



# **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

## **Christmas Newsletter**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



### **Special – Love Learn Grow Awards Edition**

## **Headteacher Message**

*We have come to the end of a very busy and successful term and Christmas will soon be upon us. We should be very proud of what we have achieved together as a community; staff, pupils, parents/carers and governors.*

*I especially love this time of the school year as there are so many events which give me the opportunity to welcome so many parents, carers, and visitors to St Joseph's. Particular highlights for me are the Christmas nativities and concerts; watching our pupils stand on stage and perform with such confidence is a real privilege. Well done to all involved!*

*These productions really start the festivities and remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.*

*We have all truly shown such generosity during Advent, when we have collected for those who are less fortunate than us. Thank you for your contributions to the shoebox appeal, the hampers for the SVP (local families in need), the Alistair Roberts Memorial Charity through the retiring collection at the carol concert and purchasing Harper Muller's Christmas cards.*

*This edition of the newsletter particularly celebrates the achievements of those children who received Love – Learn – Grow Awards at the end of this term. Well done to all of you on your achievements. There is only the opportunity to formally acknowledge three children in the class at this event each term, but there have been numerous children who have had achievements in their learning this term or received awards in Celebration Assembly – well done to everyone on all that you have achieved!*

*We are blessed to have such a dedicated and talented team of staff at school – who work above and beyond, always putting in discretionary effort to provide wonderful learning opportunities and experiences for the children. I am privileged to lead such dedicated staff and I thank them for all their work this term.*

*The continuing work of the Friends of St Joseph's needs particular acknowledgement at this time of year. The Autumn Festival was a lovely event that not only raised funds for the school, but provided us with the chance to come together in a social setting. This week the children have had such excitement with parties and discos to celebrate the Christmas season. Thank you to all of you who are involved in FOSJS events, your contribution is greatly appreciated by all here at school.*

*I would finally like to thank you as parents and carers for all you have done to support your child in school this term. On behalf of myself and all the staff, we would like to thank you for your continued support for us as we work in partnership, for the many cards, gifts and good wishes we have received over the past week or two - they are greatly appreciated.*

***From everyone at St Joseph's we wish you and your loved ones God's blessing this Christmas.***

## ADVENT 2024 LOVE LEARN GROW AWARDS

CLASS	LOVE	LEARN	GROW
<b>RMG</b>	Ava Holland - You have both a love for learning and a love for others. You are always eager to learn and challenge yourself. Equally, you have such a caring and loving attitude towards others.	Tiarnan McCann - You are a true role model to your peers in all aspects of school life and I am incredibly proud of you! Your attitude to learning is inspiring and infectious and it encourages others to try.	Molly Marsh- You truly have grown this term and I could not be prouder of your new-found attitude. You have overcome the initial obstacles during transition and now you are blossoming into a confident and keen learner.
<b>RC</b>	Emilia Ruivo - Since the start of Reception you have always shown love and kindness towards your friends and teachers. When anyone is upset, you are the first to ask them if they would like a hug or someone to talk to. This is a great quality to have.	Teddy Faust - Your confidence has blossomed since the start of Reception and it is amazing to see how much you have learnt! You have always shown a positive attitude towards your learning and try your hardest every day.	Harry Hennessey - You have shown a great commitment to showing your peers and your teachers how you behave in a respectful manner. Your behaviour has blossomed since the start of the year and we are all very proud of what you have achieved so far.
<b>1B</b>	Amelia Bull- You show so much kindness to your peers and you spread love and positivity around the classroom.	Grace Gibbs- Your confidence and attitude to learning has really stood out in the classroom. You always apply yourself and strive to give your best version.	Chloe Vieira- You have made excellent progress with your learning. You have flourished academically and really grown in confidence, which has helped you shine in the classroom.
<b>1D</b>	Tilly Williams - It is such a joy to see your smile each morning as you get ready to join your peers in the classroom. Your love for school and your friends is wonderful to witness.	Nellie Hall - You are so focused in every lesson and always keen to share your ideas with the class. Every piece of your work is completed to a high standard and you have amazed me this term!	Alfie Long - You have grown in so many different ways this term. You have become more confident and you are willing to take risks in your learning. Well done for the progress you have made.
<b>2E</b>	Sophie Roper - Your love of learning knows no bounds! You always apply yourself whole heartedly to your work. The love and kindness that you show your friends and teachers is infectious.	Balakanthan Aravind - Your confidence since starting at St Joseph's has been inspiring. It is reflected in your learning; as you consistently produce high quality work.	Philippa Soriano - You always put every effort into everything you do and the progress you have made this term is phenomenal. We are incredibly proud of you.
<b>2WE</b>	Millie Cloherty - You are a much-loved member of our class! Your friends would be the first to say how kind and loving you are. You are a wonderful role model to everyone in 2WE.	Daniel Saiju- Your confidence has grown from strength to strength this term. Your kindness and love of learning is evident in the work you produce.	Aaron Turnock - This term, you have shown such maturity in all elements of your school life. You are a caring friend and kind soul who makes our class a wonderful place to be.
<b>3B</b>	Mayson Milkowski - For being such a caring member of Year 3B class. Throughout this term you quietly helped, comforted and encouraged other children.	Ave-Maria - This term you have shown how much you can achieve through concentrating on your learning. You have worked hard and have been rewarded with great work and achievements, especially in Art.	Elsie Harrison - You have grown both in confidence and in your belief in your own ability since the beginning of the school year. It has been lovely to watch this benefit you academically.

