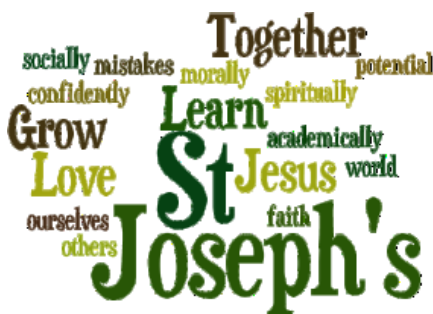


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 19th November
33rd Sunday in Ordinary time
Matthew 25:14-30*



Headteacher's message

We have had an extremely busy week here at St Joseph's. It was great to see all the 'spotacular' students and staff of St Joseph's on Monday—so many children supporting Children In Need and all it's great causes by dressing up in spots. It is wonderful to watch how these charities can enrich the lives of children who experience difficulties from a young age, with the aim to instill confidence and support each one of them.

This I something that we are determined to instill in all our pupils, so on Tuesday we experienced a music extravaganza when 'Rocksteady' performed and shared information about creating our own school bands. Not only will the participants of these bands learn to play an instrument, but they will also develop the skills of confidence, resilience as well as so many more. It was great to see how many pupils had signed up by the end of the day. I know that the teachers are very keen to start up their own rock band, so watch this space!

It is that time of year where we all get so busy preparing for the festive season. You will receive information this week regarding lots of forthcoming events, so please do mark them in your diary and join us for the festive fun.



Housepoints this week (Running totals)

St David 73 (412)

St George 68 (350)

St Patrick 77 (395)

St Andrew 73 (611)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 17th November 2023

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	94.0	RB	92.1
1JB	99.2	1EB	98.4
2E	97.0	2F	92.5
3GF	96.9	3B	97.5
4D	95.6	4H	94.1
5G	96.2	5C	91.2
6W	91.0	6MT	98.1

Attendance Goodie Bag

100% for Week Ending 17.11.23

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

Our highest class attendance this week was 1JB with 99.2%. They will have additional play next week



Whole School Attendance figure this week...

95.3%

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).

F U L L Y B O O K E D



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.

Please allow 48 hours to receive a reply to emails.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Lost and Found / Missing

Please check items coming home from school to make sure they belong to your child. There are many misplaced and lost items currently on the missing list.

Thank you.



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).

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.

You can even get to have a look at our teachers trying to be rockstars or Vikings!

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Daniel's Chess Challenge

This week we received information from a parent about the challenge her son has taken on and we are extremely proud to share this with you.

Daniel (Year 5) has a great passion for chess and has channelled this into a wonderful cause. He's working on a fundraising project with the aim of taking 50 Ukrainians (children and their parents) to the Roald Dahl Museum on the 26th of November.

This trip is more than just an outing; it's a chance for these children, who've experienced the hardships of war, to have a day of joy and wonder. Along with the museum visit, the plan is to give each child a voucher to buy books or souvenirs, making their experience even more memorable.

We are thrilled to share that Daniel's efforts have been recognised in the local news in the area he lives. His story was featured in an article, highlighting his commitment to this cause. You can read about it here: [My News Mag Article](#)

Furthermore, to facilitate support, a Just Giving page has been set up. Those interested in supporting Daniel's mission can contribute through this link: [Just Giving - Move for Hope](#). The fundraising goal is £860 and already Daniel has raised £570, but a little more is needed to provide vouchers for the children.

We are sure our St. Joseph's family will show support for Daniel's endeavour to make a positive impact on the lives of these young individuals who have been through so much.



Noah — Prefect

Noah has been ill last week—so unfortunately his information did not make the newsletter .

I am one of the eight prefects at school. I feel that I am very lucky to have this position. I try to take my responsibilities in this role very seriously and I also feel very proud to have gained this position.

My favourite subject is Maths, I like this because I enjoy doing equations and solving problems.

Outside of school, I enjoy playing football and I play for Harefield United FC. I like walking my dog. He is called Harvey.

In my family there is my mum and dad and I have three younger sisters, 2 of them are at St. Joseph's. I therefore have lots of experience of helping younger children.

I would like to be a footballer in the future because I feel like it is my passion.

Our Pupil Leadership—Who are they?



Update from our Head Pupils —

Evie and Harvey

During this week we have been learning about Children In Need and how we can make a difference. On Monday, Miss Burston led an assembly about what Children In Need do and how they make an impact. We got the opportunity to meet Pudsey Bear and we got to have a little dance with him, which we all enjoyed. The volunteers that came to help him informed us of the origins of how he got his name and who gave his name to him. 37 years ago, a woman living in a small Yorkshire town called Pudsey designed the mascot for Children In Need and named him after her home town. We got assigned activities to do; in Key Stage One they had to design a new bandana for Pudsey and in Key Stage Two we had to design a Pudsey themed t-shirt. In every class there will be a winner and they will win a special surprise for themselves. Miss Burston will announce the winners in our celebration assembly next week.

In other news, this week we received a special workshop with a music school called Rocksteady, teaching us how to play songs in a band, like shotgun by George Ezra. We also received an invitation to join Rocksteady, who will be visiting our school every Tuesday morning. We thoroughly enjoyed this workshop and can't wait for next week's visit.

The teachers seem to have enjoyed it too—make sure you check into to Facebook or Twitter (X) to see what they got up to!

Remembrance Sunday—12th November

The Pupil Leadership Team and the School Leadership Team attended the Remembrance Parade in Chalfont St Peter last Sunday. Thank you to all the children and their families who came to join us to remember those who have fought in past and present conflicts. It was so lovely to have representatives from all year groups (Pr-school—Edith, to lots of children throughout other years). All the children were wonderful ambassadors for the school with their reverent and respectful behaviour.



Children in Need

Children in Need... a very
Spotacular Day!

More pictures will be available to
see on the school website next
week.



Who are these two
trying to hide ?

I think we know
who you are!



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Open the Book

We are extremely lucky to have a visit from “Open the Book” on a fortnightly basis, to lead one of our assemblies. During these times the children hear a Bible Story, some pupils get to take part in acting out the story and we discuss and reflect on the message of the story we have heard.

This week we had the story of the choosing of King David and we reflected on the qualities David had that made him stand out from all his brothers and would ensure he was a great leader.

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.

Class Champions

Phillippa

Alexis / Amelia

Penelope / Tito

Sophia / Chiara

Bailey / Amaya

Tommy / Jacques

Rainbow Awards

Tommie

Eden

Patrick

John Ross

Grant

Harran

Presley

Well done everyone!

Pupdate...It has been great to be back in school again this year, after my time off on maternity leave—well obviously not me, but Miss Minoli. It was lovely at home initially, but now that Elsie Minoli-Marsh is on the move there is no peace there, so I am having a lovely rest back here at times in the day! However, I really wasn't very impressed this week when the big bear appeared on my territory. I didn't really like having my picture taken with him either but being a school dog is a tough gig and you have to just go with flow at times to keep everyone happy.

On a lighter note I absolutely loved being on the front gate this week and I made a new friend. As you can see from the picture below I think she/ he really likes me too. Maybe we might even get to have a playdate.



St. Joseph's Saturday Football Club



St Joseph's U7 Falcons won their first ever cup match at the weekend 16-0 taking them through to the Quarter Finals. Everyone played brilliantly, with a man of the match performance from Oliver Teasdale, and hat-tricks for Ciaran G and Micheal M!



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

