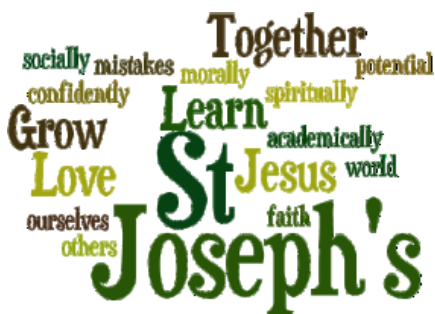


26th January 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 28th January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mark 1: 21-28



Headteacher message

Yesterday morning, 4H performed their assembly all about 'Community'. It was wonderful to observe the responsive faces in the hall, as our children watched carefully and thought about the positive feelings we gain from being part of a community. We have so many talents and gifts to share with each other. It also made me reflect upon the amazing job that I have, that I can be part of this community every day—I do not know another job that can offer this!

It also emphasized the high expectations we have for our children. It is important to speak well, display confidence and take pride in ourselves. So I would like to thank all parents who have ensured that this week our pupils have the correct uniform and equipment that they need for learning. It gives our children a sense of belonging and community, something we believe is integral to developing and growing. As part of this community we are also aware that at times we may all experience difficulties in ensuring that these expectations are adhered to and this is when we openly offer our support and encourage parents to come and speak to us in the strictest confidence—we can help! We all have a common purchase—to ensure that your child can develop the skills to change and make a difference in the world!

Housepoints this week (rolling totals)

St David 65 (251)

St George 49 (253)

St Patrick 98 (331)

St Andrew 114 (304)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 26th January 2024

| CLASS | % | CLASS | % |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| RA | 91.0 | RB | 89.3 |
| 1JB | 87.0 | 1EB | 96.0 |
| 2E | 98.6 | 2F | 92.1 |
| 3GS | 97.7 | 3D | 89.1 |
| 4D | 96.7 | 4H | 92.2 |
| 5G | 93.3 | 5C | 96.4 |
| 6W | 95.2 | 6MT | 91.2 |

Attendance Goodie Bag

Our draw for the weekly attendance goody bag for this week went to

Rosalind

Our highest class attendance this week was 2E with 98.6%

They will have additional play next week!

Well done!

Whole School Attendance figure this week was ...

93.6%



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Stranger Danger

We have been made aware of numerous reports over the last couple of weeks of a man approaching children in the local area.

In all cases the children have been without an adult and the interaction has been uncomfortable. All of the incidents have been reported to the police and they are being investigated. If you collect your child from school, please ensure that they remain close to you. If your child is travelling or walking by themselves, please speak to them about keeping safe and the actions they should take if they are approached by an adult. We will update you with further information as soon as it is received from the police.

Parking

Please be reminded that Parking is not permitted on school grounds unless you have a 'Blue Badge' or specific permission from the Headteacher. Parents escorting children into Preschool or Reception classes should park and walk children into school.

Please use the Church car park (do not park on the school road) to avoid congestion on Priory Road. Emergency vehicles **MUST** be able to gain access to residents and the school at all times.

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.*

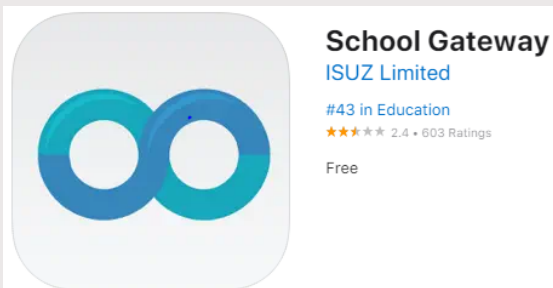
***YOU MUST** park outside the school grounds and accompany your child to the school office to be signed in.*

SCHOOL 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

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported Su (a pupil in Year 6), who has been selling bracelets to raise money for Cancer Research over the past two weeks.

Su has managed to raise in excess of £200—the final days takings have not yet been counted.

