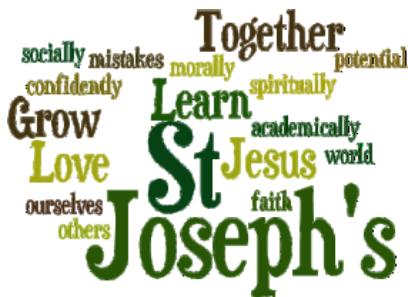


26th April 2024

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for  
Sunday 28th April  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
John 15: 1-8*



## Headteacher Message

*It has been an exceptionally busy and active week at St. Joseph's. There has been lots of additional experiences and special activities for the children to take part in to ensure that we give them a well rounded education.*

*All week the children have been getting active by taking part in additional sporting activities. Reception and Key Stage 1 had a special football session as well as having a trip to the theatre to see Zog. Key Stage 2 were transported to Hogwarts (the St. Joseph's field) for a thoroughly enjoyable game of quidditch. The week ended with Spanish Day today. Well done to the children in Year 6—who shared the Three Little Pigs story with Reception and Key Stage 1 children in Spanish during celebration assembly. The children in Key Stage 2 took part in a rotation of lessons learning about various aspects of Spain and the Spanish language. We even had paella for lunch—thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff.*

*Last week, I had the delight of accompanying Year 4 to their overnight residential at Woodrow House. I was so impressed by the children's behaviour and bed making skills. I even managed to get a full nights sleep as they quickly settled down at the end of a long day, which ended with marshmallows around the campfire. Again, another opportunity to develop well rounded individuals as many stayed away from home for the first time—a real achievement!*

*I had the opportunity this week to visit two other schools in the academy trust and work alongside the Senior Team from the trust and other headteachers. It is always reassuring to visit other school as it makes me truly appreciate what a fantastic school St Joseph's is and what a dedicated and committed set of staff we have here. It also gives me the chance to see practice in another environment and take back learning opportunities that we can implement here to continue on our journey to excellence.*

## Attendance

### *Attendance—Week Ending 26th April 2024*

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	96.7	RB	94.2
1JB	96.9	1EB	96.9
2E	94.0	2F	98.2
3GS	92.3	3D	97.8
4D	98.1	4H	100
5G	98.1	5C	96.0
6W	93.1	6MT	98.0

*The highest class  
attendance this week was  
4H with 100%  
Well done!*



## Attendance Matters



Reminder that children who have 100% attendance for the week are entered into the weekly raffle for the prize bag. Each week all the children are entered into the termly raffle for the £50 Amazon voucher.

## House Points

Reminder **St Patricks House**—winners of our Lent Term House Point Competition will have a non uniform day on **Friday 3rd May** (wear something green) to celebrate their achievement. This is only for children in St Patricks (green house).

### Totals for this week

<b>St David</b> 68	<b>St George</b> 59
<b>St Patrick</b> 59	<b>St Andrew</b> 54

### Running totals for this term

<b>St David</b> 118	<b>St George</b> 84
<b>St Patrick</b> 115	<b>St Andrew</b> 118

### Donations

We are about to begin a board games club as part of our after school offer. We welcome any donations of board games that your children are no longer using.

We would love to have a box of dolls, dolls clothing and equipment - Barbie, Cindy etc. for the children to play with at lunchtime on the playground. If your children have grown out of theirs—please consider donating them for our Reception and Key Stage 1 children.

## School Information

### Permissions

We are very fortunate to be able to offer many enrichment activities across the school year, some of which require specific permission or parent contribution.

Please help us make the best use of administrative time by responding to these requests as promptly as possible, and before any notified deadlines.

An excessive amount of time is used following up requests for permissions which could be

### Uniform Shop

Please note that FOSJS Uniform shop will open each Wednesday from 3pm.

### Homework

**Please do not use the office email address for the submission of homework. (Unless an absolute emergency). With over 400 children in the school office staff cannot take responsibility for the distribution of homework.**

### School Day Consultation

**Our consultation period has ended.**

**We will communicate the findings and results of the consultation in due course.**

### Drop off in the morning

Just a reminder to please ensure that the children are ready to exit the cars on the turning circle. Adults should not be getting out of the car. It is vital that we keep the traffic moving on Priory Road and the surrounding area.

