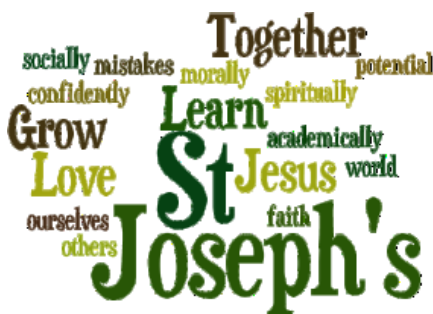


# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



**Gospel Reading for  
Sunday 12th November  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary time  
Matthew 25: 1-13**



## Headteacher's message



As we reflected upon the Gospel reading of last Sunday, we pondered upon the actions of the Scribes and the Pharisees., parading around rather attention and recognition from others. Jesus does not want us

to behave in this way, but rather be humble and serve others. Each member of our school community left the assembly deciding upon how they would show their humility this week: choosing patience, rather than getting angry; listening to others rather than interrupting others; admitting our mistakes rather than believing that we are right; putting others first rather than ourselves—how would they demonstrate their humility?

As we approach the month of November, we do so with humility. We remember all those who gave their lives so that we could aspire for peace—those who left family and friends never to return. We also remember all those we have lost and have left an empty place in our lives.

November can be a challenging month for this reason, but God understands our pain as he sacrificed His own Son for us. It is at times like this that we need to unite and be with others—please join us to represent the school, at the Chalfont St Peter Remembrance parade. Pupils should meet staff at the British Legion, on Nicol Road at 2:20pm on Sunday. dressed in their full school uniform.

***“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.”***

***(Robert Laurence Binyon)***



## Housepoints this week (Running totals)

**St David 44 (355)**

**St George 18 (282)**

**St Patrick 22 (318)**

**St Andrew 69(538)**

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### *Attendance—Week Ending 10th November 2023*

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	95.3	RB	96.2
1JB	97.5	1EB	95.2
2E	98.0	2F	91.3
3GF	88.1	3B	96.6
4D	96.7	4H	92.6
5G	90.8	5C	80.8
6W	94.1	6MT	96.2

### **Attendance Goodie Bag**

**100% for Week Ending 10.11.23**

*Well done to Naryan who won our attendance goodie bag this week, for achieving 100% attendance!*



*Our highest class attendance this week was 2E with 98.0%. They will have additional play next week*

### **Whole School Attendance figure this week...**

**93.3%**

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION



### *New After School Group*

*Next Thursday will see the start of a new after school club....The Quest Club is a club focussed on the principles of team work, collaborative story telling, problem solving, dramatic improvisation and even a little maths - all through the use of TTRPG's (table top role playing games).*

*More information has been sent via email to Years 5&6.*

*Club Open to a maximum of 12 –Thursdays,*

*3.15 -4.00pm*

*Available to book via ParentPay*



### **Drumming after school club .....**

**This club is now available as an additional club to years 5 & 6. Drumming is a popular club and offers participants the chance to perform at the school music concert and the Chalfont feast day in the summer. Please use your ParentPay account to sign up.**



### **NUT FREE ZONE**

**PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE ZONE AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS MUST NOT BE INCLUDED IN LUNCH BOXES.**

**PLEASE NOTE THIS INCLUDES PESTO CONTAINING PINE NUTS**

**THANKS YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE!**

### **Parental Contact**

*Every Tuesday from 3-3.30pm, you are able to visit the classroom of your child, look at their books and speak with the class teacher. If you need to speak with the teacher at any point during the week, please email the school office and staff will get back to you at an available time.*

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Children in Year 3 or above are invited to take part in our 2024 First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation programme. This is organised by St Joseph's Parish and will be led this year by Fr Jerome Ituah OCD. There will be a Parents Meeting **on Monday, 13th November at 7:30pm** in St Joseph's Church, where Fr Jerome will outline the plans and expectations of the children and parents participating.

Online registration will open later that week for those who wish to enrol their child in the programme.

