

Catholic Life of the school Newsletter

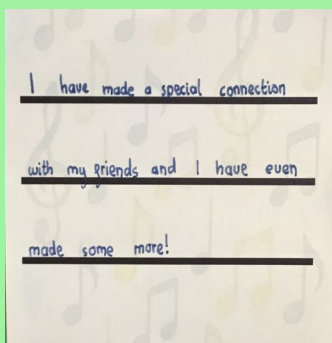
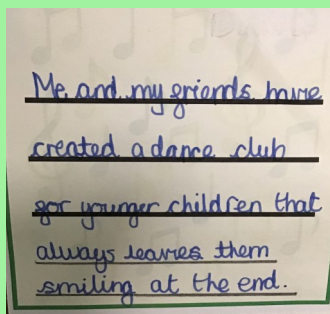
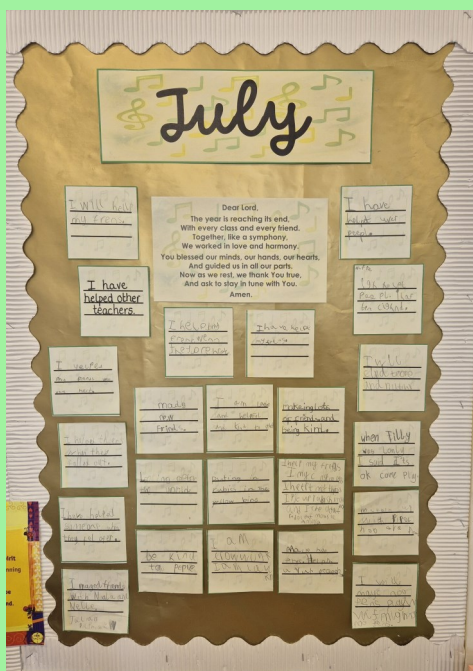
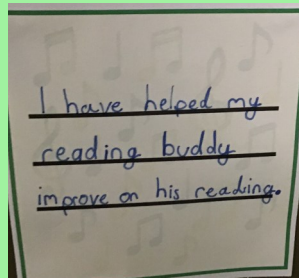
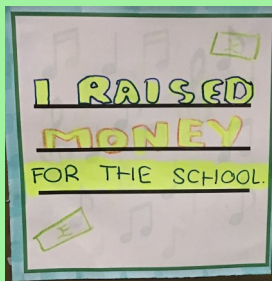
PENTECOST 2025

ST JOSEPH'S SYMPHONY

At St Joseph's, we began the year by exploring the beautiful metaphor of an orchestra—each of us playing a unique part, yet coming together as one to create a powerful and harmonious symphony. This idea of teamwork has been at the heart of everything we've done. We have worked side by side, achieving amazing things together.



We've raised funds for important causes, shown kindness every day, supported our local community and made great progress in our learning and personal growth. Just like an orchestra, our strength has come from our unity, and together, we've made this year truly unforgettable.



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

Dear Lord,

The year is reaching its end,

With every class and every friend.

Together, like a symphony,

We worked in love and harmony.

You blessed our minds, our hands, our hearts,

And guided us in all our parts.

Now as we rest, we thank You true,

And ask to stay in tune with You.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED BE THY NAME
THY KINGDOM COME
THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH
AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

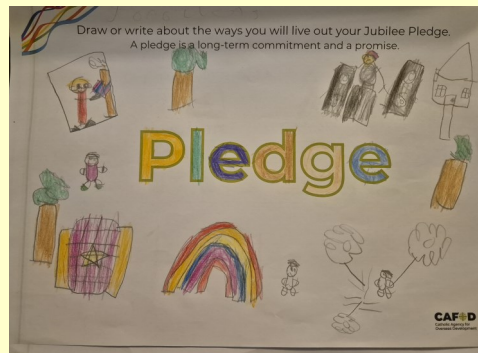
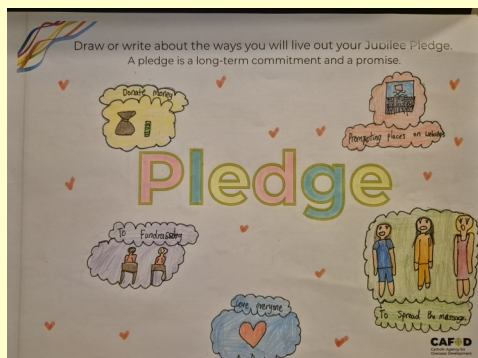
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE
WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

