

Catholic Life of the school Newsletter

LENT 2025

ST JOSEPH'S KINDNESS JOURNEY

Lent is a time when we pray, do kind things for other people, give up things and give to others. We use the opportunities of Lent to make a new start.

For forty days, we accompany Jesus on his journey and we see the mercy he shows towards others, despite his suffering. Just as God shows mercy towards us, like Jesus, we try to show mercy to others.

During Lent, we are preparing for Easter, an opportunity for new beginnings. At St Joseph's, we have used this time to focus on being kind.



Each day, the children record who has been kind. As you can see, St Joseph's is full of kindness! Every week, 10 children are chosen from the wall to receive a kindness badge.



be kind



PRAYERS THIS TERM:

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

St. Joseph's is our school.

Teach us Lord, to Love, Learn and
Grow together.

Just as you guided your beloved son,
Jesus.

Open our hearts to your plans for us and

Show us your path to follow.

Each day, help us to feel your
presence among us,

Protecting us on our journey.

Holy Spirit be with us.

St. Joseph pray for us.

Amen

I want to follow in your
footsteps
because I trust in you.
Slowly I discover your path
and I move forward,
keeping my eyes fixed on
you.



KINDNESS PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that we can be kind to one
another.

Thank you for our teachers and family who
teach us why we need to be kind.

Thank you God, for the kindness and love
that you show us.

Please help us to forgive our friends for any
fallings-out.

Please help us always to give people a
second chance.

Please help us to say sorry and start again.

Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY

To mark the beginning of Lent, we gathered as a whole school to receive ashes. The ash cross is a symbol of our repentance and that we are followers of Jesus. Which means that we are turning away from sin and turning our hearts to God. It is also a reminder that God loves us and forgives us no matter what.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & END OF TERM MASS

Father John visited Years 4, 5 and 6 for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children thought about what they wanted forgiveness for and shared The Act of Contrition.



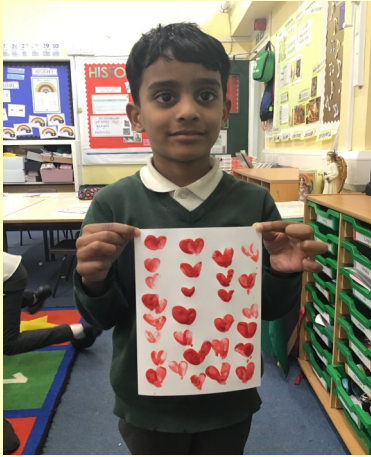
Our End of Term Mass was a wonderful celebration of the term. All the children entered the church beautifully and participated well in the Mass. We once again thank the parish and our priests for allowing us to celebrate in the church and regularly visiting the children at school.

PASSION PLAY

Well done to Years 3 and 4 who delivered a beautiful Passion Play. It is always so important to remind ourselves of the story that led us to Easter celebrations. The children spoke clearly and sang so well.

YEAR 1 CARE HOME VISIT

Year 1 visited Austenwood Care Home. As part of their RE, they created a kindness card for the residents. It was lovely to see the children talk to the residents so confidently and show them so much warmth. Inside their cards was the poem below.

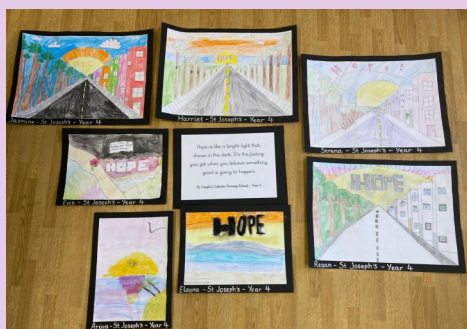


Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruits;
Love is the sweet sunshine,
That warms into life,
For only in darkness,
Grow hatred and strife.



GOLDHILL HUB DESTINATION HOPE / ART EXHIBITION

The Goldhill Hub invited St Joseph's to take part in their Jubilee Year art exhibition. Each year group thought about hope in a different way. The children explored what hope is, what it looks like and what their own hopes are. Below are the selection from each year that will be part of the event.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As part of our Lenten Journey we visited the new prayer space. The children had the opportunity to walk the stations and reflect on how painful this journey was for Jesus.



I had time to look at each picture and think about how Jesus felt.

It made me think about times I have needed help.

There were many people who wanted to help Jesus

It must have been very difficult for Mary to watch.

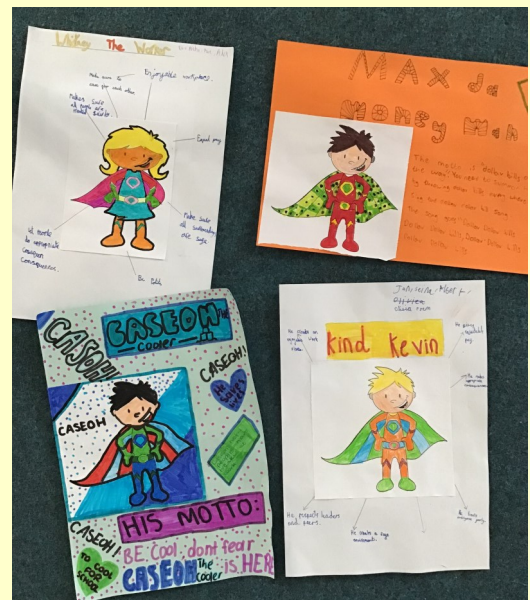
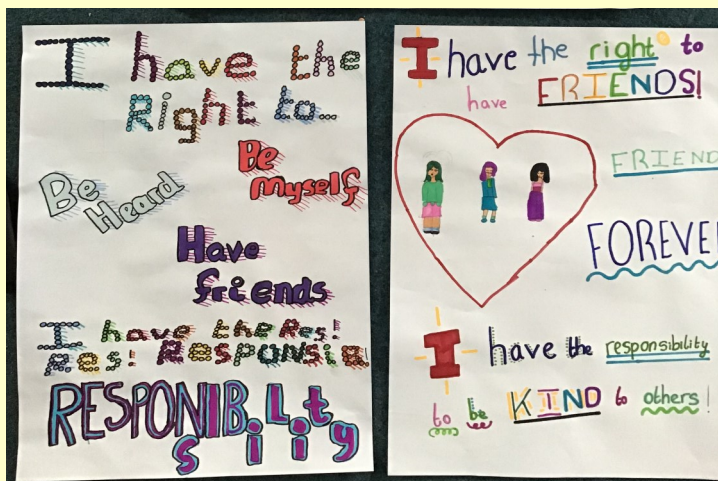
We walked each step like Jesus would have.

Looking at the last station reminded me why we celebrate Easter.



ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

On Wednesday 19th March, the whole school celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day. We began the day joining together for Mass and then went to the field to watch our new prayer space being blessed by Father Bob. The children spent the day learning about St Joseph and exploring Catholic Social Teaching.



YEAR 6 CHARITY DAY

Year 6 have been busy this term, planning and preparing their stalls for Charity Day. The whole school and parents were able to visit and contribute to the fundraising for different charities. The money raised will be shared amongst the chosen charities, including: British Heart Foundation, Dreamflight, Dog's Trust and CAFOD.



ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT ST. JOSEPH'S
WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER.

