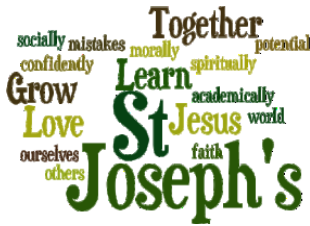


25th April 2025

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



*Gospel reading for*  
*Sunday 27th April*  
*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*John 20:19-31*



### Headteacher Message

The beginning of this week will forever be etched in our memories with the passing of Pope Francis. Just days ago, he joined the Easter celebrations in Rome, waiting for the Lord to rise before returning to God in heaven—a truly remarkable man.

In today's assembly, we reflected on his extraordinary life and legacy. From his humble beginnings in Buenos Aires to his unwavering commitment to leading the Catholic Church, Pope Francis embodied the values of compassion, humility, and service. We were all deeply aware of his declining health in recent months, witnessing his frailty as age took its toll. Yet, despite his struggles, he remained steadfast in his mission, continuing to serve and guide us all.

Tomorrow, at 9 a.m., the world will gather to bid farewell to Pope Francis at his funeral. I have asked all pupils to watch this historic event and join in prayer, offering gratitude for his life's work. In a departure from tradition, Pope Francis will not be laid to rest in the Vatican tombs but rather at St. Mary Major—his beloved basilica, where he often sought solace in prayer. This final act serves as a powerful reminder of his unwavering commitment to simplicity and his devotion to serving the poor.

His humility was evident in every choice he made: opting for a modest apartment over the grandeur of the Papal residence, forgoing elaborate ceremonial attire in favour of a simple cassock, and even choosing to ride alongside his fellow cardinals on a bus rather than using the papal limousine.

Pope Francis truly lived by his words: **"The world tells us to seek success, power, and money; God tells us to seek humility, service, and love."**

### Pope Francis

17 December 1936

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21 April 2025



## Reminders for w/c 28th April 2025

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 4 Woodrow House Trip Class 3B—Parents Evening Meetings</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Year 4 Woodrow House Trip Class 3B—Parents Evening Meetings</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Year 3 Swimming starts</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Start of Term Mass—9.00am at school (Year 2 Parents Invited) Year 6 Swimming starts</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am Year 5 and Year 6 PSHE workshop—Relationship Education</b>

## Links to specific newsletters

[Preschool](#)

[Reception](#)

## Key Messages for Parents

### Read Write Inc (Reception –Year 2)

New groups have been allocated following our recent assessments and the children have had their first two sessions this week. We will begin new books on Monday 28th April. These will be sent home on Wednesday 30th, along with information about how you can support at home.

### Lost Property

**Named items of lost property are returned to the relevant classroom. All un-named items of school uniform, are directed to the second hand uniform shop, other items are taken to the recycling container.**

**Please ensure EVERY ITEM is named.**



**Have a lovely weekend,  
All at St Joseph's.**

