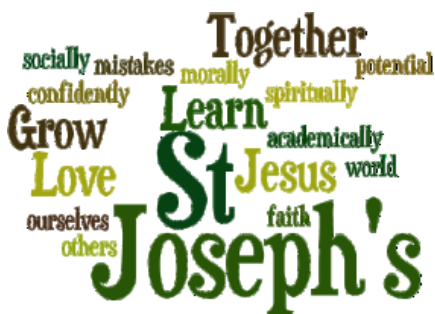


1st March 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 3rd March
Third Sunday of Lent
John 2: 13-25*

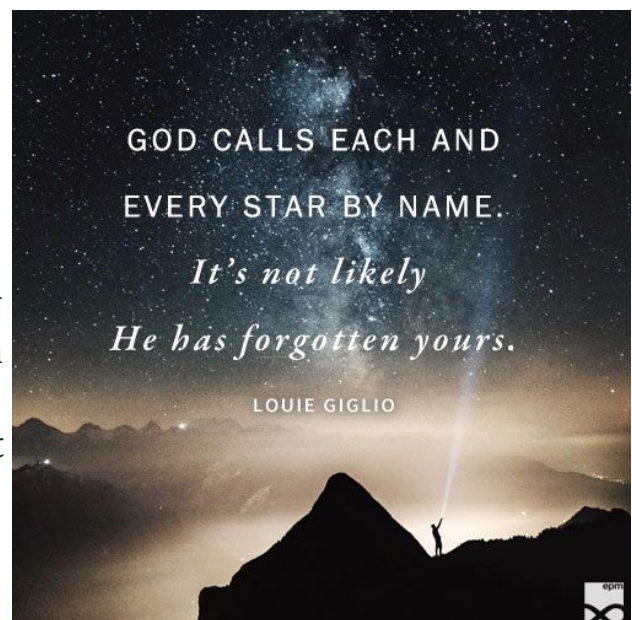


Headteacher message

In assembly on Monday we reflected upon the promises that we made on Ash Wednesday, the start of our Lenten journey and we linked these to the promises that God made to those in the past, those who placed their faith and trust in Him, which are recorded in the Old Testament.

The story of Abraham reminded us all of the blessings that God bestows on each one of us. When Abraham displayed his faith in God he was rewarded with descendants which would exceed the number of stars in the sky and grains of sand on the seashore –billions and billions. This legacy is passed to us and we can receive blessings from God—gifts of LOVE, CARE and PROTECTION. These gifts allow us to grow closer to God on our Lenten journey and closer to others through our acts of giving and loving, which can strengthen our relationship with Him and others.

Just as God knows every star in the sky and every grain of sand, he knows each one of us individually and wants us to have faith and trust in Him. He will not forget us, let us not forget Him!



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 1st March 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	93.0	RB	96.6
1JB	97.4	1EB	97.5
2E	95.9	2F	92.9
3GS	99.6	3D	96.5
4D	94.1	4H	97.8
5G	97.0	5C	98.4
6W	97.9	6MT	95.6

***Our highest class
attendance this week
was 3GS with 99.6%***

***They will have an
additional playtime.***

Well done!

Message from Attendance Officer

This week 356 pupils achieved 100% attendance and therefore had the chance to win the attendance goody bag on Friday.

Every week, **all** pupils who achieve 100% attendance have their names automatically added to the end of term prize drawer of an £50 Amazon voucher.



Whole School Attendance figure

96.5 %

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.*

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.



Year 6 DT Cooking Afternoon



Yesterday (29/02), Year 6 created a lovely pasta bake as part of their work in DT. They researched recipes, devised their own creations and taste tested their dishes.

Thank you Mr Jeffreys for helping Year 6 to make such delicious meals!

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION



Our Faith Leaders did a great job telling the whole school about our Big Lent Walk CAFOD fundraiser this week. Please follow the link if you wish to donate.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-josephs-big-lent-walk957>

**You are cordially invited by Ukrainian Community to the
"Tales of the Moon Mill" Music and Art Event.**

Date: 2nd March

Time: 1:00 PM

Venue: The HUB, Chalfont St Peter

Book your place: <https://goldhillbaptist.churchsuite.com/events/mgfniwgr>

Admission is free — voluntary donations are appreciated!

