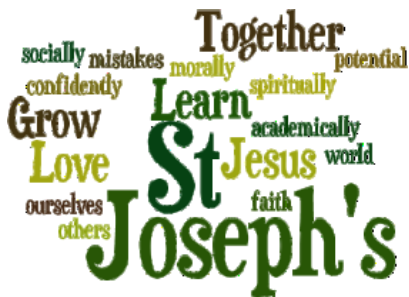


15th March 2024

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for  
Sunday 17th March  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
John 12: 20-33*



## **Headteacher message**

*This week I have learnt about the brave actions of a headteacher from our Academy Trust. Although I have met him on many occasions throughout the year, he has not mentioned or spoken about the actions he took just over a year ago, where he put the safety of the children and staff of his school before his own. Reading the article and watching Mr Stapleton on BBC news, his humility and selflessness shone through and reminded me of our task to instill this quality in all our children. Humility is a characteristic that we aspire to - where we reflect upon our own failings and put others before ourselves, learning as we do so. This is what we want for our children here in St Joseph's. We need our children to know that we don't always make the right choices, we don't always put and think of others before ourselves, but we can reflect, learn and move on, taking positive steps to act the way Jesus taught us to.*

*Please take some time to read the report.*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-68548113>

Humility is a great  
quality of leadership  
which derives respect  
and not just fear or  
hatred.

Yousef Munayyer

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### Attendance—Week Ending 15th March 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	94.0	RB	97.3
1JB	96.5	1EB	96.7
2E	96.9	2F	91.1
3GS	96.2	3D	92.6
4D	94.8	4H	93.3
5G	91.1	5C	88.8
6W	96.2	6MT	89.6

***We will announce  
the winner of the  
Goodie Bag next  
week!***

*Whole School Attendance figure*

***94.2%***

***Our highest class  
attendance this week  
was RB with 97.3%  
They will have an  
additional playtime.***

***Well done!***

Every week, **all** pupils who achieve 100% attendance have their names automatically added to the end of term



## CHARITY DAY 2024



Today Year 6 hosted a successful charity day. They worked independently to create their own stalls and organise events to raise money for charity. Next week, we will be counting the final totals and awarding prizes! Keep your eyes peeled for next week's newsletter with the final results.

Well done Year 6 for all your hard work and thank you to everyone for helping them to raise money.

## Science Week 2024



We have had a fantastic week celebrating everything Science! The theme for Science Week 2024 is 'Time'. The children have looked back in time and learned about various different scientists and their contributions. They have even completed fun and exciting experiments based on this scientist. They have looked to the future and discovered all the possible careers they could have that are linked to science.

We were fortunate enough to be visited by Professor Nitrate from the Education Group, a leading provider in school workshops. The children witnessed explosions, rocket launches and learnt all about the fire triangle and thrust. Many teachers joined in on the fun and some even got to hold fire in their hands!

If you have not made your contribution towards this event—it is still available on your Parent Pay account.

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION—5G Assembly

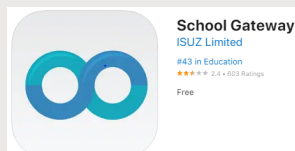
This week, 5G presented a brilliant assembly on their current Religious Education topic 'Sacrifice'. They spoke about remembering Jesus Christ during this period of the liturgical calendar, and the importance of living life how he asked His disciples. 5G reminded us that during the time of Lent we often 'give up' something, but it may not be a treasured snack or toy but maybe a negative act replaced by a positive. They thought about ways they remember Jesus during Lent and hope they sparked some idea's for their audience.

Well done 5G!



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## Social Media

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the wonderful and interesting things we are doing in school by regularly checking in to

facebook / twitter (X).

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.

FOLLOW US



## Safeguarding

### Social Media

Please consider very carefully the access your children have to mobile phones and the platforms they are using.

Often they are not mature enough to consider the implications of some of the material they post.

## National Online Safety



### Collection at the end of the day

If the arrangements for picking up your child change at the last minute, please do not email the office as they may not see the message. Please call the office and inform a member of staff.

### Punctuality

*Being on time is a vital part of life and something we aim to instil in children from the youngest age.*

*The school day starts, with soft start, at 8.30am—where teachers have additional learning opportunities set up within the classroom.*

*The school gates close at 8.50am each morning. Adults who monitor the turning circle will leave this area to return to their jobs. Please **DO NOT** leave your child waiting for a gate to open up, as the external doors of the building will be locked and they will have no way of entering the school.*

***YOU MUST** park outside the school grounds **AND ACCOMPANY** your child to the school office to be signed in.*

## School Information

### Midday Supervisor

We are always looking for additional Midday Supervisors to join our busy lunchtime team.

Do you have time on your hands, looking to re-join the workplace?

Monday to Friday 11.45 to 1.15pm,  
every day or just a couple of days per week.

All hands welcome..... To find out more visit the [school website](#) for details, or contact Mrs Smith via [office@stjosephschalfont.school](mailto:office@stjosephschalfont.school).



### Rocksteady Concert

**Parents of the children who are members of Rock Bands are invited to the Rocksteady Concerts, to be held on Monday and Tuesday morning. Invitations have already been sent out. Please save the date!**

### Passion Play

**The Year 3 and 4 Passion Play will take place on Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Church. All members of our school community are invited.**

### Love, Learn, Grow Assembly

**The award assembly will be held on Friday 22nd march at 9am in the school hall. The families of the winners have been sent invitations. We look forward to seeing you!**

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Aleksandra

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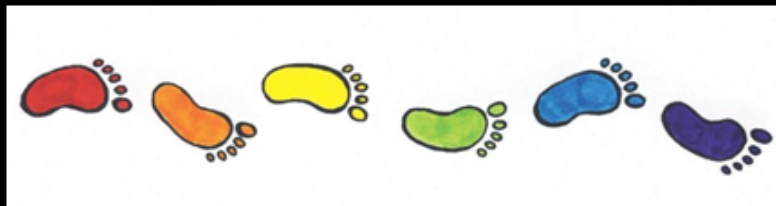


**Our School Prayer**

St. Joseph's is our school.  
Teach us Lord, to Love, Learn and Grow together.  
Just as you guided your beloved son, Jesus.  
Open our hearts to your plans for us and  
Show us your path to follow.  
Each day, help us to feel your presence among us,  
Protecting us on our journey.  
Holy Spirit be with us.  
St. Joseph pray for us. Amen



*Our School Lent Prayer*



**I want to follow in your footsteps  
Because I trust in you.  
Slowly I discover your path  
And I move forward,  
Keeping my eyes fixed on you.**

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

