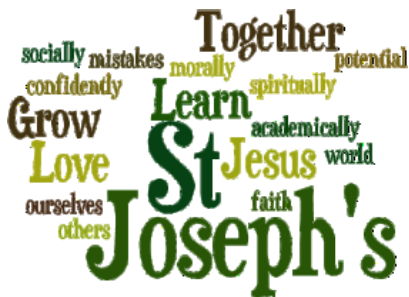


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 5th May
Fifth Sunday of Easter
John 15: 1-8*



Headteacher Message

May—Month dedicated to Mary.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. During this month Catholics pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. Contrary to misconceptions, we do not *worship* her.

Whilst on the cross, Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home" (Jn 19:26-27).



Although, we identify the beloved disciple with John, he is never actually named in the fourth Gospel. Some Scripture scholars say that this is because he is meant to represent every disciple, down through the ages. So when Jesus tells his beloved disciple that Mary is his mother, he is really telling all of us that she is our mother. Jesus is inviting us to take Mary into our spiritual home, our life of faith.

During this month we will pay homage to Mary in our collective worship and assemblies in school. As a whole school community, we will come together to hold our annual Marian Procession. The children have been preparing for this during the week—making their own flowers to lay in the prayer garden around the statue. We will pray Our Ladies special prayer and reflect on the many qualities Mary showed that we aspire to have, such as; strength, courage, determination, loyalty, love and devotion.

A reminder to everyone that Monday is a bank holiday and therefore we can all enjoy a day of rest and relaxation. Have a good extended weekend everyone.

Attendance

Attendance—Week Ending 3rd May 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	92.7	RB	93.0
1JB	94.6	1EB	94.2
2E	90.3	2F	94.6
3GS	94.2	3D	92.2
4D	96.3	4H	93.2
5G	97.8	5C	95.6
6W	94.8	6MT	94.8

*The highest class
attendance this week was
5G with 97.8%
Well done!*



Attendance Matters



Well done to Pamina in Year 6 who won our attendance goody bag this week for having 100% attendance.

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

Totals for this week

St David 71	St George 60
St Patrick 69	St Andrew 119

Running totals for this term

St David 189	St George 143
St Patrick 184	St Andrew 237

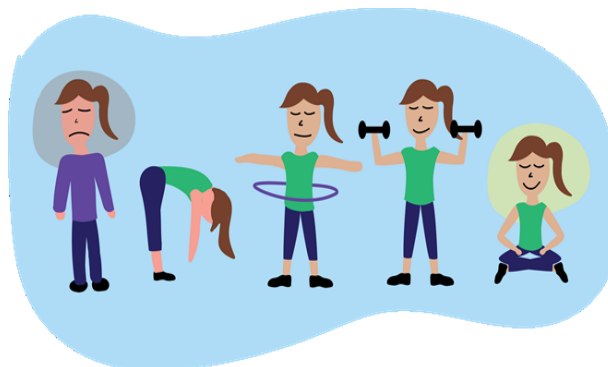
Donations

We are running 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.

Active Week 2023-2024

St Joseph's have had a great time celebrating 'Active Schools Week' last week. The children learnt about the importance of being active and how exercise can help their learning. They participated in wake up, shake up, walk the mile, dance routines, learning through movement, PE sessions, active breaks and being introduced to new sports.



The premier football league visited St Joseph's. The children in KS 1 had a great time developing their football skills and showing the teachers how to kick a football!

The magic world of Hogwarts came to St Joseph's. The children in KS 2 got to experience the wonderful game of Quidditch!

The sorting hat placed the children in to the houses of Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff to compete for the Quidditch cup and the winner was HUFFLEPUFF!



'In Reception, we are always quite active! During Active Week we were lucky to engage in a football session with amazing coaches, where we learnt kicking, dribbling and changing directions. Physical activity is really enjoyable in our outdoor area where we have an obstacle course and lots of fun sporting equipment. We are also taking part in Tiny Bikers to learn about balancing and riding bikes! For some extra fun, we have been learning a dance called the 'Sid Shuffle' from the movie Ice Age, we love it!'

Year 2 Games

Year 2 had a great time at DCHS taking part in the Year 2 games. The theme was the Olympics and we took part in lots of different activities such as archery, relay races and parachute games.

We all had a great time and came home exhausted from all our hard work!



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. A letter has been sent to all parents outlining the results of the consultation.

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.

Collection in the evening

The school car park is not available for parking and collecting children at the end of the school day or from clubs. Please do not buzz the intercom and request entrance to the car park unless you are collecting from Busy Living.

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.

School Information

**ST JOSEPHS FC
EUROS 2024**

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 22nd June 2024

8:45am – 1:00pm

Football Tournament for all ages and abilities
from Pre-School – Year 7

For members please contact your coach

*For non-member participation in the tournament -
please email stjosephsfc@gmail.com*

Deadline for Player Registration – 07/06/2024

<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsfc>

We only do Positive!



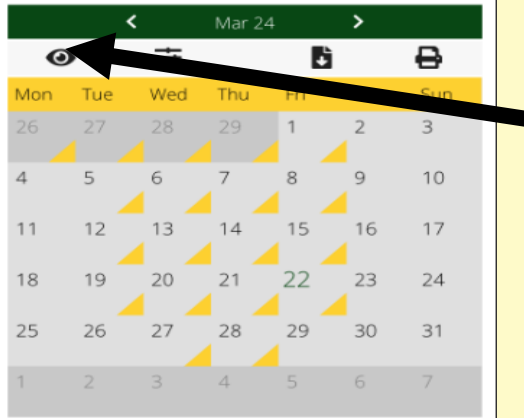
Bouncy Castle
Face Painting
BBQ
Ice Cream
& much more!

*£5.00 pp /
£10 for the
family*

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 8SB

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.

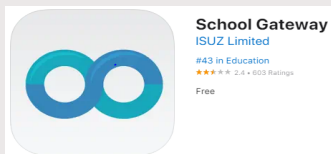
Reminder to Yr 5-6 parents

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

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Schoolcomms

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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.

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