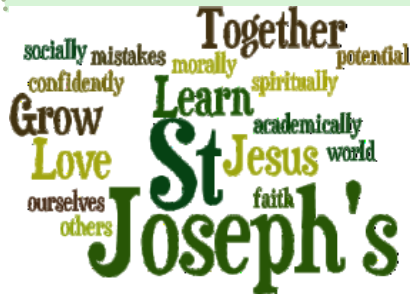


7th June 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 10th June

Tenth Sunday on Ordinary Time

Mark 3: 20-35



Headteacher Message

This week we had our Read Write Inc Development Day. This is a day that gives us the opportunity to work with a specialist advisor on ensuring the children receive expert teaching in this key area. It was wonderful to get such glowing feedback from her on the progress we have made in implementing this phonics scheme. The children, as ever, were fantastic in displaying their knowledge and superb behaviour for learning.

A special thank you to staff and children for taking us back in time and sharing their research on Chalfont St Peter, their local history project. I have loved looking at the old photographs and developing an understanding of life, as it was over 100 years ago. The museum will remain open on Monday from 2-3.30pm for parents and friends to observe and learn about the place they live.

Year 2 performed their assembly on 'Prayer' on Thursday morning. I was so impressed with how they spoke and sang, sharing their learning about prayer in other faiths. It is reassuring to know that our future leaders (Year 2) know the value of prayer, hope, love, and faith.

This weekend a number of our Year 3 children will make their First Holy Communion. Please remember them in your prayers, as they take this important step in their faith journey and receive this Sacrament of Initiation.

PSHE Day



PSHE Day – Monday 3rd June

We started off our half-term at St Joseph's with our PSHE Day! Every year group followed our newly implemented Ten -Ten Curriculum to learn about their Personal, Social, Health & Economic education. Each year group follows an individual topic, as shown.

The students really enjoyed their learning and appreciated the new knowledge that will benefit them in all aspects of their lives and learning.

EYFS:

Module 2 - Unit 4 Keeping Safe

KS1:

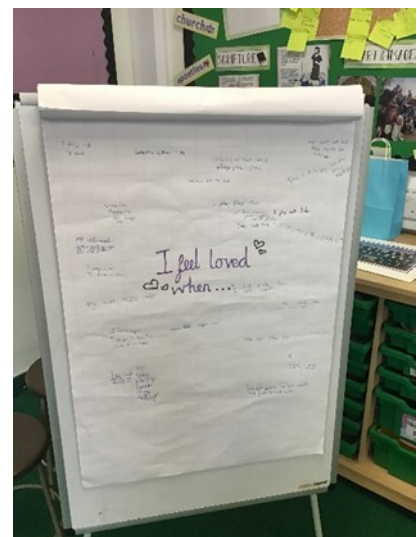
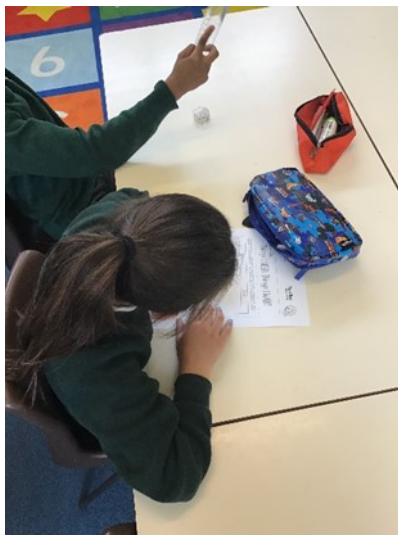
Module 3 - Unit 2 Living in the Wider World

LKS2:

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UKS2:

Module 1 - Unit 3
Emotional Wellbeing



Attendance

Attendance—Week Ending 7th June 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	93.8	RB	96.0
1JB	95.4	1EB	98.3
2E	88.3	2F	99.3
3GS	97.7	3D	90.4
4D	99.2	4H	95.7
5G	96.7	5C	96.0
6W	98.3	6MT	94.2

*The highest class attendance
this week was
2E with 99.3% Well done!*

*Well Done to Freddie in our Reception Class
for winning the attendance award this week.*

HOUSE POINTS – THIS WEEK

St David 96	St George 133
St Andrew 189	St Patrick 124

HOUSE POINTS – RUNNING TOTALS

St David 405	St George 396
St Andrew 558	St Patrick 455

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.