<b>3S</b>	Reese Muller - You are such a kind and positive friend to those around you. Your enthusiasm for learning is infectious and it has been noticed by your teachers and your peers.	Evelyn Houston - Your love for school and learning is palpable. You are always trying to improve your work by actively listening to feedback. You are motivated and determined to be the best you can be.	Mia Neves - It has been fantastic to see your confidence grow. You are becoming more independent each day and you are sharing your knowledge with your peers. You are showing determination to complete tasks to a high standard.
<b>4B</b>	Ayan Sharma - Your warmth and kindness have shone through this term, both in your interactions with your classmates and adults. You consistently show thoughtfulness and generosity in all that you do.	Sienna Ward - You are an excellent role model for your peers, consistently listening attentively in every lesson and giving your best effort at all times. It has truly been a pleasure to teach you this term.	Isabella Mosca Turner-Lally - It has been a joy to see your confidence in maths grow throughout this term. Your independence and self-assurance shine through in all your work.
<b>4FG</b>	Tom Corcoran - Your love of learning is an inspiration for your peers. You are always striving to further your understanding. Your kind heart ensures that everyone is valued in our class and your enthusiasm to work with others sets a great example of teamwork.	Tito Hernandez de la Cuesta - You are a role model for your peers. You have a strong work ethic, always trying your best and completing your work to a high standard. It has been a real pleasure to teach you this term.	Holly Lopez - It has been wonderful to watch you grow this term in all areas of your learning. Your confidence and independence shines through in all that you do.
<b>5D</b>	Jaiya Virdi – You have shown so much love this term, for your peers, for your teachers and for your learning. You are kind and considerate in everything you do.	Bella Grist – You are so motivated in your learning, always trying your best and working hard in all lessons.	Amber Haddow- You have shown real growth in yourself this term. This is evident in how you approach your work and your friendships.
<b>5F</b>	Jolin Schwarz - You show that you are a loving and caring member of the class every day. You look out for how you can support others around you and always do what you can to help.	Neha Pallipuram - You are always so keen to learn and try hard in all that you do. You listen carefully in lessons so that you have the tools to help you produce your best work.	Aman Mantharu - You have grown in confidence this term. You are always keen to share your ideas with the rest of the class and you are not scared to get something wrong. You celebrate the mistakes that you make and use these to deepen your understanding and grow your knowledge even further.
<b>6O</b>	Chloe Peacock- You are the definition of a kind person. The manners and empathy that you have shown to others is lovely to watch, especially with your Reception Buddy. Well done for being such a good role model.	Jake Cartwright- Your confidence has gone from strength to strength. It has been lovely to see you working hard and pushing yourself to achieve your very best. Some challenges have been tricky but you have stayed resilient and worked hard to improve.	Amaya Iraola Jones- You have worked so hard this term and your maturity to solve problems has been amazing to see. The confidence you are showing when tackling challenges is wonderful.
<b>6ST</b>	Andres Ciomaga - Your sense of humour lights up the room and you never fail to spread a smile. You always show love and kindness to those around you and you are a great friend to all.	Cassie Ward - You have shone in Maths this term. It has been wonderful to see you push yourself and become such an independent and motivated learner. Keep up the amazing work!	Rhian Crump - Your confidence has grown so much this term and you are demonstrating such a positive attitude - particularly in Maths. It is wonderful to see you believe in yourself! Keep it up!









