

# St Joseph's

## Preschool Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> June 2026



This week has been a real whirlwind of learning and fun! We were incredibly proud of the children on our school trip, with many adults commenting on their fantastic behaviour. The children have all shared how much they enjoyed the experience—thank you to all the parents who came along and supported us.

Our visit from Little City was another highlight, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in imaginative role play. Once again, their excellent behaviour shone through, making it another very successful day.

A big thank you as well to all the grandparents who joined us for our planting day. Your support made it extra special, and our garden is now looking absolutely fabulous!

### Topic:

This week we started our 'Big Wide World' project, we will find out about the world in which we live. We will learn about different climates and explore a range of habitats, including the plants and animals (flora and fauna) that live there. Using maps, we will locate the United Kingdom and compare life in the United Kingdom with life elsewhere. We will also learn about caring for their environment, both locally and beyond.

Next week we will be reading '*Handa's surprise*' and thinking about how life is different in Africa. We will explore the different animals found in Africa and learn about the various ways in which people live there.

### Supporting your child at home

- Use Google Earth to explore where you live and look up places you would like to visit.
- Talk about places around the world you have visited, or places that family members or friends live. Look at the places on a map and talk about ways to travel.
- If you go on holiday, send a postcard to school.

### Maths:

This term, preschool will be focusing on **numbers to 5**, helping children to build confidence with counting and understanding number meaning. Children will explore **how numbers are made**, practise recognising **what comes before and after a number**, and develop their skills through lots of practical, hands-on activities. We will continue to revisit and consolidate these key maths skills through games, songs, stories and play to support a secure understanding.

### Supporting your child at home

- Count everyday objects together, such as steps, toys, fruit or items in the shopping trolley
- Talk about numbers during daily routines (e.g. "You have 3 grapes – what happens if we add one more?")
- Sing number songs and rhymes that count forwards and backwards to 5
- Play simple games that involve counting, such as board games or hiding and finding objects
- Ask questions like "What comes next?" or "What number comes before?" when counting
- Encourage your child to show numbers using fingers, toys or drawings



Please use the QR codes to recap our phonics sounds

Set 1 Sounds  
QR codes until 22nd June

s S  
Slither down the snake.

i i  
Down the body and dot for the head.

m m  
Down Mistle, mountain, mountain.

d d  
Around the dinosaurs bottom, up his hill and down to his toes.

n n  
Down Nobby and over his net.

a a  
Around the apple and down the leg.

t t  
Down the tower, across the tower.

p p  
Down the pines pilot and around his face.

g g  
Around the girls face, down her hair and give her a curl.

k k  
Down the kangaroo's body tail and leg.

f f  
Down the stem and draw the leaves.

o o  
All around the orange.

u u  
Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle.

e e  
Lift off the top and scoop out the egg.

c c  
Curl around the caterpillar.

b b  
Down the back to the feet and around the toe.

l l  
Down the long leg.

h h  
Down the head, to his hooves and over his back.

v v  
Down a wing, up a wing.

z z  
Zig-zag-zig.

r r  
Down the robots back and curl over his arm.

y y  
Down a horn, up a horn and under head.

x x  
Down the arm and leg, repeat the other side.

j j  
Down his body, curl, dot for his head.

w w  
Down, up, down, up.



# Star Poem

Tingly fingers 

Tingly cheeks

Tingly toes

Tingly fingers

Tingly nose

Chilly morning

Chilly night

Chilly walking

Chilly and bright

## Information:



Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent line). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer first time please do try again.



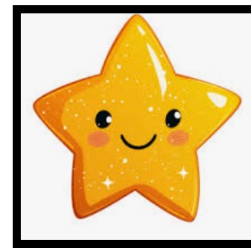
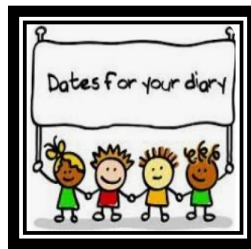
Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/home-learning-environment/small-talk/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



**Preschool Sports Morning** – Thursday 11th June from 9.00am-11.00am  
*All children will be dismissed at 11.00am.*

**Father's Day EYFS Assembly** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 2:15pm.

**Last day of term** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. *Preschool will be only open half day - all children be dismissed at 11:45am.*



**Here is some links for support and information on toilet training.**

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/#step-3-stopping-using-nappies>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zhqts82#z8g8qyc>

<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/toilet-training>

What a great start to this half term: Black Park, Little City and the best part of the week...Grandparent day!



We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend.  
The Preschool Team

