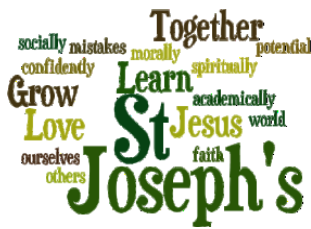


10th July 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th July

Matthew: 13:1-23



Headteacher Message

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, it has been a joy to celebrate the achievements of so many of our children. This week, we recognised the accomplishments of our Key Stage 2 pupils who have demonstrated the qualities at the heart of our Mission Statement: Love, Learn and Grow. It is always wonderful to welcome parents and family members into school to share these special moments and celebrate alongside their children. Next week, we will hold our final award celebrations with our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to the next exciting stage of their educational journey.

On Tuesday morning, our fantastic Sports Ambassadors led a special sports assembly, giving us the opportunity to reflect on the many sporting achievements of the year. We also congratulated pupils who have achieved success in sporting activities outside of school, including several who have competed at an impressive international and World Championship level. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and achievements.

This week has very much been about transition and new beginnings. On Monday, our Year 6 pupils attended the Goldhill Hub Transition Day, where they took part in a range of activities alongside pupils from other local schools in preparation for secondary school. Our staff were delighted with the exemplary behaviour shown by our children, and it was particularly pleasing to receive compliments from members of the local community who commented on their maturity and conduct. It is reassuring to know that our pupils leave St Joseph's as responsible, considerate and confident young people, ready for the next stage of their journey.

We also enjoyed Year 2's wonderful Moving On Liturgy, entitled "Year 2's Got Talent." The children reflected on their time in Key Stage 1, likening each school year to progressing through another round of a talent competition and moving ever closer to the next stage of their learning. My role was to decide whether they had earned a place in the next round—Year 3 in September—and I am delighted to report that I pressed the Golden Buzzer! With golden tickets flying around the room, it was a memorable and joyful occasion. The confidence, enthusiasm and maturity displayed by our Year 2 pupils were truly impressive. Well done, Year 2!

We also held our annual Bump Up Morning, giving children the opportunity to meet their new teachers and spend time in their new classrooms. It was lovely to see so many excited faces looking ahead to September. Learning to embrace change is an important part of growing up, and experiences such as these help our children develop the resilience, confidence and adaptability they need for the future.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 pupils visited the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Neasden Temple) as part of their learning about Hinduism. During a guided tour, they gained a deeper understanding of this place of worship and explored the values shared between different faiths. They represented our school beautifully and returned eager to share what they had learned. It is inspiring to see the openness, curiosity and respect our pupils show towards people of different faiths and cultures. Such understanding can only help to build a more peaceful and compassionate world.

Finally, Sports Morning eventually took place! Traditionally, this event has often been threatened by rain, but this year the challenge came in the form of extreme heat. Nevertheless, we got there in the end. Once again, our pupils demonstrated teamwork, resilience, determination and, most importantly, a sense of fun. Sports Morning was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate not only sporting participation and achievement, but also the friendships, relationships and sense of belonging that make St Joseph's such a special place.

Thank you to all our staff, families and pupils for making these events so successful. Together, we continue to live out our mission to Love, Learn and Grow.



Weekly Attendance Figures

22nd—26th June 2026



WEEKLY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 79.2%

NATIONAL AVERAGE 89.3%

Class	Week %	Late	Class	Week %	Late
RM	89.6%	1	RMG	92.0	0
1B	98.6	2	1D	94.2	4
2AE	97.6	0	2E	95.5	2
3S	95.4	1	3W	95.9	2
4FG	96.3	0	4B	89.7	1
5D	92.8	0	5F	86.5	3
6BT	95.8	0	6O	95.0	2

1st—1B

2nd—2AE

3rd —4FG

Safeguarding



Every school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Child Protection and Safeguarding. The DSL's at St Joseph's is Mrs Ford. The Deputy DSL's are Mrs O'Kane and Mrs Lovegrove.

At St Joseph's, the safety and wellbeing of every child is of the utmost importance. We are committed to working in close partnership with families to ensure all children feel safe, supported and able to thrive.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we encourage all parents and carers to share any concerns—no matter how small—so that we can work together to support our children.

If you have any worries about a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact the school office or speak to a member of our safeguarding team. Please see the [Online Safety Newsletter - June](#) for further information about keeping children safe online.

Key Reminders—Week Commencing 13th July

Monday, 13th July 9.30am & 2.30pm	Rocksteady Concerts in the Key Stage 2 hall
Tuesday, 14th July	Year 6 Games—Dr. Challoners
Wednesday, 15th July 9.30am (Church)	End of Term Mass (Y1 parents invited)
Friday 17th July—9.45am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Friday, 17th July 1pm	End of Term—School Closes at 1pm

Uniform and PE—week commencing 13th July

We will move back to full school uniform on Monday, as the forecast is indicating a drop in temperature again. Please refer to the letter sent out this week regarding PE lesson w/c 13th—this may be on a different day to usual. Please ensure that children are in PE kit on the correct day.

M. G. LEONARD



Winner of many awards including the Sainsbury's Children's Book of the Year 2021 and the British Book Awards Book of the Year 2021.

M.G. Leonard has written a whole host of books for you to get lost in. Her debut novel was the sensational 'Beetle Boy' which is now a trilogy before she teamed up with Sam Sedgman and begun the 'Adventures on Trains' series which involves Hal and friends solving a range of mysterious crimes! Her latest series is that of The Twitchers: it's detective mystery meets bird watching. As well as all of these fantastic chapter books, M. G. Leonard has also written some picture books like 'The Tale of a Toothbrush'. Which will you choose?



