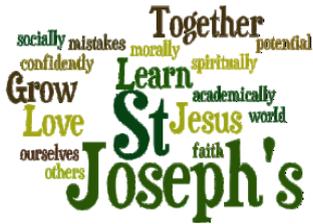


13th March 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



*Gospel reading for
Sunday 15th March
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
John 9:1-41*



Headteacher Message

It is lovely to have brighter mornings and longer evenings—the weeks seem to be flying by, and time is moving so quickly. We now have only two weeks left until the Easter break. This is always a busy time of year, and as we move closer to exam season for our secondary pupils, we are also mindful that some of our younger children will be taking part in their own assessments.

Although we never want to worry our pupils, we do want to encourage them to do their very best. As the saying goes, practice makes perfect—although here at St Joseph's, we like to say that practice makes permanent. After Easter, pupils in Year 1 will complete the Phonics Screening Check, pupils in Year 4 will take the Multiplication Check, and pupils in Year 6 will sit their SATs. These assessments help us understand how well pupils have secured key knowledge and skills, and there is plenty we can work on at school, as well as lots that can be supported at home.

We hope you were able to attend the workshops held for families in these year groups, to gain useful tips on how to support your child's learning at home and to strengthen those essential skills that will help them in school and beyond. If you were unable to attend, please do take a moment to look at the presentations available on our website.

My week ended in the best possible way—spending the afternoon with our wonderful Reception pupils, who invited the fabulous ladies in their lives to a special event in their honour. It made me reflect on my own amazing mum, who has guided and supported me throughout my life. So, a very special Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful women (mums or not) who nurture, guide, and care for our young people as they grow into the adults they will become.



Weekly Attendance Figures



Attendance

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RM	98.3	RMG	94.3
1D	99.2	1B	98.5
2AE	98.3	2RE	94.7
3W	95	3B	96.8
4B	97.3	4GF	98.9
5F	90	5D	95
6O	94.1	6BT	98.1

1st

2nd

3rd

1D 99.2

4GF 98.9

1B 98.5

Winner of the Attendance Bag



Class Champions



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RMG	Ava	RM	Conor D
1B	Aspen	1D	Oscar
2AE	Joao Lucas	2RE	Jeremy
3B	Kairav	3W	Paddy
4B	Holly	4FG	Freddie
5F	Serena	5D	Evie E
6BT	Preston	6O	Genevieve

Rainbow Award Winners this week



Beau B 4B, Max C 6O, Alaa A 6BT, Sienna W 5D, Alice C 4FG, Eesa A 1D,
Serena Taank 2SE, Max Simpson 2E, Frankie O'Donnell RM,
Conall O'Sullivan RMG, Teddy McDonagh 1B, Penelope Glynn 5F,
Conor D 3W, Millie C 3W

Housepoints

Not counted this week – double count next week

Key Reminders

Monday, 16th March
9.30 and 2.30 pm—KS1 Hall

Rocksteady Concerts

Wednesday, 18th March 7pm

Yrs 3 & 4 Passion Play

Wednesday, 18th March
2.30pm—KS1 Hall

SEN Coffee Afternoon
(all welcome)

Thursday, 19th March

Book Week Activities
Dressing Up Day—Wizard of Oz

Friday, 20th March
9.00am—KS2 Hall

Love, Learn Grow Assembly
(by invitation)

Friday, 20th March

Wizard of Oz Production
Whole School

Handprint on Someone's Heart Badges

At the start of each academic year—Mrs Lovegrove sets a theme for the year. This year she spoke to us all about leaving a handprint on someone else's heart. We reflected on how we can help and support each other so that we make a real difference to other people.

This week we launched our Hand Print on the Heart Badges in Collective Worship. We are going to have some time over the next few weeks to reflect on how people have left a handprint on our heart during the week—and fill in a nomination slip. These will be collected by us and we will choose the ones that really stand out to us— those children and adults will get a special badge in our weekly celebration assembly. We hope that this will encourage us all, in the season of Lent, to really make an effort to help, support and do nice things for each other.

