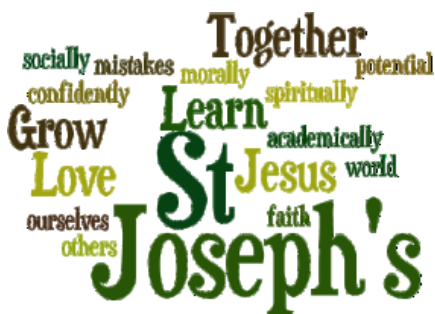


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



*Gospel Reading for
Sunday 11th February
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Mark 1: 40-45*



Headteacher message

It seems unbelievable that we have come to the end of another half term here at St Joseph's. It has been wonderful to see the pupils so active in their learning and sharing their knowledge in assemblies. I was particularly impressed this week by our Year 5s, who presented their learning on 'Space' and created a space museum, to teach the parents and friends who attended, all about the topic.

I would also like to thank all the parents who have attended the various workshops this term. It is very evident that when parents are on board, the learning of the pupils can accelerate—we have seen great progress this term from our pupils. Please do try and attend the events and use the presentations, which can be found on our school website, to refresh yourself on the content of these.

Mental Health Week at school has been a great success. The pupils have had time to reflect and think about their own mental health and ways to stop and give themselves some space. The staff have been busy sharing positive affirmations and enjoying zumba. The highlight of my week was arriving back from a meeting to find a KitKat on my desk with a message saying: 'Enjoy a KitKat and have a chit chat' - I did!

Have a great half term!



Housepoints this week (rolling totals)

St David 41 (373)

St George 17 (310)

St Patrick 60 (481)

St Andrew 48 (398)

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Attendance—Week Ending 9th February 2024

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RA	94.3	RB	98.6
1JB	90.0	1EB	93.6
2E	93.7	2F	96.8
3GS	88.5	3D	91.3
4D	99.3	4H	97.4
5G	90.0	5C	88.0
6W	89.7	6MT	97.2

Attendance Goodie Bag

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

Holly—Year 6

***Our highest class attendance this week
was 4D with 99.3 %***

***They will have additional play, after the
half term break!***

Well done!

***Whole School Attendance figure this
week was ...93.8%***

Message from Attendance Officer

It is not acceptable to collect your child from school early. All early collections cause disruption within the class, for both the pupils and the teacher, and can leave the main office area of the school understaffed—this becomes a safeguarding issue.

If you feel, under exceptional circumstances, that you need to collect your child early, please inform myself, the school attendance officer, in advance, with documentation to support the early collection.

Please ensure all appointments, such as the GP, dentist and opticians and any further family events are arranged during holidays, to ensure that all pupils can attend each day until 3pm.



SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

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

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

Narnia Visit!

Years 4-6 journeyed into the land of Narnia today and were completely immersed in the story.

They explored the wintry land of Aslan's Kingdom and listened carefully to Gold Hill Hub's story tellers.

The children even got crowned as King or Queen of Cair Paravel.



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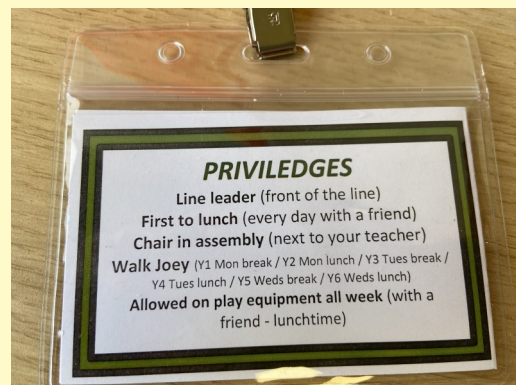
Pupil Leadership message

This week was mental health week. This means we did a lot of PSHE lessons. Miss Burston held an assembly all about it and she read a book called 'Speak Up!' It was about a girl who started a silent protest to raise money to save their library which was being destroyed due to it not having enough money.

This year's theme was 'My Voice Matters'. We watched a video about this. We also had a lady from Scarf come to visit us! The lady from Scarf told us about the 5 important key elements of our lives. These are things that keep us alive, they include: Food, Water, Oxygen, Sleep and Exercise.

As a leadership team we have been working on enhancing the weekly Class Champion Award. We did this because we thought that just getting a certificate was not enough of a reward, so we made Class Champion **VIP** for the week. This means that the people who have won will get lots of privileges. These privileges include: being line leader, going out for lunch first, a homework pass (Yr5-6) and walking Joey. Everyone is very excited!

Alex and William



School Choir

The school choir is now open to new applicants from

Year 2—Year 6.

Rehearsal takes place on Mondays from 3.15—4.00
in the KS1 hall—from where children are collected.

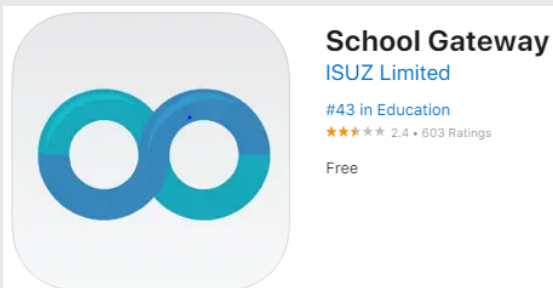
Booking available via your **ParentPay** account only.

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

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

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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 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](https://www.earthuniform.com) 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.

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.



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.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

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.



There are many enquiries regarding when, and when not, to send children to school.

Please see the NHS information page for more information.

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

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*

