



St. Joseph's

Catholic Primary School

Preschool Newsletter 11th September 2026

We have had a fantastic few days settling back into Preschool. It has been lovely to see how much the children have grown over the holidays and to welcome our new friends into our Preschool family. We are excited to meet more new friends next week and look forward to another wonderful week together.



As part of our learning, we would love to display photographs of our children's families in the classroom. In previous years, the children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing and talking about their family members, which has helped to develop their communication and language skills, confidence, and sense of belonging.

Making meaningful connections between home and Preschool supports children's emotional wellbeing and helps them to understand that their experiences at home and school are valued and linked. Family photographs also encourage conversations, strengthen relationships, and provide opportunities for children to build vocabulary and share personal experiences with their peers.

If you are happy to do so, please send in a family photograph for us to display. We are happy to photocopy and return the original if needed.

Topic: This term we are starting our 'Let's Explore' project. We will be helping the children settle into preschool by exploring their classroom, outdoor area and the school grounds. We will talk about places that are special to us, including places we have visited with our families. The children will enjoy looking at simple maps and making their own maps of familiar places and journeys.

Supporting your child at home

- Take a walk around your local area and talk about what you can see.
- Use Google Earth to look at your home, school or other familiar places.
- Encourage your child to talk about what they have enjoyed doing at Preschool.

Maths – Next week, we will be learning about colours. We will focus on red, blue and yellow. The children will match objects to colours, sort coloured items and explore different shades. We will talk about the colours we see and decide which colour group each object belongs to.

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- Find a red, blue or yellow object to bring into preschool.
- Play colour hide-and-seek with a red, blue or yellow toy.
- Discuss the colours on children's clothes. "Oh, you're wearing red pyjamas today! What else do you have that's red, blue or yellow?"



Our Star Poem

A Kind Friend

A kind friend says, "let's play."

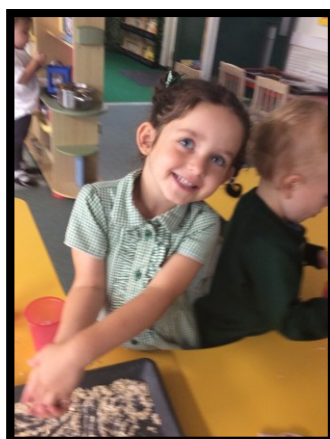
A kind friend says, "let's share."

A kind friend says, "I'm sorry."

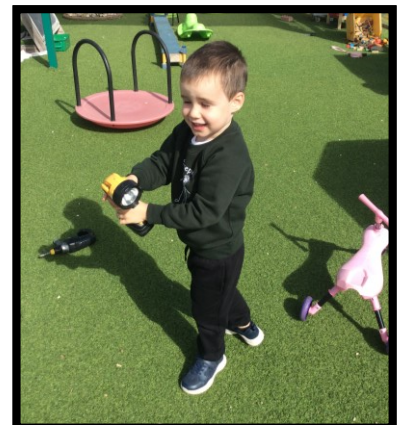
A kind friend says, "I care!"



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**This week, we have shown a great interest in our class tortoises-
Velma and Louise. We even gave them a nice clean!**





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.



We would be grateful for any donations of tissues and baby wipes.
Thanks for your support.



Dates for Your Diary

13 & 14th October – Parents' evening – details will be sent out closer to the time.

16th October – Last day of Advent 1 term



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>