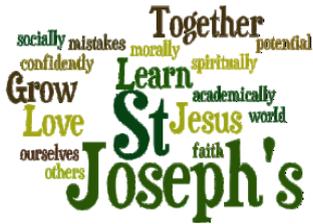


# St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



*Gospel reading for*  
*Sunday 15th February*  
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Matthew 5:17-37*



## Headteacher Message

### Racial Justice Sunday

**“Whoever loves God must also love his brother and sister.”**

On Sunday 1st February, the Bishops announced the theme for Racial Justice Sunday as the quote above: in essence loving all people. During our assembly on Thursday morning, the Pupil Leadership Team guided us through a thoughtful reflection on what this message truly means.

They reminded us that if we genuinely love God, then this love should be visible in the way we treat one another—regardless of culture, language, or appearance. We are called to recognise the dignity of every human person and to challenge actions or behaviours that undermine these values. Our world is beautifully diverse, and we should celebrate the richness that this diversity brings.

To illustrate this, the team painted eggs in different colours and then cracked them open, showing that although the shells looked different, the inside was exactly the same. It was a powerful reminder that we share the same humanity at our core.

They left us with two important questions to reflect on:

**How do I treat people who are different from me?**

**What might God be asking me to change?**

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus came to show us how to treat others—with kindness, respect, and the courage to stand up for what is right and to support those in need. The Pupil Leadership Team encouraged each of us to be an UPSTANDER, not a BYSTANDER—to have the courage to do the right thing, just like the Good Samaritan.

Please take some time to talk with your child about what they learned from this week's assembly.



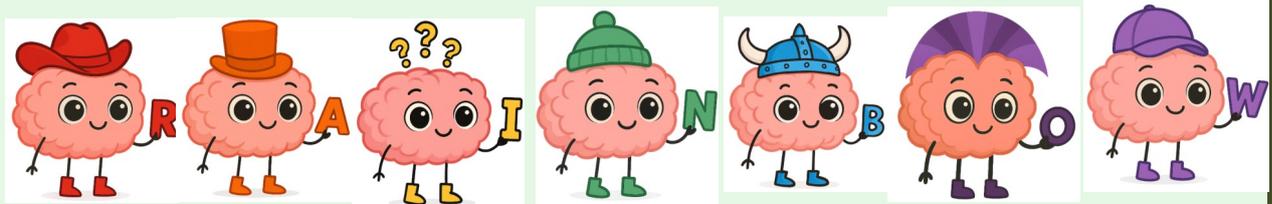


## Class Champions this week

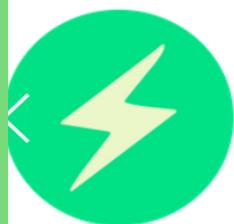


Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RMG	Alessandro	RM	Eloise
1B	Luna	1D	Eesa
2AE	Thomas O	2RE	Levi
3B	Rajvir	3W	Hattie
4B	Amrita	4FG	Bailey
5F	Isabella	5D	Rosie
6BT	Lacey	6O	Thomas

## Rainbow Award Winners this week



Ava 2E, Patrick 1B, Grace 2E, Ada RMG, Erin RMG, Paddy RM, Lexi RM, Elowen 3W, Pablo 5F, Noah 6BT, Cara 6O, Joshua 5D, Caitlyn 4B, Mia 4FG, Mark 3B, Jazbeline 1D



# SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

### What is Smartphone free Childhood?

Smartphone Free Childhood is a movement of families standing together to delay smartphones and social media – turning isolation into collective strength.

Together we're giving children back what truly matters: time to play, space to grow, freedom to be. Because childhood should be shaped by families and communities, not algorithms.

## Key Reminders

Monday 23rd February

PSHE Day

Thursday, 26th February

Y3 PE Afternoon

Friday, 27th February

Y4 PE Afternoon

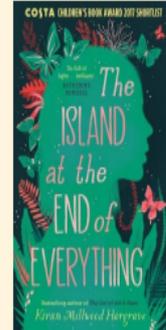
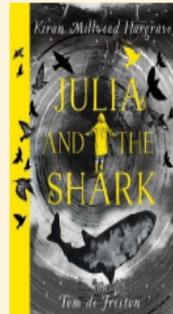
## Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)

## Author of the Week

KIRAN MILLWOOD HARGRAVE



Kiran has been writing for a number of years and in 2019 her debut children's book was published...and won an award! Although most of her books have been published for children, she does also write for adults and young adults, too!

Her most recent books have been created with her husband, Tom, who is an illustrator. They have beautiful pictures to go with a beautifully told story.

If you like Abi Elphinstone or Emma Carroll, you'll love these books!

*That's another thing about words: there's space in them. They change according to whose mouth they're coming out of.*

Kiran's debut book, 'A Girl of Ink and Stars' won the Waterstone's Children's Book Award in 2019.

*Kiran Millwood Hargrave, in Julia and the Shark, says:*

## Housepoints

### HOUSE POINTS – This week

St David 159	St George 172
St Andrew 158	St Patrick 148

### HOUSE POINTS –Running Totals

St David 682	St George 798
St Andrew 778	St Patrick 754

## Attendance

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CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RM	95.7	RMG	94.8
1D	90.8	1B	96.4
2AE	92.1	2RE	83.3
3W	93.7	3B	97.4
4B	89.3	4GF	93.6
5F	94.2	5D	93.3
6O	98.4	6BT	93.3

1st

2nd

3rd

6O 98.4%

3B 97.4%

1B 96.4%

### Highest Class Attendance was

6O—98.4%



### Winner of the Attendance Bag

Dean F—Year 6

### Reporting Absence

Please use the dedicated [absence@stjosephschalfont.school](mailto: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.

Free webinar to support parents in Year 5-6

# TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR DEVELOPING BODIES AND FEELINGS

A webinar to inspire confidence in taking a positive approach to supporting children with their developing bodies and feelings.

February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
Online



Sign up for free by scanning the QR code or follow the link in the email

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Calling all budding artists!

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## Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

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### Open for submissions

5 January–4 March 2026

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Find out more and enter

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# Young Artists' Summer Show

2026

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