

8th March 2024

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Gospel Reading for
Sunday 10th March
Fourth Sunday of Lent
John 3: 14-21



Headteacher message



Every morning starts with greeting pupils on the turning circle, but today was different! I have greeted *Cat in the Hat*, *Mary Poppins*, *Isadora Moon*, *Coco Channel* and *Horrid Henry* to name a few. I have also spent the day surrounded by all the *Mr and Little Misses*, which has made for some fun and exciting times. Why?

Reading is so important—it provides a gateway to all learning. Recent research by Oxford Press has found that four in ten pupils have fallen behind in their vocabulary development and as a school this is not something we are keen to hear. That's why, here at St Joseph's, we have a comprehensive reading strategy, in which we value the exposure our pupils can have to books and reading. Since introducing our new phonic programme of *Read, Write, Inc*, we have seen pupils make tremendous progress in acquiring the first steps of reading. It is vital that we work together to encourage this, by reading regularly at home—this means every night! Please take the time to read with and to your child and complete their reading record—it will benefit them greatly.

From the enthusiasm we have seen today, we know that our children love books!

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 8th March 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	95.3	RB	97.3
1JB	95.7	1EB	97.1
2E	97.2	2F	97.9
3GS	91.5	3D	97.4
4D	95.6	4H	100
5G	94.8	5C	94.8
6W	96.2	6MT	96.0



We gave her a gift bag for 100% attendance this week!

***Our highest class
attendance this week was 4H
with 100%
They will have a treat next
week and an
additional playtime.
Well done!***

Every week, **all** pupils who achieve 100% attendance have their names automatically added to the end of term prize drawer of an £50 Amazon voucher.



Whole School Attendance figure

96.3%

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.*

WORLD BOOK DAY



What a busy day we have had! World Book Day started off with costume parades in the hall. Everyone looked amazing and made such an effort with their costumes.

Even the staff all got involved as Little Miss and Mr Characters!

In class we shared our favourite books and created an art gallery with our 'Books in a Jar'. Winners will be announced next week– so keep your eyes peeled.

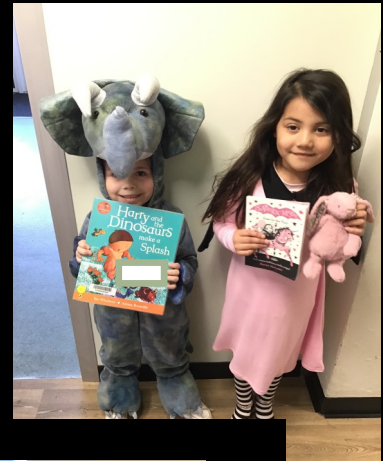
This afternoon ended with an exciting art lesson where we recreated our characters using pegs and lots of different materials.

Well done everyone for a wonderful World Book Day!!

Make sure you remember to use your book token before 31st March.

Reminder: Author, **Tola Okogwu** is visiting KS2 on Tuesday morning. A letter about how to pre-order her books has been sent out.

WORLD BOOK DAY



“World Book Day has been enjoyable because we have done lots of fun activities” - **Josh**

“World Book Day is amazing because you can find out about new authors and books that you might not have known otherwise” - **Evie**

“I have really enjoyed World Book Day because we explored everyone’s favourite books and I REALLY loved our art activity” - **Darcey**



Example of our peg art.
This one was inspired by Wonka!

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION—World Book Day

Little Miss St Joseph's!

Mrs Puglsey created her own Little Miss character today - 'Little Miss St Joseph's.'

She even wrote her own book which she read to her class! One word that kept appearing sums up Mrs Pugsley— PERFECT!



Little Miss St Joseph's went into school, did all her work and looked after all her friends. Little Miss St Joseph's had the perfect day, in her perfect school with her perfect teachers. Little Miss St Joseph's then went home to her perfect family. THE END.



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION—YEAR 1JB ASSEMBLY

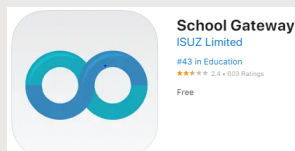
On Thursday 7th March, Year 1JB led a wonderful assembly all about **Special Meals**. The children were all brilliant! They spoke clearly and loudly and sang beautifully.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and most importantly to our fantastic Year 1JB class.



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RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES**

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



Midday Supervisor

We are always looking for additional Midday Supervisors to join our busy lunchtime team.

Do you have time on your hands, looking to re-join the workplace?

Monday to Friday 11.45 to 1.15pm,
every day or just a couple of days per week.

All hands welcome..... To find out more visit the [school website](#) for details, or contact Mrs Smith via office@stjosephschalfont.school.



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School Uniform

As part of joining the school, parents are signing up to abide by and agree to the school policies and procedures. These are all available on the school website and are shared with parents when children are offered a place at St. Joseph's.

Our school uniform is part of our common identity and as part of our standards for the children, we expect everyone to abide by the uniform policy.

Below is the winter school uniform for Reception—Year 6. All children are expected to be in the correct school uniform. Please note the list below and ensure that your child is compliant.

Reception – Year 6		
	Item	Available from
Winter		
	Dark green V-necked jumper with school crest	Earth uniform
	Dark green tie with thin gold double stripe	Earth uniform
	White cotton shirt	Any stockist
	Dark grey full-length school trousers / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee/ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
Outdoor Wear		
	Black / navy coat (plain – no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark green shower-proof jacket or fleece with school crest	Earth uniform
PE and Games		
	Dark green gym bag with school crest	Earth uniform
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt with gold school crest	Earth uniform
	Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist
	Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist
	Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist
School bag		
	Dark green book bag with school crest (Infants)	Earth uniform
	Dark green rucksack (small or large) with school crest (Juniors)	Earth uniform

Uniform can be purchased from Earthuniform or via our previously owned school uniform shop (on the school site).

Please can you particularly note—trainers are not part of school uniform (except for PE).

School coats should be either black or navy.

Please be aware teachers will be following up on ensuring that all children have the appropriate uniform from Monday 5th February.

Safeguarding - Reminders

There are many practices put into place to ensure the safety of children. Please adhere to them, they are in place for this very important reason

Turning Circle / Parking

Please ensure children are ready to leave the car, with their bags and belongings.

- Parents should not need to exit the car to retrieve bags, bottles or kit from the boot.
- The turning circle works most effectively without these delays and school staff are on hand to assist children with car doors.
- Do not pass messages to staff on the turning circle, there are 400 children arriving at school.
- Messages can be missed, please use the correct procedure.
- Please do not park on site for any reason, unless you are displaying a Blue Badge, (or have had specific time restricted authorisation from the Headteacher).
- Parents walking children into Preschool or Reception are not permitted to park, or have a driver park/wait, whilst dropping off. The car park is for **STAFF ONLY**—using these parking spaces delays staff parking and getting into school.
- Please do not drive up the right hand side of Priory Road. You must queue, irrespective of whether you hold a Blue Badge or have a permission to park.
- Please do not overtake on the turning circle under any circumstances.

Change to end of day procedures

Please do not email last minute changes to end of day procedures. Please call the school office and speak to a member of staff. When another adult is collecting your child and you have shared the password with that adult, it is not necessary to call or email the school office. KS2 children are expected to remember how they are leaving school at the end of the day. It is not practical to expect school staff to call home to check what the instructions of the day are.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Parents Evenings

A letter has been sent regarding the forthcoming Parents' Evenings

Tuesday, 12th March 3.30—6.30pm

Thursday, 14th March 4.00—7.00pm

Please use the link in the letter to make your booking.

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



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