Thank you for helping to ensure that we keep everyone safe.

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.

Music Concert

We are really looking forward to our annual KS2 music concerts next week. The children have been working really hard on their performances

Thursday 13th June 2024

Concert for Years 3-4 is at 9.00-10.30am & Concert for Year 5-6 is at 1.30-3.00pm

Please note that if you attend either of the concerts we are insisting that you remain for the entire concert. When parents get up and leave during a performance it is really distracting for the pupils.

EYFS Father's Day Tea Party

Please make sure that you keep Friday 14th June 1.45pm free in your diary for the children to celebrate significant male adults in their lives. Details are in the Preschool and Reception Newsletters.

Pets

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

Collecting children at the end of the school day.

Please be reminded to make contact with the class teacher at the end of the school day when collecting your child. As you can appreciate, the children are excited and keen to rush off to their parents. However, the class teacher must be confident that the child has been released to the correct parent. If another adult is picking up your child they must have the password that you have provided. Our safeguarding assumes that if this adult has the password, you have given them permission to collect your child.

We remind you again that we will not release children to anyone under the age of

School Information

Phonics Screening Check Year 1

Next week all the children in Year 1 (and those in Year 2– who did not reach the expected standard in Yr1) will take the statutory Phonics Screening Check.

The children have made fantastic progress this year with RWInc and we are really confident that they will do exceptionally well in the check.

The children are used to having these assessments—as part of RWInc involves assessment every 6 weeks.

Over the weekend you may want to re-visit the section on the website for RWInc—this can be found under the Children's tab / Read Write Inc . In here, as you are aware from attending workshop events are numerous materials to help you support your child with their phonics knowledge.

This is not something for the children to feel anxious about - it simply involves them reading a set of 40 words.

Multiplication Timestables Check

Year 4 will undertake their MTC next week. As you will be aware from the workshop Mrs Fallon ran on this earlier in the year, this involves an on line assessment of 25 multiplication questions, similar to what the children have been doing as part of their Timestables Rockstars homework.

The assessment is completed on tablets and ipads in small groups of approx. 10 pupils.

The children will have the opportunity to do a practice assessment a day or two before they do the real thing, so they will be familiar with the process.

Over the weekend it may be worth a revisit of timestables with your child in preparation for this.

Water bottles

Please can you make sure that during hot weather children come to school with a named water bottle.

We have water dispensers in various areas of the school and the children will be able to refill their bottle at an appropriate time during the day.

Please be reminded that the bottles should only contain water—juice is not permitted.



FOSJS

Our Summer Ball happens once every two years and is a major fundraiser for The Friends of St Joseph's. Our fundraising has helped the school in so many ways.

- ◆ New Laptops & I pads
- ◆ Whiteboards
- ◆ Learning Platform Subscriptions
- ◆ Playground Games & Equipment
- ◆ Wall Artwork
- ◆ Number Carpets
- ◆ Forest School Programmes.... and so much more.



but **WE NEED YOU** to be able to do this and to enrich our children's lives at school

It's happening again in four weeks time on Saturday 6th July! If you have booked for the Summer Ball already - THANK YOU - it will be a blast!

If you haven't booked yet but are considering it - please do - you have until the 14th June <https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

If Summer Balls are not for you, but you would like to consider making a donation to the Friends of St Joseph's instead, please do so and we will see you at Camp Night next year!

<https://fosjs.sumupstore.com/>

PS - red carpet, champagne, four course dinner, live band, dancing, casino, DJ, friends and (hazy!) memories...what's not to love about a Summer Ball!?!?? Looking forward to seeing you there....

