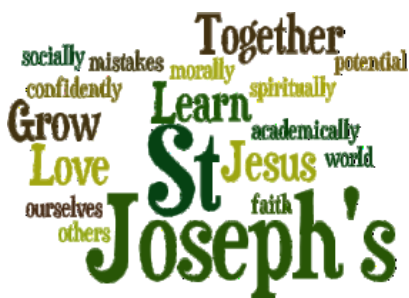


22nd March 2024

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for  
Sunday 24th March  
Sixth Sunday of Lent  
Mark 15:1-39



## Headteacher message

*There must have been a great sense of excitement on Palm Sunday when Jesus rode on a donkey into Jerusalem. He was met with shouts of joy, cries of 'Hosanna: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' The crowds acknowledged the importance of the man that came before them—a story that starts our Holy Week and although is over two thousand years old, is a story we all know and can retell. This week the story of Jesus' passion was professionally depicted by our Year 3 and 4 pupils on Wednesday evening. What a privilege to witness the retelling of the greatest story with passion and emotion. I am immensely proud of each and every child.*

*Today, I also presented forty two pupils with awards for living out our mission statement of 'Love, Learn and Grow.' The task for each adult in the school is a difficult one, to chose one child in their class for each of these awards, as so many of our pupils deserve these accolades. I feel an immense sense of pride reading through the reasons why children have achieved these awards.*

*Observing the reaction of peers, celebrating friends achievements also highlights the community spirit of St Joseph's. Such behaviour makes for a harmonious and loving world. What a privilege to be part of Jesus' legacy, where we create a world full of love, hope and peace.*

*Thank you to all the pupils for reminding us that this is the place that we should all aspire to create.*

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

### *Attendance—Week Ending 22nd March 2024*

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	92.0	RB	94.7
1JB	99.6	1EB	95.0
2E	93.1	2F	91.4
3GS	94.2	3D	93.0
4D	92.6	4H	98.1
5G	95.6	5C	95.2
6W	95.9	6MT	93.6

### ***Termly attendance raffle***

We had our termly attendance raffle today during our Love, Learn, Grow Assembly.

Well done to Ava in Reception who won our £50 Amazon voucher.

Happy spending!



***Our highest class attendance this week was***

***1JB with 99.6%***

***They will have an***

***additional playtime.***

***Well done!***

## REMINDER

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM ON THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH 2024**

**BUSY LIVING IS AVAILABLE FROM 1PM TO 6PM**

## Year 3 Assembly



## Year 3 Assembly

This week, Year 3 delivered an exciting assembly about their latest topic. In Geography Year 3 have been learning all about weather and climate. Their assembly was taken over by the St Joseph's News Team! The year group delivered weather reports from different climates around the world as well as reflecting on climates where they have enjoyed holidays.

To end the assembly Year 3 sang an exciting song all about the difference between weather and climate, follow this link to have a listen:

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87P0G\\_9aK2c&list=RD87P0G\\_9aK2c&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87P0G_9aK2c&list=RD87P0G_9aK2c&start_radio=1)**

**Well done to Year 3 on all their hard work—they were superstars!**

# Acrostic poems by Anna

## HOME

Happy place,  
One lovely place,  
Memory place,  
Every day place.

## SCHOOL

School is fun,  
Children to make friends with,  
Home for work,  
Only kind children,  
Only creative children,  
Lovely school.

## JOEY

Jolly, happy, yappy, dog's small paws,  
Optimistic, always smiling,  
Excellent every day,  
Yapping set of grinning jaws.

## LOVE

Lovely thing,  
One loves another,  
Very kind, very nice,  
Everyone loves.

## CATS

Cute and cuddly  
And sort of soft,  
Terrific and independent,  
Super fluffy!

## BANANA

Brilliant bananas,  
And no other fruit is like this.  
No other fruit is better,  
And nobody can change its delicious taste.  
Never will I dislike them,  
And maybe you like them too.

## FRIENDS

Friends are people you can count on,  
Really doesn't matter if they are boy or girl.  
Infinite friendship,  
Evie, Cara, Rozzy and many more.  
Never break up, always make up.  
Definitely nothing gets in our way.  
Special people to make you happy.

## NATURE

Nature is a curious thing,  
And it's beautiful just like gold.  
To enjoy it all don't go off  
Until the end of time.  
Rest on the velvet carpet of autumn leaves.  
Enjoy our world as God made it.