Please note that the main gate shuts at 8.50am—**no cars should enter the grounds after this time**. Please do not try to slip in as a car exits. If you arrive after this time you should park on the road and accompany your child to the school office to sign in.

If the school adults have left the turning circle—children must not enter the KS1 playground (as adults leave), as the main doors leading to the playground from the building are locked when we come in.

## School Information



### Spanish Day!

On Friday the 26th, the whole school got involved to celebrate Spanish Day! During assembly, the whole school enjoyed a story in Spanish told by some of our talented KS2 students. Everyone listened carefully to the story of the 3 Little Pigs, and even answered questions at the end!

Some Year 10 students from CCC joined KS2 to take part in a Spanish afternoon! Each class rotated around to different classrooms to learn about different Spanish topics like: Spanish artists, the history of the Spain's flag, Spanish speaking countries, Flamenco dancing, and many more! We even got to enjoy some paella during lunch time!

## Key Stage 2—Craze of the Month (Jacks)

We have had so much fun over the past two weeks with all the new equipment on the playground. This week our 'craze of the month' has begun in Key Stage 2—with the introduction of 'Jacks'.

The children are really enjoying getting to grips with this traditional game and it has been lovely to watch them playing in small groups on the playground helping and supporting each other to get better.



Joey is even trying to get in on the action!

## May—Local History Month

The aim of the month is to increase awareness of local history, promote history in general to the local community and encourage all members of the community to participate.

Miss Minoli, our History leader, has put together our curriculum map for the month and has started to allocate different topics to different year groups.

We are aiming to host an exhibition here at school at the end of May, where parents and local residents can come and find out all about the history of Chalfont St Peter and enjoy a cup of tea and slice of cake.

If you have any old photographs or information relating to the area or have an older family member who has any memorabilia we would warmly welcome this being shared with us during the month.

If you know anyone who is knowledgeable about local history and would be willing to come in and give a talk to the children please let Miss Minoli know so that she can make contact and arrange a visit.

Miss Minoli can be contacted via the school office either by phone or the office email.

## Mrs Devine's Skydive



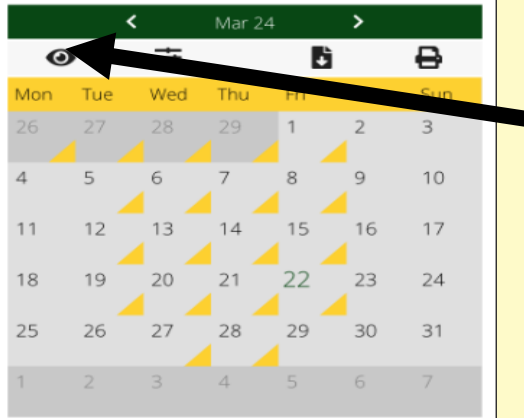
We are all in awe at Mrs Devine's courage and bravery!

Last weekend Mrs Devine did a skydive in aid of the Epilepsy Society. If you would like to contribute to the charity the link is below for the just giving page.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/carmel-devine-1711058047276?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fcarmel-devine-1711058047276&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/carmel-devine-1711058047276?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fcarmel-devine-1711058047276&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

## 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.

Please be aware that the calendar is being constantly updated—so keep an eye on it for events.

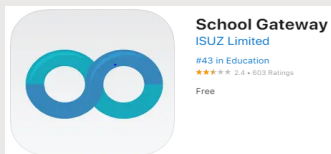
### Reminder to Yr 5-6 parents

PSHE Relationships Workshop—Wednesday 8th May 9.00am, Key Stage 1

Email communications are sent to you via

**Schoolcomms**

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

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

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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





## *New members of our school community*



Over the past fortnight EYFS have been joined by some new members.

There has been a real sense of awe and wonder in Preschool and Reception as they watched the ducks hatch and continue to watch them grow and develop.



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

