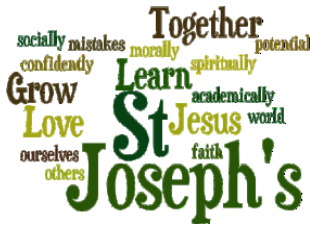


10th October 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Sunday 12th October

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time

Luke 17: 11-19



Headteacher Message

This week, I set a fun challenge for the pupils of St Joseph's during our whole school assembly.

Challenge 1: Can you touch your elbow with your nose?

Challenge 2: Can you say the word "peas" without moving your lips?

As I've walked around the school, I've yet to meet a child who has succeeded in either challenge—which is actually a good thing, because both are impossible!

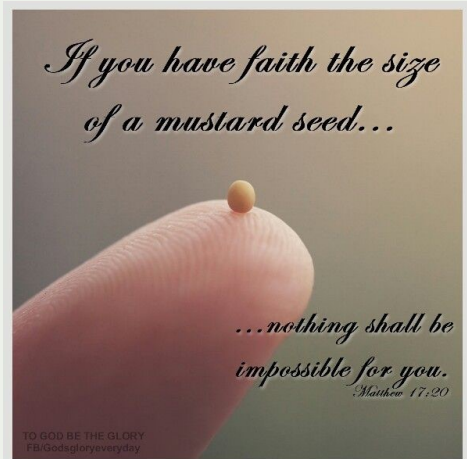
This led us to reflect on a powerful message: the disciples, Jesus' followers, also wanted to do amazing and seemingly impossible things. Jesus told them that even the tiniest amount of faith—like a mustard seed—can lead to great things. Every good deed we do is God working within us, helping us achieve the extraordinary.

We spent time reflecting on the amazing things we're capable of each day. And next Monday, we'll come together to do something truly special: supporting those who are homeless by donating food to the Slough London Run. By putting others before ourselves, we'll be making a real difference. It's a powerful reminder that doing great things is always possible—especially when we act with kindness, compassion, and faith.

*If you have faith the size
of a mustard seed...*

*...nothing shall be
impossible for you.*

Matthew 17:20



Key Reminders

Monday, 13th October
11.00 Church Service

Harvest Festival
Children only

Tuesday, 14th October

Virtual Parents/ Evening
Pre-booked Appointments

Wednesday, 15th October

Virtual Parents/ Evening
Pre-booked Appointments

Tuesday, 14th October
9.00am—KS1 Hall

1D Class Assembly

Friday, 17th October

FOSJS
Costume Mufti Day

Save the Date....

Saturday,
29th November 2025

FOSJS
Christmas Market
Extravaganza

Saturday,
4th July 2026

FOSJS Summer Ball

LATE DELIVERIES...

PLEASE USE THE LATE BOX SITUATED OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO LEAVE LUNCH BOXES, PE KITS, WATER BOTTLES, FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES, ETC.

PLEASE USE THE LABELS / PENS INSIDE THE BOX TO ENSURE ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO DELIVER THESE TO CHILDREN IN TIME.