**world youth day**  
ENGLAND & WALES

**COME + SEE**

**LIVE**

Register today!

**09:30AM | ALL AGE**  
OPENING CELEBRATION OF THE WORD WITH  
SR LINDA & SR ANNA, FDC

**9:45AM | ALL AGE**  
WAKE AND SHAKE WITH WORLD YOUTH DANCE CREW

**10:00AM | ALL AGE**  
WELCOME: LIVE

**10:30AM | PRIMARY**  
YOUTH FUNDAY INTERNATIONAL WITH THE  
COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES

**11:00AM | SECONDARY**  
THE THEME UNPACKED WITH  
WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY

**11:30AM | PRIMARY**  
FAITH IN ACTION WITH SVP

**12:00PM | SECONDARY**  
FAITH IN ACTION WITH CAFOD

**12:30PM | ALL AGE**  
LUNCHTIME: SYNOD AND SANDWICHES

**1:30PM | ALL AGE**  
CLOSING PRAYER

An interactive day of virtual community, prayerful encounter,  
input and activities for schools and families across the nation

**Livestreamed on the CYMFed  
YouTube Channel**

**CYMFED**  
CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY FEDERATION

## Our Pupil Leadership—Who are they?

I am one of the Head Pupils here at St Joseph's and have been at St Joseph's since Pre-school.

I have several hobbies and interests outside of school. I have played football since I was 3 years old. I play in the centre forward position and I scored 37 goals last season. I also dance - doing street and contemporary. I thoroughly enjoy performing on a stage. I enjoy reading and my favourite genre is murder mystery.

My favourite subject at school is creative writing which we complete in our teachers planning and preparation time. I love having the freedom to write stories in a style and genre of my choosing. When I grow up I want to be an author.

I applied to be on the Pupil Leadership Team because I love helping out, having responsibility and representing the school.

During my time as one of the Head Pupils I would like to have the library open at break and lunchtime for reading and picking books. I would also like to have more animals at the school.



**Evie—Head Pupil**

I am one of the two Head Pupils at St Joseph's.

My hobbies and interests are swimming and football which I am very good at. My favourite book series is The Diary of Wimpy Kid because they are humorous and interesting books. I like school and my favourite subject is Art because I love drawing and I am creative with my work.

My family includes my mum, dad and two brothers (who are both older than me) and used to come to this school. My favourite food is pizza and curry.

On the Pupil Leadership Team, we help both the students and teachers – this is something I enjoy doing. We visit places, such as recently attending the Diocesan School Mass, to represent the school.

In my role I have discussions with the Leadership Team about what needs to change or improve in school - something I would aim to add is more equipment for us to use at break and lunch on the playgrounds.

It really is a privilege to be a part of this group and to be a Head Pupil. If you ever get the chance to go for a position like this I recommend you taking it because it really is extraordinary.



**Harvey—Head Pupil**



## Our Pupil Leadership—Who are they?

I am a Deputy Head pupil at St. Joseph's. I joined the school when I was in Reception.

I like reading, baking, shopping and my favourite book series is The Land of Stories. In school, my favourite subject is English because I particularly like writing stories.

I have a brother who attended this school but now he is in a grammar school. He is in Year 10.

Since I joined the Pupil Leadership Team, I've been feeling more responsible and organised in this important role. I like helping out for events like: Celebration Assembly, Love, Learn Grow Assembly, parents' evening and many other things.



**Sowmya**

Deputy Head Pupil

I am one of two Deputy Head Pupils and my mission is to make a positive impact on our school before I leave.

I thoroughly enjoy playing with my dog, Poppy. My favourite book is The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and my favourite food is Cambodian chicken curry.

I love being a member of the Pupil Leadership Team and I am grateful that I have a chance to contribute to the growth of our school by using my ideas and to building on those of others. I really enjoy History because you learn so many fascinating things and then remember that it all actually happened!

One way I think I could improve the school is by having more PE lessons because sport is good for your wellbeing and your health.

Remember, I'm always here to help!



