

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

School Information

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Over the past few weeks we have drawn attention to our uniform policy and teachers have followed up with parents. Thank you to all those parents who have made the necessary adjustments where uniform was not correct. Your support in upholding our policy and standards is appreciated.

A reminder that children must have **black shoes only (boots and trainers are not part of our uniform)**

Outdoor **coats must be black, navy or dark green.**

If you have not made the necessary adaptations to adhere to this policy (which all parents agree to as part of initial admission to school) we would ask that you please rectify this over the weekend.

If you are unable to do so for financial reasons—we are happy to support from our second hand uniform shop. Please let us know if you need assistance.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