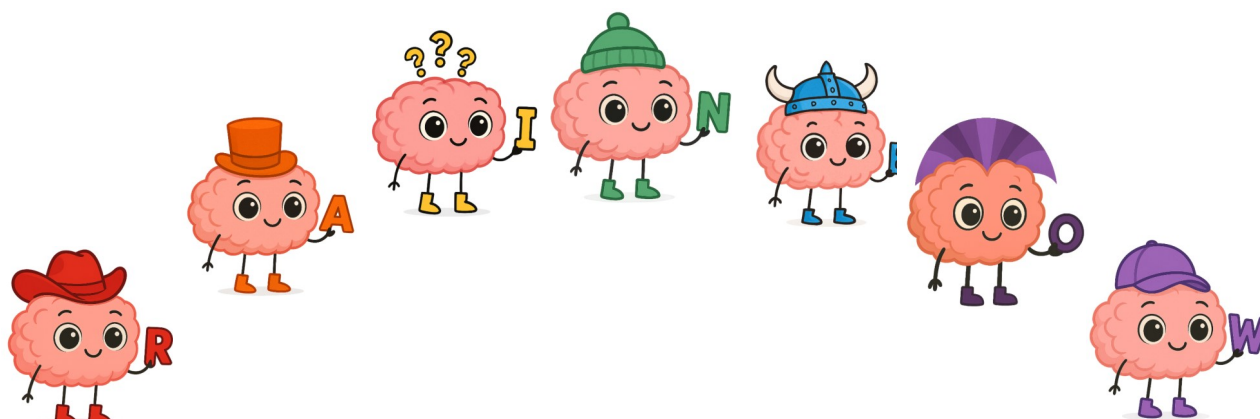
CALLS HOME FOR FORGOTTEN ITEMS ARE NOT POSSIBLE

Class Champions this week



RMG	Ada	RM	Frankie O
1B	Arthur	1D	Frankie B
2AE	Daisy	2RE	Albie S
3B	Thomas	3W	Anna
4B	Spencer	4FG	Micheal M
5P	Penelope	5B	Elayna
6O	Charlotte	6T	Joseph

Rainbow Award Winners this week



Reception—Luna-Rae, Alfie-Beau, Anna

Year 1—Darragh, Nathan

Year 2 —Joao Lucas amd Karina

Year 3—Emily and Cara and all of 3W

Year 4 Amelia and Emilia

Year 5—Tom, Mikey and Hayden

Year 6—Hezekiah and Dean

Attendance

Reg	% Week	Reg	% Week	% Year group YTD
RM	89.5	RMG	99.5	95.5
1D	99.6	1B	96.5	98.2
2AE	98.3	2E	97.5	95.8
3W	97.4	3B	97.8	97.6
4B	100	4G/F	95.8	98.1
5B	86.7	5P	91.7	94.4
6O	98.4	6T	98.3	96.2
Top Reg	4B			

Highest Class Attendance this week

4B with 100%

Reporting Absence

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property containers (yellow) are located outside of the school office.
Please check them regularly for lost items.

Named items are directed back to the child's classroom. Un-named items are directed to the second hand shop at the end of each half term.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

Author of the Week

Author of the Week

This resource has been kindly sponsored by ProStrike Events who will be funding our weekly giveaway. Each week a featured author's book will be up for grabs through @primaryteachew & @casht on Twitter.

ProStrike holds FREE football fundraising events for primary schools nationwide. Last academic year, schools received an average of over £1300 per event! For more information, visit www.prostrikeevents.co.uk and book online using code AOTW.



Resource created by @primaryteachew & @casht

MAISIE CHAN

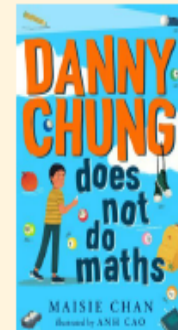
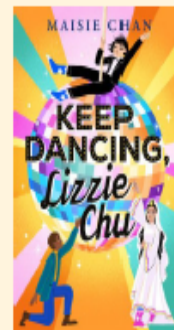


Maisie and her editor, Georgia, won the Branford Bose Award in 2022, which is for debut authors!

Maisie Chan is a British Chinese author who lives in Scotland, which is where her books are based.

Her debut book, 'Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths', got lots of positive attention, even earning her a place on the Bookseller 'one to watch' list. Her books are a real study of people - the relationships and friendships they portray are very real - and that's what makes them so interesting to the reader!

Maisie Chan says:



If you like Elle McNicoll or Helen Rutter, you'll love these books!

I love stories and that's why I love reading. You are immersed in a world outside your reality. I like books I can relate to, and other times I want to escape and learn something new.

Parent Information



FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER COSTUME PARTY

GET READY TO SHOWCASE YOUR FAVOURITE
COSTUME.

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY AND HAVE SOME FUN.

POP £1 IN THE BUCKET OR PAY VIA

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Key Information

 SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

PARENT PACT

Want to wait to give your child a smartphone
but don't want them to be the odd one out?

***You're not alone!** There's a growing movement of parents in Buckinghamshire (and across Britain) who are choosing to wait to give their children smartphones. The Parent Pact is a way to join together with other families at St. Joseph's to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14.

It's all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure dissolves. It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact – and you can see how many other parents at your school have signed have signed on the live leaderboards.



National

129,103
Children

13,100
Schools



St. Joseph's
Catholic
Primary
School

Sign now!