**William**

Deputy Head Pupil

I am one of the Prefects.

I joined St Joseph's Catholic Primary school in Year 4.

My favourite subject is Art because when I do it I feel very creative; the possibilities are endless! My hobbies are reading, baking, art, dancing and singing.

My favourite place is the Chiltern Open Air Museum.

I love being on the Pupil Leadership Team, because it opens a door for so many opportunities. I want to influence things in school in this role – one of them is to extend the time that the school library is open.



**Pamina**

Prefect

## Our Pupil Leadership—Who are they?

I am a Prefect on the Pupil Leadership Team; my job is to represent and help improve the school. I used to live in Dubai and joined St Joseph's in Year 2.

My favourite hobby is football and my favourite foods are: pasta and curry.

My family contains 3 people and 2 pets, there is my mum and dad, my brother William, he also went to St Joseph's. My pets are called Jessie (a Maltese dog, in fact she is Joey, our school dog's, daughter) and Evie (a cat).

My favourite subject is Maths because it helps to solve problems.

I want to work with the Pupil and Senior Leadership Team to improve the school - one way I want to do this is by having unlimited access to the library if you want to go and read.



**Thomas** – Prefect

My name is Sofia and I am part of the Prefect Team. I have been at this school since Pre-school and have recently been chosen to be part of the Pupil Leadership Team.

In this role I am hoping to make pupils who feel vulnerable gain more confidence. I was ecstatic when I found out I had been selected and even though I have only been doing this for a while, I love all the responsibilities and things that we get to do (not to mention the fabulous golden ties)!

In my free time, I enjoy singing and playing football and my favourite team is Arsenal. My favourite subjects at school are Art and English. I love these two subjects as I can express my feelings with my own unique creativity.

I also like the Harry Potter series, both the film and book! I love Christmas time and I really enjoy the Christmas dinner that we have at school.

I am looking forward to having more jobs and seeing you all around school!



**Sofia**— Prefect

I'm a Prefect on the Pupil Leadership Team. I am really proud to hold this position.

My Favourite hobbies are football, swimming and ice skating. My favourite food is pizza, chocolate and hamburgers.

I like watching films and my favourite films are Up and Elemental.

In school I particularly enjoy Art and I really loved doing a self portrait and was really pleased with the outcome of my efforts in that part of the curriculum. I also enjoy Mathematics and like being challenged, having problems to solve and finding the answers – this is really satisfying.



**Alex**— Prefect

## Our Pupil Leadership—Who are they?

My name is Darcey Hassett and I am a Prefect in the Pupil Leadership Team.

In my free time, I love to act, dance and sing. My favourite subject is Art as I get to explore my creative side.

In my family there are five of us. My two brothers (Reagan and Kane) also come to St. Joseph's.

My favourite film is "Cruella De Ville", I really like the mystery in the production.

I like being part of the Pupil Leadership Team because I enjoy having responsibility. I am particularly enjoying leading assemblies.

In this role I want to improve the school for pupils who struggle in any way with learning because I am dyslexic and I understand how difficult learning can be if you have specific learning needs.



**Darcey** – Prefect

I am a Prefect. My mission is to help improve the school in any areas that are needed.

My hobbies and interests are swimming and football, which I am very good at.

I thoroughly enjoy the film called Top Gun Maverick and my favourite food is chicken curry.

At school, I find every lesson enjoyable but the one that really stands out to me is Maths as I do like a good challenge and solving problems.

I love being part of the Pupil Leadership Team as it is a great way to share ideas and help improve the school. It is also a great way to interact with younger children, which I think is a great way of learning.

During my time as a Prefect, I would like to improve the school such as adding extra playground equipment.

I like working with the younger children and feel I have a good knowledge of younger children as I have two sisters of my own.



**Joseph** — Prefect

### **Noah** — Prefect

Noah has been ill this week—his information will be in next weeks newsletter. Get well soon Noah!



## Our Pupil Leadership—Who are they?

I am one out of the 8 Prefects here at St Josephs.

I have two 20-year-old sisters, Erin and Tara and two great parents.