Anna has been attending Miss Minoli's poetry club. After learning about acrostic poems, Anna has been inspired to write 8 of her own in the same style. We hope you enjoy reading them! Anna's favourite is 'Nature' – what's yours?

Chalfont Concert Wind Band  
presents a concert of music for all the family

# QUEST FOR THE stars

Sunday 28th April 2024  
3:00pm

A musical journey through space and time.      A chance to meet the band and their instruments

The Chalfonts Community College  
Narcot Lane, Chalfont St Peter SL9 8TP

Encanto Harry Potter The Planets Incredibles Star Wars

Tickets available via the QR code, or from this link:  
[chalfont-concert-wind-band.sumupstore.com](https://chalfont-concert-wind-band.sumupstore.com)

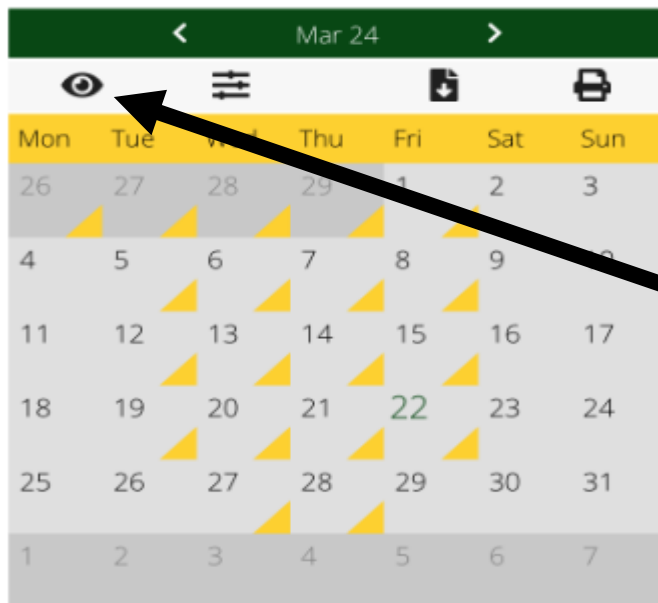
Adults £8      Children £2

@chalfontband

Come along to Chalfont Concert Wind Band's 'Quest for the Stars' concert on Sunday 28th April. Perfect for 7-11 year olds and their families, the concert is space-themed with lots of familiar tunes and a chance to see instruments up close. Limited numbers so bag your tickets now!

## SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION—

### Calendar

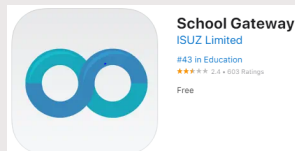


Following feedback regarding the calendar view on the School App, we have adjusted the capability to view events.

Please click on the eye symbol above the calendar and events will open up for you.

Email communications are sent to you via

To ensure **Schoolcomms** 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**

### 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.*

## Passion Play



# Year 3 and 4 Passion Play



*Thank  
you*

Thank you to all those who contributed to the London & Slough Run collection at the end of the evening, £120 was raised from your generosity.



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*"I have noticed a huge improvement in my daughter's confidence, social skills as well as academic skills"*

Aleksandra

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**WELLBEING RESOURCE  
OF THE YEAR 22/23  
EDUCATION TODAY AWARDS**



### Read Write Inc

A huge part of learning to read fluently is having a store of high frequency words that you recognise instantaneously from sight. Read Write Inc calls these words Red Words—they are words that you usually cannot decode or Fred Talk. The Read Write Inc phrase for this is, “You can’t Fred a red.”

This week in the children’s plastic reading wallets you will find a bookmark with the red words that they should be fluent in reading while working on that colour level.

It will help the children enormously if you go over these words with them each evening as part of their daily reading diet.

Reading fluently is absolutely essential to accessing the entire curriculum.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

#### **Our School Prayer**

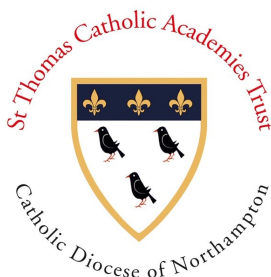
St. Joseph’s is our school.  
Teach us Lord, to Love, Learn and Grow together.  
Just as you guided your beloved son, Jesus.  
Open our hearts to your plans for us and  
Show us your path to follow.  
Each day, help us to feel your presence among us,  
Protecting us on our journey.  
Holy Spirit be with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

