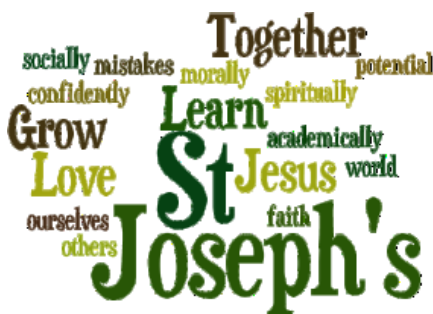


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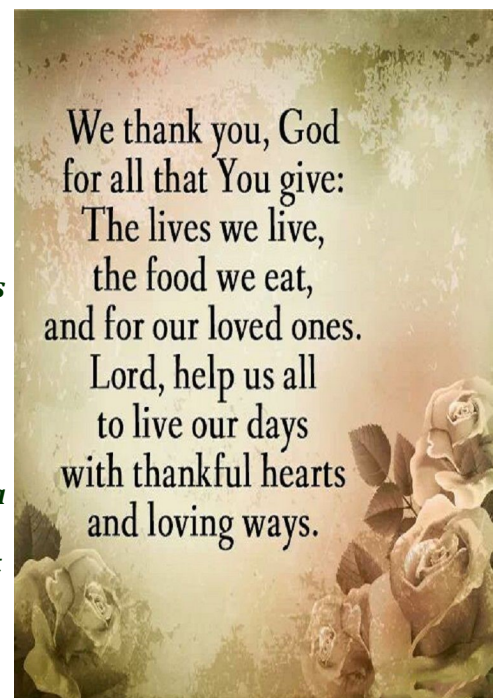
*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 1st October
25th Sunday in Ordinary time
Matthew 21: 28-32*



Headteacher's message

The Gospel reading this week (The Parable of the Vineyard Workers, Matthew 20: 1–16) focused upon a phrase that I have heard many times throughout my teaching career and my role as a parent—"It's not fair!"

Imagine working a whole day and being paid the same as someone who worked only a few hours—was this fair? The workers did not think so, but Jesus reminds us that we must not compare ourselves to others. God does not compare us to each other, but instead offers us endless and abounding love! Sometimes we can question why something has happened to us, or why things don't go our way, but we shouldn't—God has a plan and knows why things happen as they do. We need to have faith. He is just and fair and just like the landowner in the Gospel, he will call us every day, every hour, until we are ready to come to Him. We thought about this carefully and reflected that we can grow closer to Him through prayer, sharing His word, and receiving the Sacraments. Our God is a good God and we are all thankful for this. Please spend some time at the weekend talking with your child about things that they are thankful for and giving thanks for the blessings that are bestowed upon us all.



Housepoints this week (Running totals)

St David 43 (91)

St George 30 (82)

St Patrick 26 (74)

St Andrew 48 (125)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 29 September 2023

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	96.7	RB	98.0
1JB	91.7	1EB	94.8
2E	96.7	2F	97.2
3GF	93.8	3B	98.3
4D	96.3	4H	97.8
5G	95.8	5C	93.1
6W	96.6	6MT	93.1

Attendance Goodie Bag

100% for Week 29.09.2023

Well done to Sofia who won our attendance goodie bag this week for achieving 100% attendance.



Whole School Attendance figure this week...

95.9%

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

100% Attendance

5C thoroughly enjoyed their 100% attendance reward – with an extra playtime and a juice and biscuits this week.

Well done to all of you for 100% attendance w/c 18th September.



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Parents on site in the morning.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES

ONLY parents of **Pre-School** and **Reception** pupils will be permitted to accompany children onto the school site. Children in all other years groups will access school independently. Please do not be offended when a member of staff reminds you of this.

Playground Play Equipment

Please ensure that your child remains with you whilst on the school premises, at drop off and pick up times. **Children are not allowed to mount the play equipment, trim trails or the gym at the start or the end of the day.**

Your child has been reminded of this in assembly but please speak to your child so that this message can be reinforced at home.

Drop off

A number of adults have notified us that pupils are being left at the front gate unattended in the morning from eight o'clock onwards. The gates will open at 8.30am—no pupil should be left alone before this time.

Read Write Inc

Firstly, I would like to thank all those parents who attended the RWI workshops on Thursday evening. In the first session, Mrs Barugh went through the programme and discussed the ways in which you can help your child at home. We know that the foundation for learning comes from reading—reading can open the door to many new worlds. Miss Whelan led the second session for parents, explaining the process once the RWI programme has been completed. We hope that both sessions have equipped those parents who attended to support the development of reading skills for their children.

Of the 160 parents invited to attend, only 27 attended. This is very disappointing. Staff have spent many hours preparing presentations and remained at school late into the evening to ensure that you have the knowledge to support your child at home. Please do support us!

“Reading is life-changing: Children who read in their spare time are more likely to do well in school, have strong friendships, have better mental health, better paying jobs and happier lives!” (<https://readforgood.org>)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION



Over the past few years, we have been using Twitter as our main social media platform for sharing information about life at St Joseph's. We are extremely proud of what we do here in school and have enjoyed sharing snippets of daily school life with you, as well as school achievements and other updates. Giving permission for your child to feature on our social media profiles means that we are able to share their class activities with you, share updates from school trips and residentials, as well as praise and celebrate any personal achievements they have had such as awards and certificates. We have appreciated your engagement with our posts thus far and have listened to valuable feedback from parents, leading us to set up a **Facebook & Instagram** page to reach more of our school community.

Look out for an email next week to all parents containing a link to update permissions for our many social platforms.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

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.

Class Champions/ Rainbow Awards

During our celebration assembly today we recognised 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.

Well done to our Class Champion Winners

Darcie—Year 6

Lily—Year 4

Noah—Year 6

Sienna—Year 4

Luana—Year 5

Amaya—Year 5

Gabriel—Year 3

Elayna—Year 3

Reggie—Year 3

Well done to our Rainbow Award Winners

Sunondwita—Year 6

Albert—Year 4

Annabelle—Year 5

Harrison—Year 5

William—Year 3

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