This event will transport you to the enchanting world of Alexandra's book

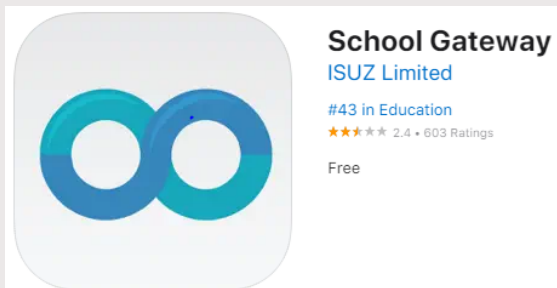
"Tales of the Moon Mill".

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Email communications are sent to you via

Schoolcomms

To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the [App Store](#) to download



enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have set up for school.

A PIN number will be sent to you—text messages will appear via this App.

WITHOUT THE APP YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES

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



Parents Evenings

A letter has been sent regarding the forthcoming Parents' Evenings

Tuesday, 12th March 3.30—6.30pm

Thursday, 14th March 4.00—7.00pm

Please use the link in the letter to make your booking.

School Uniform

As part of joining the school, parents are signing up to abide by and agree to the school policies and procedures. These are all available on the school website and are shared with parents when children are offered a place at St. Joseph's.

Our school uniform is part of our common identity and as part of our standards for the children, we expect everyone to abide by the uniform policy.

Below is the winter school uniform for Reception—Year 6. All children are expected to be in the correct school uniform. Please note the list below and ensure that your child is compliant.

Reception – Year 6		
	Item	Available from
Winter		
	Dark green V-necked jumper with school crest	Earth uniform
	Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe	Earth uniform
	White cotton shirt	Any stockist
	Dark grey full-length school trousers / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee/ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
Outdoor Wear		
	Black / navy coat (plain – no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark green shower-proof jacket or fleece with school crest	Earth uniform
PE and Games		
	Dark green gym bag with school crest	Earth uniform
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt with gold school crest	Earth uniform
	Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist
	Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist
	Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist
School bag		
	Dark green book bag with school crest (Infants)	Earth uniform
	Dark green rucksack (small or large) with school crest (Juniors)	Earth uniform

Uniform can be purchased from Earthuniform or via our previously owned school uniform shop (on the school site).

Please can you particularly note—trainers are not part of school uniform (except for PE).

School coats should be either black or navy.

Please be aware teachers will be following up on ensuring that all children have the appropriate uniform from Monday 5th February.

Safeguarding - Reminders

There are many practices put into place to ensure the safety of children. Please adhere to them, they are in place for this very important reason

Turning Circle / Parking

Please ensure children are ready to leave the car, with their bags and belongings.

- Parents should not need to exit the car to retrieve bags, bottles or kit from the boot.
- The turning circle works most effectively without these delays and school staff are on hand to assist children with car doors.
- Do not pass messages to staff on the turning circle, there are 400 children arriving at school.
- Messages can be missed, please use the correct procedure.
- Please do not park on site for any reason, unless you are displaying a Blue Badge, (or have had specific time restricted authorisation from the Headteacher).
- Parents walking children into Preschool or Reception are not permitted to park, or have a driver park/wait, whilst dropping off. The car park is for **STAFF ONLY**—using these parking spaces delays staff parking and getting into school.
- Please do not drive up the right hand side of Priory Road. You must queue, irrespective of whether you hold a Blue Badge or have a permission to park.
- Please do not overtake on the turning circle under any circumstances.

Change to end of day procedures

Please do not email last minute changes to end of day procedures. Please call the school office and speak to a member of staff. When another adult is collecting your child and you have shared the password with that adult, it is not necessary to call or email the school office. KS2 children are expected to remember how they are leaving school at the end of the day. It is not practical to expect school staff to call home to check what the instructions of the day are.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

*There are many enquiries regarding when, and when not,
to send children to school.*



Please see the NHS information page for more information.

Is my child too ill for school?

St. Joseph's School Prayer

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

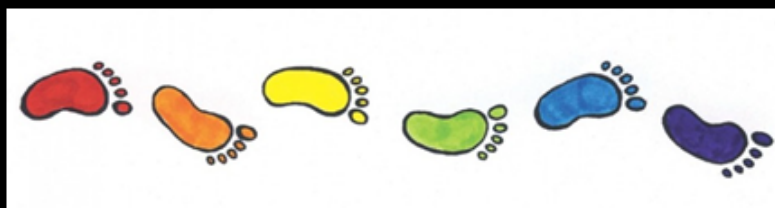
Show us your path to follow.

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



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.

Our School

Lent Prayer



Have a lovely weekend - St. Joseph's School