I am originally from South Africa and came to St Josephs in Year 5.

I love helping out, looking after and caring for younger children (especially Reception and Year 1).

One of my priorities is to help and love everyone around me. I just want to spread, share and show how much kindness and love we can gift to those around us.

My favourite film is The Labyrinth, starring David Bowie.

My dad made a famous documentary and won an Oscar for it, My Octopus Teacher. He is a sound engineer.

My favourite subject is English.

I love being part of the Pupil Leadership Team as it gives me a sense of responsibility.



Paige – Prefect

### Children in Need

Reminder that we will be marking Children in Need Day on **Monday 13th November**. We will be having a very special visitor during our assembly on Monday afternoon. The children can come into school wearing something spotty—£1 donation towards the charity.

### Remembrance Sunday—12th November

**The Pupil Leadership Team and the School Leadership Team will be attending the Remembrance Day Parade in Chalfont St Peter on Sunday. We would like to invite all the children and your families to join us at this event. We are meeting at the British Legion on Nicol Road at 2.20pm.**

**Please make sure that the children attend in full school uniform.**

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### Class 6W's Assembly



6W shared their learning from RE on different vocations. They told us all about the jobs that they aspire to have when they are older and interviewed Father John about his vocation to become a priest.

Their singing and acting was wonderful and they have worked incredibly hard to learn their lines.

**Well done 6W for a wonderful assembly!**

#### ***Class Champions/ Rainbow Awards***

*During our celebration assembly we recognise the achievements of the children in each class, who have displayed the qualities of their class saint or have shown our learning characteristics during the week.*

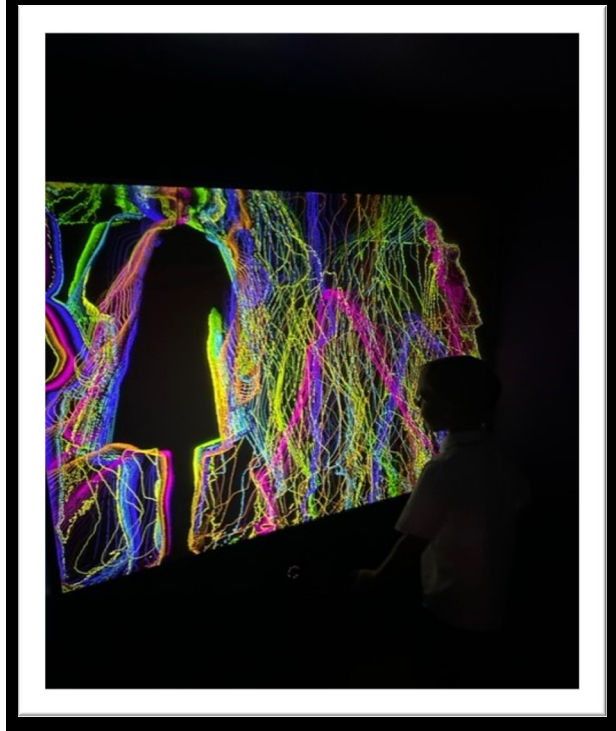
*The class champion and rainbow award winners were shared during this time. Our Class Champions are Isaac & Daniel (Y6), Patrick & Sonny (Y5) Freddie & Olivia (Y4) Xavier and Isabella (Y3)*

*Our Rainbow Award winners are Scarlett & Olivia (Y6), Wiktoria & Holly (Y5) Cameron & Xavier (Y4) Blake (Y3), Grace & Spencer (Y2), Jacob & Sean (Y1)*

*Well done everyone!*

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### Year 1 Science Trip



Year 1 have become super scientists this week after a fantastic trip to the science museum in London! We really enjoyed visiting all the exhibitions, the garden was our favourite with all the sensory activities. We even spotted a picture of Isaac Newton whilst we were there and spoke about his discoveries that we learnt about last term.

**Thank you to all those parent volunteers who helped us on the day.**

***Have a lovely weekend -  
St. Joseph's School***