If you like Hannah Gold or Lindsay Galvin you'll love these books!

My tip for writing is...just keep writing! Even if it's not right, keep going because once it is down on paper you can start making changes, and that's how you find out what is right!

M.G. Leonard says:

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[Preschool Newsletter](#)

Parental Survey

Please follow the link to access the [Parental](#) Survey. Your feedback is important to us. Please complete by Friday, 10th July 2026. Thank you for your support.

Please check your ParentPay accounts to clear any outstanding amounts.

All accounts must be kept in credit at all times.

Parents will be asked to provide packed lunch for those accounts in deficit.



Dear All

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MANY INITIATIVES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL INCLUDING OUR
NATIVE SPANISH TEACHER, OUR FOREST SCHOOL LEADER AND MUCH MORE!

HELP KEEP THE **MAGIC** HAPPENING AT ST JOSEPH'S

Just a little of your time can make a huge
difference to every child in our school.

FROM SEPTEMBER 2026, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE FULL CALENDAR
OF EVENTS THE SCHOOL CURRENTLY ENJOYS,
THE PTA WILL NEED TO RECRUIT FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:



CHAIR OF THE FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

Main liaison with the
school office and SLT
to book event dates in
the calendar and
confirm suppliers.



COMMUNICATIONS

Creation of posters for
events, promotion of events
across all channels including
Classlist, newsletters,
posters and
Whatsapp groups.



SPONSORSHIP, AUCTIONS & RAFFLES

Liaising with current and
sourcing new sponsors for
events, sourcing raffle and
auction prizes and setting
up Galabid platforms.



SUMUP

Managing the online ticket
platform and attendance
lists for events, plus
keeping the SumUp
machines updated and
ready for event days.



SHOPPERS

Sourcing well priced and
interesting items for school
sales (Mother's and
Father's Day) and drinks
and snacks for a range
of events.



EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Giving 30 minutes or
1 hour of time to
man an area of
an event.



EVERY ROLE – BIG OR SMALL – MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

GET INVOLVED. ♥ MEET NEW PEOPLE. ♥ HAVE FUN. ♥ MAKE MEMORIES.

INTERESTED?

If you can help or would like to know more,
please get in touch:

✉ Friendsstjos@gmail.com

🗨 Or speak to a member of the PTA

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING
OUR SCHOOL!

St. Joseph's goes Gaelic...

Last week marked a significant milestone for St Joseph's as we entered our own team into the British Gaelic Athletic Association competition for the very first time. While individual pupils have taken part in this event before, this was the first occasion that St Joseph's was represented as a school team.

In the weeks leading up to the competition, the team met regularly to train and develop their skills, with some children experiencing Gaelic football for the very first time. Mr Corcoran and Mr Williams took on the important role of Team Managers, generously giving their time, expertise and encouragement to prepare the pupils for their debut event.

Competing in extremely hot conditions against well-established teams, our pupils represented St Joseph's with tremendous pride, determination and sportsmanship. They rose to the challenge admirably and competed exceptionally well throughout the day.

We are immensely proud of every member of the team and look forward to seeing them continue their Gaelic football journey in September. Well done, Team St Joseph's!



Uniform Reception—Year 2

Summer	Start of Pentecost Term (after Easter) - Half Term Advent (Oct)	
	Dark grey knee length school shorts (formal straight / not jersey) / Dark grey full-length school trousers (formal straight trousers / not jersey) / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	White polo shirt with or without school crest (worn without school tie)	Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham dress	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap with or without school crest	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	
	No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted	

Uniform Key Stage 2

Summer	Start of Pentecost Term (after Easter) - Half Term Advent (Oct)	
	Dark grey knee length school shorts (formal straight / not jersey) / Dark grey full-length school trousers (formal straight trousers / not jersey) / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	White cotton shirt (worn with school tie)	Any stockist
	School tie (if wearing a cotton shirt)	Earth Website
	White polo shirt with or without school crest (worn without school tie)	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham dress	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap with or without school crest	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted	

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain ear studs in pierced ears, or a watch when your child is able to tell the time.

If a child wears any earrings, apart from studs, they will be asked to remove them. Staff cannot remove earrings for children. Please think carefully about this if your child asks to have their ears pierced. The school cannot accept responsibility for any jewellery that may be lost.

Footwear

All children should wear black shoes in school. Open toe sandals, trainers, boots and heels are not permitted.

Hair

On health and safety grounds, shoulder length hair and longer should be tied back neatly, in the school colours (white, dark green or black only). Large hair rosettes and bows are not to be worn.

Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, close shaved hair (**even under top layer of longer hair - undercut**) and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair. Children's hair length should be no shorter than a number two. The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed. If we feel a hairstyle is unsuitable, we will ask for this to be rectified.

Make up / Nails

Make up is not permitted.

Nails are to be kept short and nail varnish is not permitted.

PE and Games		
	Dark green gym bag with school crest	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts (not cycling)	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt with gold school crest	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist
	Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist
	Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist

Communications



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Please leave a minimum of 48 hours for replies to email messages and queries. Please note, messages regarding early collection of children should be given at least 24 hours in advance.

Please use the dedicated **absence@stjosephschalfont.school** email address to ensure your child's absence is recorded. Alternatively you may call 01753 887743 (Option 1) to leave a message on the absence line.

Absence must be reported before 09.00am for each day of absence.

Please be reminded the school gates close at 8.45am. After this time parents must park outside and accompany children to the school office to sign in. The school office is open at 8.30am and closes at 4.30pm.



Have a lovely weekend, from all at St. Joseph's

