

8th November 2024

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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confidently **Learn** spiritually  
**Grow** academically world  
**Love** **St Joseph's** faith  
ourselves others

Gospel reading for  
Sunday 10th November  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gospel, Mark 12:38-44



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

*Thank you so much to everyone for attending our Parents' Evenings this week. It was lovely to chat with so many of you and hear all the positive comments you had to make about the school, your evening and how well your children are doing at St Joseph's.*

*On behalf of all the staff we are grateful for all your support and firmly believe that educating the children is a partnership between us as educators and yourselves as parents. The children truly get the best when we work effectively and supportively together—keeping them at the heart of all that we do.*

*Our Pupil Leadership Team did a fantastic job of checking you all in and directing you to the correct area. I am so proud of the children in this team, who are taking their responsibilities as the lead pupils in the school so seriously.*

*This weekend is the Remembrance Parade in Chalfont St Peter. It is a really poignant and touching event. Details are later in the newsletter for those of you who are able to join us in paying our respects.*

*Have a wonderful weekend.*



## 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.

**Lilly Coyle (RC) Luna Iraola Jones (RMG) Dolcie O'Hara (1B) Cleo Lawson (1D) Aaron Turnock (2ME) Elowen Talks (2E) Riley Perez (3S) Beau Barrett ((3B) Reuben Peacock (4B) Brooke Buckingham (4FG) Clark Bartlett (5D) Aman Mantharu (5F) Finley Garraway (6ST) Jake Cartwright (6O)**



### Our Rainbow Award Winners this week:

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

**Leona Sirko, Ted Corcoran, Rayan Aziz, Tommy Martin, Sofiya Khurshid, All the pupils in 2ME, All the pupils in 3S, Mikey Robertson, Evie McCarthy, Joseph Thompson and Kaylan Verma**



### HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

**St David**

79 (430)

**St George**

40 (322)

**St Andrew**

86 (437)

**St Patrick**

84 (44)

## Attendance : Week Ending 18th October 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RC	96.3	RMG	94.8
1D	94.1	1B	92.8
2ME	92.8	2E	90.4
3S	93.8	3B	92.3
4B	98.5	4GF	90.0
5F	98.2	5D	92.5
6O	98.2	6ST	98.1

*The highest class  
attendance last week was  
4B with 98.5%.*



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 Simon Metcalfe 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.**

## Problems with Attendance & Punctuality

### Are you having problems with:

- *Getting your child to bed at night or out of bed in the morning?*
- *Finding uniform, school books or bags?*
- *Your child eating breakfast slowly?*
- *Your child not having done their homework?*
- *Your child watching too much TV or spending too much time on electronic gadgets?*
- *Your child getting anxious about school work or tests?*
- *Your child asking for a day off because of birthdays or other family events?*

### Have you tried:

- Establishing set times and routines for bedtime?
- Asking your child to prepare their school bag and uniform the night before?
- Establishing a set time for breakfast where the family eat together?
- Having a daily homework slot?
- Limiting TV viewing or screen time on other devices to a set period each evening and morning?
- Talking about school in a positive way and speaking to your child's Class Teacher about any concerns / anxieties?

**St Joseph's does not authorise term-time holidays. Whenever the need arises to take a child out of school during term time, parents must complete a Leave of Absence Request Form (available on the school website under "Parents" "Useful forms"). The Headteacher will consider each application individually and consider whether the reason for absence constitutes exceptional circumstances. At St Joseph's, exceptional circumstances are emergency or unavoidable events which relate directly to the child or immediate parents/carers, i.e.. mother/father. In each leave of absence request, the Headteacher's decision is final.**

Absence will **NOT** be authorised for the following:

- Illness of a parent
- Holidays
- Day Trips / Long Weekends
- Birthday, weddings or other family celebrations
- Visits to family abroad or families working abroad
- Surprise visits or trips booked without knowledge

Absence may be authorised for the following:

- Illness
- Medical or Dental appointments\* (which should be made to ensure the least disruption to your child's learning and, where possible, after 3.30pm or during school holidays)
- Performing Rights e.g. Theatre Productions
- Examinations of dance, music or school entrance tests
- Family Bereavement
- Religious Observances

\*Proof of appointments will be required before any absence is authorised. Leave during term-time for appointments will not be authorised without proof.

## School Uniform

Please ensure children are wearing our winter uniform.

	Item	Available from
<b>Winter</b>	Dark green V-necked jumper <b>with school crest</b>	Earth Website
	Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe	Earth 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
	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 Website
<b>PE and Games</b>	Dark green gym bag <b>with school crest</b>	Earth 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

### We draw your attention to our policy on hair.

On health and safety grounds, shoulder length and longer hair should be neatly tied with school coloured bands in (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 can we also draw your attention to the policy regarding footwear and outdoor coats.**

**Black shoes only (boots and trainers are not part of our uniform)**

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

**When joining our school parents agree to uphold our policies.  
Over the weekend please can you ensure that your child has the correct uniform for Monday as teachers will be following this up.**

## Remembrance Parade Sunday 10th November

We would love to have the school really well represented at the Remembrance Parade in Chalfont St Peter this year. It is a chance for us all to be part of the national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

The children attending should wear school uniform and meet Mrs Lovegrove at Nicol Road at 2.30pm.

Please join us if you can—the details are below.