For those who did not manage to get a bracelet

this time—
Year 6 are having a charity day on 15th March and Su is already producing new



Loomyland

bracelets

End of the School Day

Please ensure that children remain supervised at the end of the school day. Children are not permitted to play within the Forest School, on the playgrounds or play equipment.

Please ensure that you leave the school grounds promptly once you have collected your children.

Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Pupil Leadership message

We started off this week with our Monday assembly led by Mrs Lovegrove. She told us the Gospel story where Jesus gathered his disciples (Simon, Andrew, James, John). The assembly focused upon news—good and bad. We thought about the platforms where we can find out about news and how this differs from the time of Jesus— where people shared news through the spoken and written word. Mrs Lovegrove also shared the good news that Mrs O’Kane and Mrs Ford can now give out golden house points, which are worth 5 normal house points, instead of just Mrs Lovegrove! Mrs Lovegrove also spoke about our uniform, and as we are the best school in Chalfont, we have to have the best and correct uniform!

We have had a busy week. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday we had our Eric time (Everybody Reading In Class). As with every week, Year 4 went swimming at Maltmans. On Thursday, we started the day by watching another class assembly, Mrs Hearnden’s class. This was about love, kindness and being part of a community. To show kindness the Year 4 pupils went around to the teachers and offered tea and biscuits, which the teachers accepted with pleasure. They also put kindness posters around the school so each person at school could take an act of kindness activity and share it with others. Finally, we moved onto Friday where the whole school got to wear colourful clothes, to shake off the January blues!

Joseph and Alex PLT

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.

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Chiltern Arts Art & Poetry Competitions 2024

Celebrate the heroes in your world by creating artwork and poetry that explores real human stories

Open to all ages

To enter and for more details visit
chilternarts.com/competitions-2024

Deadline: 29th February 2024

A photograph of three children from behind, running on a paved road that stretches into the distance under a cloudy sky. The child on the left wears a yellow cape, the middle child a pink cape, and the child on the right a red cape. They are all pointing forward with their right arms. The text 'OUR EVERYDAY HEROES' is overlaid in a stylized font across the bottom half of the image. 'OUR' is in black, 'EVERYDAY' is in white with a black outline, and 'HEROES' is in black. There are also some white scribbles on the left side of the image.

**OUR
EVERYDAY
HEROES**

Essential Equipment List

Please can parents have a check this weekend to ensure that your child has all the correct stationery they need for learning.

Please see the list of essential equipment below —all of which are available from the school stationery shop.

We have just had a restock and the shop is open at the KS1 Hall door at 8.30am each morning.



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|------------------|-----------|
| Pritt Stick Glue | £1.50 |
| Highlighter | £1 |
| Sharpener | 70p / 30p |
| Ruler | 50p |
| Eraser | 30p |
| Handwriting Pen | £1 |
| Pencil | 30p |
| Purple Pen | 50p |

Essential Equipment List

- 2-3 hb pencils
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- ruler (30cm) non-foldable
- small selection of colouring pencils
- a glue stick
- dry wipe marker
- white board eraser
- purple pen (KS2)
- highlighter (KS2)

Reminder—pencil cases should be small / plain (not Smiggle or oversized) as these do not fit in the pupil's trays and often cause a distraction from learning.

Parent Workshops this half term

| Date | Workshop | Who should attend |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Friday 2 nd February 9.00am | Preparing for the Multiplication Timestables Check | Parents of children in Years 3-4. |

Thank you to all those who attended the PSHE Workshop this morning.

All parents should have received a letter this week that provides the log in details for the Ten-Ten Website—the scheme that we now use to support our teaching of this subject.

Moving forward we will publish the set dates for our PSHE Days and the topics being covered in each year group so that parents can have discussions with the children prior to or following the lessons.

All workshop presentations are published on the school website. You will find these under the parents tab, where there is a section for parent workshops.

Nothing substitutes actually attending and hearing the presentations, but this will provide an overview of sessions if you are unable to attend.

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



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