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](#)

With the warmer weather arriving there has been some huge variations in uniform. Please find below some important reminders and on the next page the full uniform requirements for school. Please remind yourselves of these, so that children are wearing the correct St. Joseph's uniform. Teachers duties include monitoring uniform and they will speak to children and parents where uniform is not adhered to.

A few points to highlight:

Children MUST have school shoes, trainers are not part of the uniform and should only be worn for PE lessons or Forest School.

The school fleece is an outdoor jacket—it does not replace the school jumper. If children are wearing a shirt they should also wear a school tie. Pupils can wear a logoed school polo shirt or a plain polo shirt—it is not essential, but preferable, to have polo shirts showing the school logo.

The option of a summer dress does not include culottes or gingham shorts and top set.

Summer hats can be either a school cap available at Earth Uniform, or a plain green cap.

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.

**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

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

Tech She Can Assembly



Do you know how your hobbies and interests are related to jobs in technology?



Careers in technology to reduce waste

Product Designer



As a product designer, you could use your design skills and tech knowledge to create new products to help reduce waste or find ways to recycle waste into useful things.

Environmental Engineer



As an environmental engineer, you could help to solve environmental problems. You could help to improve things like recycling and pollution problems.



On Thursday 7th June, KS2 girls were treated to a virtual assembly from a '**Tech She Can**' champion. This was a fantastic opportunity to share information and inspire future generations about a career in tech.

During the session, the girls explored the role technology plays in helping us to protect our planet and fight climate change. They were also introduced to a variety of green careers within tech that they could potentially pursue in the future. We were especially interested in becoming aeronautical engineers and learning how to design drones!

Information



ADHD course: Bucks 2024

Online on 6th, 13th & 20th June

A course for parents of children & young people pre & post assessment for ADHD

Week 1: Introduction to ADHD

- What is ADHD?
- Challenges & concerns
- Strengths and opportunities
- Signposting to support

Week 2: ADHD and anxiety

- What is anxiety?
- What is the relationship between ADHD and anxiety?
- Coping strategies for children/young people and parents/carers

Week 3: ADHD and behaviour

- Attention deficit behaviours
- Hyperactive behaviours
- Impulsive behaviours
- Behaviour management strategies

Course will also include:

- Question & answer sessions
- Opportunities to talk to other parents and carers
- Facilitators with lived experience of ADHD
- Face-to-face networking session in Marlow - July

Time

7pm to 9pm

To book

[Click here](#) or scan code



Venue

Online via Zoom

Cost*

£50.00 (+ £4.88
Eventbrite fee)

Contact

hello@brighterfutures
together.org.uk

Websites

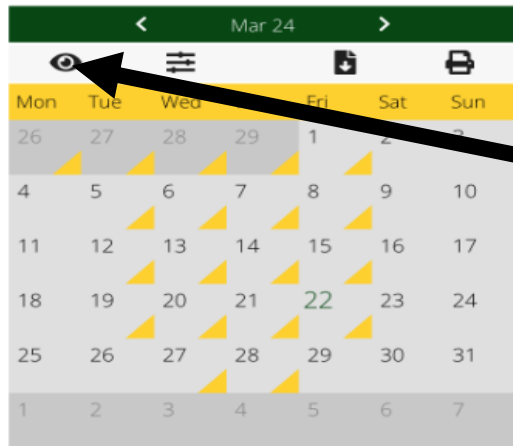
[https://www.parentingspecial
children.co.uk/](https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/)

[https://brighterfuturestogether.
org.uk](https://brighterfuturestogether.org.uk)

* If you are in receipt of low-income benefits, tax credits, free school meals or similar, ask about our Financial Assistance Fund for help towards meeting the cost of this course

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Calendar



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

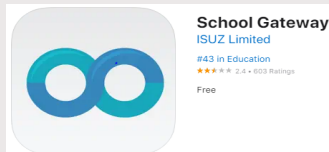
Please click on the eye symbol above the calendar and events will open up for you.

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