## HOUSE POINTS – THIS WEEK

St David  
68

St George  
75

St Andrew  
65

St Patrick  
72

Well done to all the children for working so hard to receive house points this term.

Each week was a closely run competition and the final totals were also very close.

The winning house this term was

**St Andrew**

Well done to all the children in this house, you will be rewarded with a non-uniform, wear blue day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

## HOUSE POINTS – RUNNING TOTALS

St David  
852

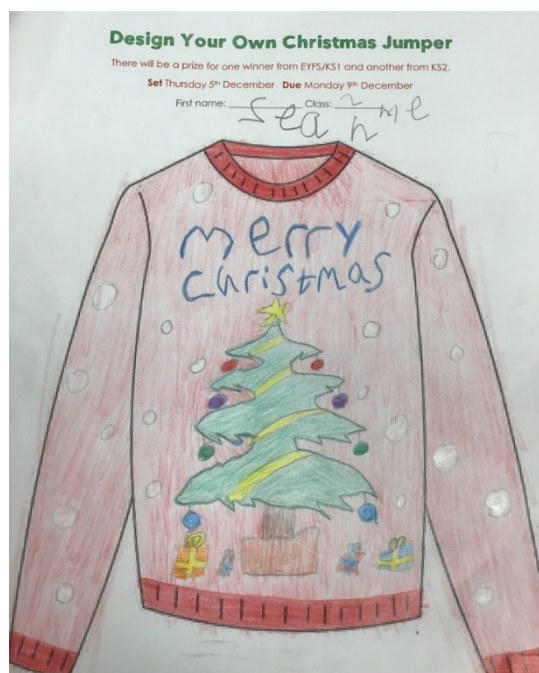
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St Andrew  
875

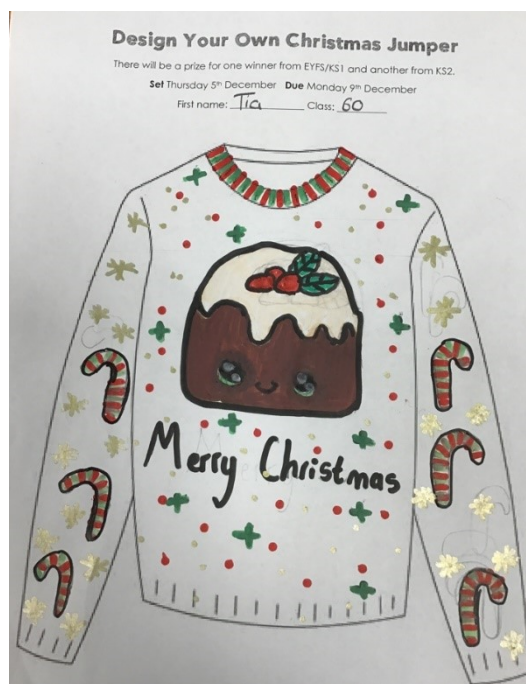
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1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sean Dec-Leventis



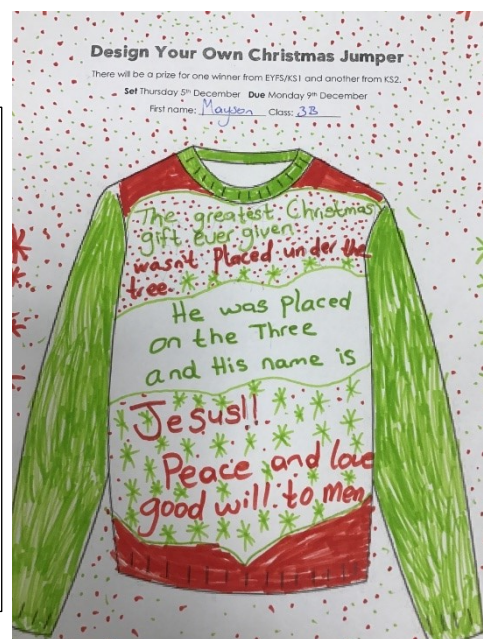
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tia Matharu



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Annalise Holland



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mayson Milkowski



In conjunction with Mulberry Court Residential Home, Chalfont St Peter, we take part in a design a Christmas jumper competition each year.

