St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Preschool Newsletter 16th October 2026

Please make sure children's clothes are labelled. Include water bottles and bags as well, as many are being mixed up and taken home by the wrong children. Many thanks!



And just like that, our first term has come to an end! We have had a wonderful first few weeks settling into preschool, exploring our new environment and having lots of fun along the way! We are so proud of how the children have taken to Preschool life and embraced new routines; it has been amazing to see. We look forward to celebrating more achievements next term.

Topic: Next term, we will be starting our new topic which is 'Marvellous Machines'. We will explore various machines, learn about how machines help us and find out about how machines have changed and developed over time. We will be using keyboards and phones to build up our numeral knowledge and exploring ways we can use technology to create sounds.

- **Supporting your child at home:**
  - **Talk about the machines and technology you use in your everyday lives.**
  - **Look for things in the home that are powered by electricity.**
  - **Look for items that are powered by batteries.**

Maths – We will be exploring counting using our fingers and developing our subitising skills. We will focus on recognising each number, starting with 1, using our fingers to represent quantities and practising counting.

Supporting your child at home

- **Role the dice – Roll a dice and encourage your child to recognise the dots. Can they show the same number using their fingers?**
- **Count everyday objects – Count pieces of fruit, toys and steps when walking upstairs. Ask children "How many can you see?".**
- **Sing counting songs – Songs that help children use their fingers to count such as 5 little ducks or five little speckled frogs.**

Our Star Poem



The children have enjoyed exploring pumpkins and watching them transform as we carved them together. We have also got creative making our very own playdough spiders, developing our fine motor skills and imagination along the way. What a fun way to finish the term!

















This week, we went on an exciting adventure to explore the Reception classrooms! We enjoyed discovering all the different toys and activities. We also met the Reception classes' guinea pigs and watched their fish swimming around.







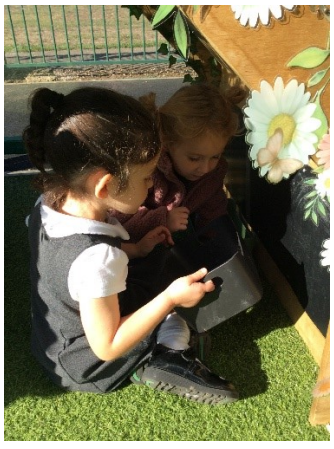














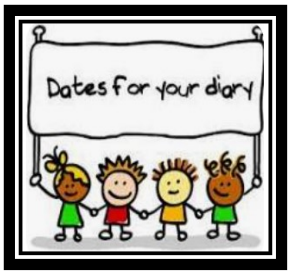
Information:

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.



If you are going out for a walk this weekend, please keep an eye out for some conkers or pinecones. We love to use these for counting outdoors but are in need of some more.

Thank you for the donations of tissues and baby wipes. We are still accepting donations of these items. Thank you for your support.



Dates for Your Diary

2nd November – First day of Advent 2 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

Thank you for all your support.

Have a lovely half term!

Miss Duffy and the Preschool Team ☺