AMEN

CAFOD

This term, our KS1 children were visited by CAFOD and took part in a session about how some countries around the world lack basic necessities that many of us take for granted. They learnt about CAFOD's *Cancel Debt, Choose Hope* campaign and reflected on the importance of fairness and compassion.

At St Joseph's we had our Pledge Day. KS1 have promised to make regular visits to our local care home, bringing joy and companionship to the residents, while KS2 will be supporting vulnerable children at Udayan, a home in India providing care and education for children affected by leprosy. Through these acts, our children are truly learning what it means to be global citizens and compassionate members of their community.



ADORATION



Year 1-6 students visited the church for a special time of Adoration. Father John helped them to understand that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. The children had time to spend in silence, an important opportunity to talk to Jesus in their hearts. Each class also visited the oratory, which gave them a peaceful space to reflect.



MAY

During the month of May, we honoured and remembered Mary in a special way. As a whole school, we came together to celebrate her with love and reverence. We watched as the statue of Mary was processed through the school, creating a peaceful and prayerful moment for everyone. Every child made a beautiful flower, and these were placed around Mary, decorating her with colour and care. It was a lovely way to show our devotion and to remember Mary's importance in our faith.



OTHER FAITHS

This term each class has learnt about different religions. In Year 2, they made challah bread, learning about its special role in the Shabbat meal.



Year 4 took a recent trip to a local Gurdwara. We thank the volunteers who gave up their time to show the children around. Our children were excellent ambassadors for our school and their excellent behaviour did not go unnoticed by those at the Gurdwara.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOHN

Dear Children,



Greetings from St Joseph's Parish. It was great to see you all at our recent Mass for the end of the school year. To Year 6, this is an important time in your lives and no doubt you will be feeling somewhat nervous about the future. This is understandable, I was nervous when I left the comfort of my old school to go to another. Know that you will always be remembered here. We shall be praying for each and everyone of you that you will be happy wherever you go. I would encourage you to look forward with excitement to the future. To everyone at the school, be confident that God is always with you to help, guide and protect you. God bless.

FAITH LEADERS

Our Faith Leaders have done a fantastic job this year! They took part in a special induction Mass at the start of the year and have read beautifully throughout the year. They helped lead the Harvest Assembly and worked hard to prepare hampers for the SVP, showing kindness and care for others. They've also done a great job leading their classes in prayer and showing what it means to live out our faith every day. They've set a brilliant example for the children who will be chosen as Faith Leaders next year.



We enjoyed doing the assemblies.

Amelie & Dylan

Year 1

We liked having the meetings and being able to go to church.

Jesse & Kane

Year 2

It was really special getting our badges at church.

Reeva & Amelia

Year 3

We really enjoyed the Harvest Assembly and Marian procession.

Martin & Penelope

Year 4

Going to the oratory felt really special.

Cecilia & Daisy

Year 5

Being able to say readings makes you feel important. We are glad we were chosen.

Rhian & Lena

Year 6

YEAR 2 LITURGY

The Year 2 liturgy was a special celebration. The children sang beautifully and read with such confidence and care – it was clear they had worked very hard to prepare. It was a lovely way to help them, along with their friends and families, reflect on their time so far and get ready for the next exciting chapter of their journey at St Joseph's. We are so proud of them and know they will continue to shine in Key Stage 2!



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS

As part of their leaving celebrations, we have said a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children. Although their journey at St Joseph's is coming to an end, they will always be part of our school family. We are so proud of the young people they have become and know they will carry the values of St Joseph's with them as they move on.



END OF TERM MASS

We thank Father John for sharing our final Mass this academic year. The children from Year 1 read beautifully and we had the opportunity to present our new class candles. It was a wonderful way to come together and celebrate the past year.

