

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



To help our day run smoothly and keep our site secure, we kindly ask for your cooperation with our drop-off and collection times:

Morning Arrival: We open at **8:30 am**. We ask that all children are settled by **8:50 am** so we can secure the school gates and begin our day.

Morning Collection: If your child attends the morning session, please be ready to collect them at **11:45 am** outside the school office.

Afternoon Arrival: Please arrive at the school office by **12:15 pm** so the children can be escorted to the Preschool as a group. If you arrive after this time, you may need to wait outside Reception until a member of staff is available to walk your child over.

Final Collection: All children should be collected by **3:15 pm**. This allows our team to begin essential afternoon meetings and preparatory work.

We understand that unexpected delays happen; if you are running late for any reason, please simply call the **school office** to let us know.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Next week is Communication Week in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). It is a dedicated period focusing on enhancing children's speech, language, and communication skills through playful, language-rich interactions. It emphasizes the importance of back-and-forth conversations, reading, and storytelling to build vocabulary and strengthen crucial communication skills.

[Click here to see some activities to support Communication week](#)

Topic: We have started our new topic Dangerous Dinosaurs, this week we have explored the prehistoric animals that lived on Earth. Next week we will be learning some facts about dinosaurs. We will be reading *Dinosaurs Roar* by Paul and Henrietta Stickland. We will spend a lot of our week focussing on talking about the facts we have learnt.

Supporting your child at home

- Find out one fact about a dinosaur - you could tell someone else and get ready to share that fact in class next week.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/dinosaur-facts>



Maths: This week we will be counting to six. We will use ten frames to count, we will also be learning how six objects can be arranged on a ten frame.

Supporting your child at home

What is a tens frame?

- A tens frame is a grid of two rows and five columns that children can place counters or any object used for counting on. You could draw a tens frame at home or tape one on the floor.
- Use your tens frame to count out six.



-A tens frame is used to represent numbers within and up to ten. Children can compose and decompose each number in a variety of ways which helps them develop number sense and to understand different visual representations of numbers.

Please use the QR codes below to recap this week's focus sounds



Our Star Poem

Popcorn

Popcorn, Popcorn, sizzling in the pan.

Shake it up, shake it up,

Bam, Bam, Bam.

Popcorn, Popcorn, now it's getting hot.

Shake it up, shake it up,

Pop, Pop, Pop.



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 boxes of tissues for our cold noses please.



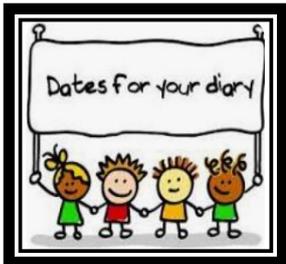
Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<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>



Mother's Day EYFS Assembly on 13th March at 2:15 pm

EYFS School trip to Black park - Reception children and those Preschool 2nd June childrendue to start Reception in 2026. More details to follow.

Preschool will be closed on 2nd of June

Father's Day EYFS Assembly on 19th June at 2:15 pm



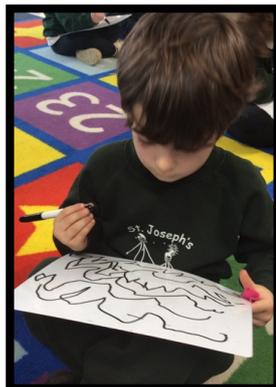
[Here is some links for support and information on toilet training.](#)

<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 first week of exploring dinosaurs! We have looked at bones and, searched for eggs and completed some great crafts. Our prewriting skills are improving with the help of threading and Pen Disco.



We enjoyed our little glimpse of Spring, our mud kitchen was extremely busy...Fancy some mud pizza or grass stew!



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team