Sign the PARENT PACT

Let's work together to push
St. Joseph's up the local
leaderboards!



Buckinghamshire

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Advent Calendar 2025

Date	Time	Detail
Friday 28 th November	All Day	Dress the Tree Assembly (Children Only—own clothes/ Christmas Jumpers)
Saturday 29 th November	2.00 – 6.00pm	FOSJS Christmas Market Extravaganza
Tuesday 2 nd December	9.00am	Preschool Christmas Production (Preschool Parents Invited)
Wednesday 3 rd December	9.00am	Reception Christmas Production (Reception Parents Invited)
Thursday 4 th December	9.00am	Year 1 Christmas Production (Year 1 Parents Invited)
Friday 5 th December	9.00am	Year 2 Christmas Production (Year 2 Parents Invited)
Friday 5 th December	tbc	Chalfont St Peter Christmas Evening Choir to perform
Monday 8 th December	9.30am & 2.30pm	Rocksteady Concerts (Rocksteady Parents Invited)
Thursday 11 th December	12.00pm	Children's Christmas Lunch (own clothes & Christmas jumper)
Friday 12 th December	9.00am & 2.00pm	Love, Learn Grow Assembly (by invitation)
Monday 15 th December	9.30am	End of Term Mass (Church) Y5 Parents Invited
Wednesday 17 th December	7.00pm	KS2 Carol Concert St. Joseph's Parish Church (KS2 Parents Invited)
Thursday 18 th December (party clothes)	9.00-10.30 11.00-12.30 2.00-3.30 4.30-.00pm 6.30-.00pm	Preschool Christmas Party Reception Christmas Party KS1 Christmas Party Y3&4 Christmas Disco (FOSJS) Y5&6 Christmas Disco (FOSJS)
Friday 19 th December	1.00pm	End of Advent Term Merry Christmas to All



JOIN US FOR ST. JOSEPHS

Christmas

MARKET
EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 29TH

NOVEMBER

2PM ~ 6PM

GIFTS ★ CRAFTS ★ FOOD

MUSIC SANTA FUNFAIR

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**ST. JOSEPHS CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
PRIORY ROAD,
CHALFONT ST PETER
SL9 8SB**

Parent Information

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS

If you need your child's secondary school application form signed or require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Bob will be available on **Monday 13 October at 6pm**, **Tuesday 14 October at 9am, 3:45pm and 6pm** and **Wednesday 15 October at 9am and 3:45pm**.

Please come to the front door of the Priory (entrance via Bull Lane). You do not need to print out certificates, Fr Bob has these prepared already and will fill in your child's details when he meets with you.

NB: Fr Bob will not be available outside of these dates to do this as he is away and won't return until November.

COPIES OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Requests should be made by [contacting the Parish Office](#).

Parents should include details of the child for whom the certificate is required, their date of birth, date of baptism and names of their parents and godparents when asking for a Baptism Certificate.

Please allow a minimum of five working days to turn around requests.

Money Talks.....



We are looking for a parent to talk Money!
If any parent is working in the financial sector and would be willing to talk to Year 6 about managing money, budgeting and establishing good habits.

During the week commencing 3/11/225



Please email
office@stjosephschalfont.school to organise.

Vacancies

Midday Supervisor

Parent Information

SAFEGUARDING AT THE END OF THE DAY

A reminder that you can enter school via the KS1 playground and the KS2 side gate in the afternoon. If you are only collecting from KS2 (Years 3-6) please use the side gate.

Please do not go around to the KS2 playground (if you have entered via KS1) until 3.30pm. We need to safely move all of the children to the KS2 playground to be picked up and this becomes complicated for the teachers and children if there are adults in the middle of this process.

We kindly ask that you leave the school, if you are on the KS2 playground, by the KS2 gate side gate —please do not come back via the marquees onto the KS1 playground.

A gentle reminder also, that there is no parking on the school site to collect children from clubs (exception of Busy Living). This has been in the newsletter for several weeks and there are still parents (particularly on Friday evenings) trying to drive onto the site.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ONTO SITE DUE TO THE GATE OPENING FOR A DEPARTING VEHICLE.

Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

From all at St. Joseph's School.