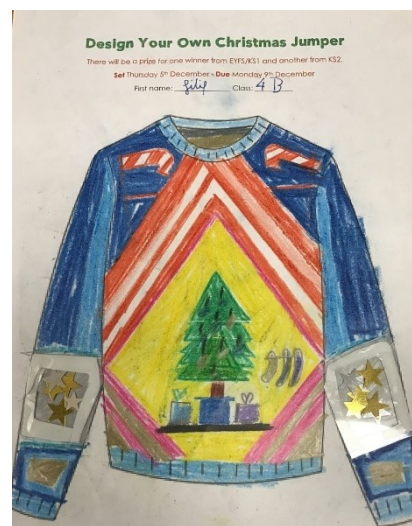
Prizes are given to those who win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize from the home.

Well done to our winners!



3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Chloe Vieira  
Filip Middleton







### ***St Vincent de Paul***

Representatives from St. Vincent de Paul collected all the hampers that were assembled and displayed on the Altar during Monday's end of term Mass, at the Church. They have already been distributed to local families in need so they have been received in good time for Christmas.

There are so many people who, for all sorts of reasons, have really benefited from your efforts and generosity.

The St. Vincent de Paul members have asked that their grateful thanks be passed on to you and that you all have a blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



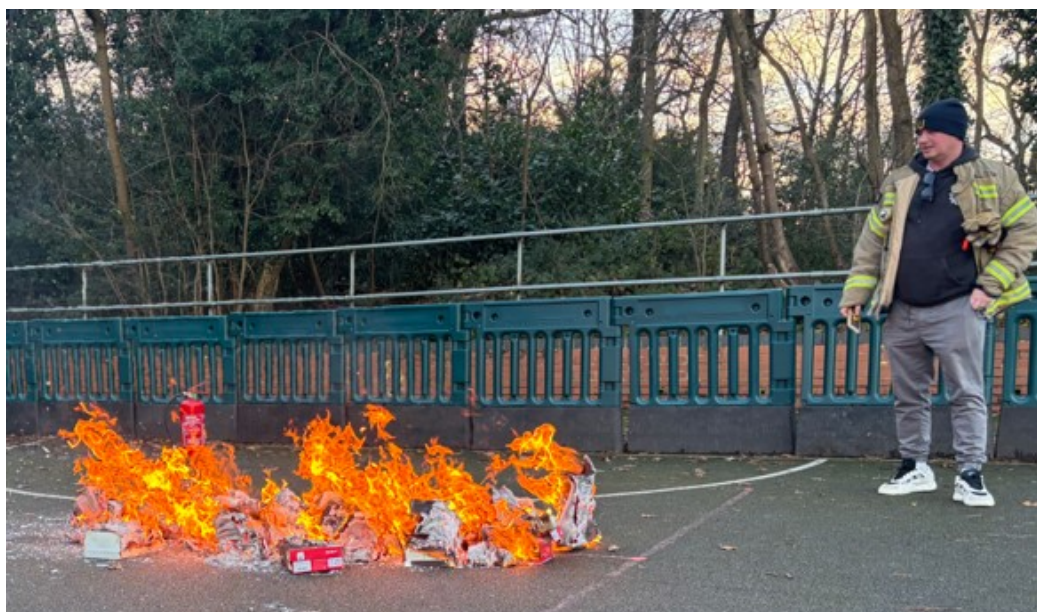


## Fire Fire!

Year 2 completed their work on the Great Fire of London this week by setting up a Pudding Lane replica and having the great fire at St Joseph's.



Thank you so much to Mr McLelland for coming in to supervise and keep us all safe.





### School Policies Update

Please note that a few policies have been updated recently.

These can be accessed via the school website:

The attendance policy

The uniform policy

### Read Write Inc – Phonics



It's never too early to start learning phonics – Mrs Barugh and Fred are very busy already working on phonics with Millie Barugh (who is not even a month yet!).

This week all children in Year 1 and Year 2 who are still working on the RWInc programme brought home a sheet of speedy reading words relating to the colour they are currently working on.

We have been carrying out assessments this week and feel that speedy reading – reading words at a glance is a key focus for a large proportion of the children. The words on the list that have been sent home are words that the children should be very fluent with and be able to read at a glance. It would be really beneficial for the children to work on these words over the Christmas holiday to improve their overall reading fluency.

### Key Dates – January 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Date	Event
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Lent Term begins – all pupils in school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	PSHE Day – whole school Letter has been sent out about the topics being covered
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	4B attend Parish Mass (9.00am Church) Parents are welcome to join



**A very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year from all at  
St Joseph's School.**