# Remembrance Day Parade

Chalfont St Peter

Sunday, 10th November 2024

### START AND END

2:40pm:  
Starting at  
The British Legion,  
Nicol Road

Finishing at St Peter's Church  
in the Village Centre

2:50pm: Wreath-laying  
3:00pm: Last Post

### ROAD CLOSURES

(from 2:10pm)

- Lower part of Nicol Road
- Lansdown Road
- Market Place
- High Street from the Greyhound Pub
- No access to Precinct Car Park

Access to Church Road & Car Park  
via Lovel Road, Lovel End,  
Pennington Road, Laurel Road,  
The Vale and Churchfield Road



## Remembrance Services in School Monday 11th November

Thank you so much to everyone who has sent in photos of loved ones and pets that have now gone to live in heaven.

We are in the process of making a fabulous Remembrance Wall at the front of our Key Stage 2 Hall. This will be our focal prayer point for the month of November.

On Monday, we will have remembrance services in our prayer garden (weather permitting) and then the children will have some time with their year group to come to the hall and pray for and give thanks for the people on our wall, who have touched their lives so positively. All of this will be in an age appropriate, positive and sensitive manner.

If you have not yet sent in a photo—you can still do so on Monday morning, when we will be putting the finishing touches to our wall.

Here is a helpful article to support parents in talking to children about **remembrance**.

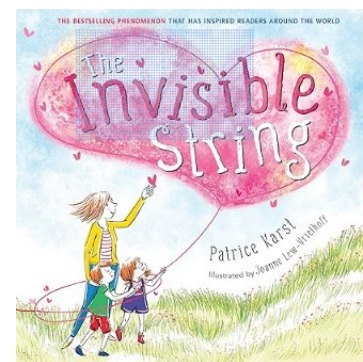
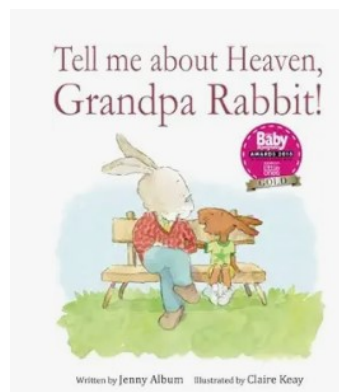
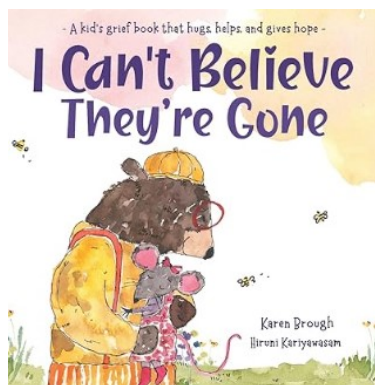
Unicef have really sensitive and information about talking to children about the death of a loved one. Please follow this **Unicef Link**

Additionally—see the CBeebies Animation: **“Poppies”**

Share and discuss a poem that explains remembrance—the one below is by an unknown author

*“Poppy, Poppy, what do you say?  
Wear me on Remembrance Day.  
Poppy, Poppy, what do you tell?  
Many soldiers in battle fell.  
Poppy, Poppy, what should we know?  
That peace on earth should grow, grow, grow.”*

**Some useful books:**



## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### 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.**

**Please do not drive onto the school grounds—once the school adult has left the gate.**

### Reporting Absence

Please use the dedicated [absence@stjosephschalfont.school](mailto: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!**

### Key dates and events for the week ahead

Sunday 10th November 2.30pm	Remembrance Parade in Chalfont St Peter. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for details
Thursday 14th November 9.00am (KS2 Hall)	5F Class Assembly
Thursday 14th November (pm)	Year 6 PE afternoon (please remember kit)
Friday 15th November	Children in Need (children wear mufti—something spotty or yellow and donate £1 for Children in Need). We may even have a special visitor on the day
Saturday 16th November	FOSJ Autumn Festival. Please refer to the flyer in the newsletter for details



THE FOSJS MAIN EVENT OF THE SEASON

# Autumn Festival

Saturday 16th November

2.30PM - 5.30PM

Adults: £9, Children: £6

Under 3's FREE

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter

SL9 8SB



## MUSICAL LASER SHOW

LASER LIGHT SHOW: 4:30PM  
INSPIRING MUSIC WITH ALL YOUR FAVOURITE SONGS!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING STALLS  
BOTTLE & GIFT BAG TOMBOLAS  
NEON & JEWEL FACE PAINTING  
GLOW STALL

FANTASTIC RAFFLE  
MULLED WINE & BEERS  
CAKES, DONUTS & SWEET STALL  
HOT DOGS, GRILLED CHEESE TOASTIES  
FIRE PIT & MARSHMALLOW TOASTING!

Tickets available until 4th November at:

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



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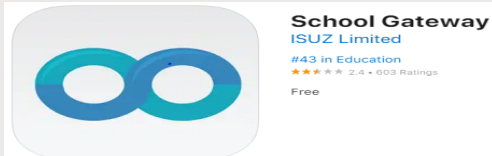
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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Email communications are sent to you via

**Schoolcomms**

To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the [App Store](#) to download



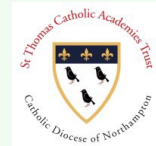
Enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have set up for school. A PIN number will be sent to you and text messages will appear via this App.

**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) - Instagram

**FOLLOW US**



## VACANCY

### Midday Supervisor

We are looking to recruit Midday Supervisors to join our hard working and enthusiastic Midday Supervision Team

**Term Time Only**

**Monday to Friday—or a combination of days**

**1.5 hours per week across the lunchtime period £11.98 per hour**

**No previous experience necessary, but an enjoyment of interacting and working with children is essential.**

**Please contact Maria Morris by email at**

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