Sienna and Ismael

Head Pupils



We will have a special wall in our Key Stage 2 Hall where we will post all the nominations so that we can see all the amazing things we are doing!

Well done to our first batch of winners.

They are listed on the next page.

Handprint on Someone's Heart Badges



Neha 60



Callum 6BT



Iris RMG



Conor RM



Jessica RM



Arthur 1B



Freddie 2AE



Oliver 1D

Handprint on Someone's Heart Badges



Dollie 3W



Kairav 3B



Amelia 4FG



Amrita 4B



Freddie 4FG



Rosie 5D



Mr Newman



Pablo 5F

Author of the Week

HANNAH GOLD



The Last Bear won The Blue Peter Book Award 2022 and the Waterstones Children's book prize.

Hannah used to work in the film and theatre industry but now is pursuing her dream and writing best-selling children's novels! Hannah uses her storytelling to teach children about the troubles our planet (and it's animals particularly) is facing and how, no matter who you are, you can help to protect it. 'The Last Bear' and 'The Lost Whale' are both beautifully illustrated by award-winning illustrator Levi Pinfold.



If you like Piers Torday, or Nizrana Farook you'll love these books!

I love writing big-hearted animal adventures that share my love of the planet and I hope they inspire YOU to know you're never too small to make a difference about the things you truly care about. Love & a big roar!

Hannah Gold says:

Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Art Competition Entries](#)

Picking up at the end of the day

There are an increasing amount of parents allowing their children on the equipment in the Key Stage 1 playground—whilst waiting to pick up in the evening. It is disappointing that even when asked not to do so—some parents have ignored the staff and carried on the next evening. **A reminder that the play equipment is not to be used by any children before or at the end of the school day.** We ask all parents to please keep your children with you.

Staff will ask you to remove your children if you put them on the equipment—please do not put them in the position to have to do so while they are also trying to safeguard their classes at handover.

World Book Day



On **Thursday 19th March**, pupils are invited to come to school dressed as something connected to our theme, **'The Wizard of Oz'**. Please encourage your child to think creatively and come up with a simple, imaginative costume idea. For example, they might:

- Wear **green** to represent a member of the Emerald City community
- Wear **grey** with a **paper red heart** to represent the Tin Man
- Add a small accessory such as a plaited ribbon (Dorothy), a toy lion (Cowardly Lion), or a simple paper funnel hat (Tin Man)

There is **no need to buy a costume**. What matters most is engaging with the story—reading the book, watching the film, and enjoying the wonderful imagination and talent of **L. Frank Baum**.



As of Monday 23rd February 2026, the Busy Living Breakfast Club starts at the earlier time of 07:30 which we hope will be of benefit to parents. For those who are not registered with us, please give us a call on 01494 702 702 or email info@busy-living.co.uk for further details.

Alternatively, you can register via the website

www.busy-living.co.uk go to the Out of School Clubs page

Communications



Please add
SC8253371a@SchoolComms.com to your phone
contacts to ensure messages are not delivered to
your junk/spam emails.



EXISTING USER

NEW USER

EMAIL ADDRESS



REMEMBER ME?

The email address that you enter must match the one registered with your school(s)

PIN



LOGIN

[Forgotten your PIN?](#)

Email Communications

The office@stjosephschalfont.school email address should be used for all communications to school and for onward delivery to teachers.

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.

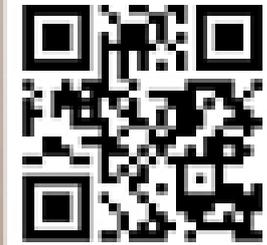
Absence must be reported before 09.00am for each day of absence.

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.

Netball Opportunity

BUCKS PHOENIX NETBALL U10 (CURRENT YR4) NETBALL TRIALS

SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER - we
cannot accept
drop-ins on the
day



Exciting opportunity to join our friendly,
competitive club, with over 10 junior
teams.

Weekly training with high level coaching
and Sunday morning matches held in High
Wycombe.

Date: WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH

Time: 6:30-8:30PM

PIPERS CORNER SCHOOL HP16 6LP

Please wear appropriate sports clothing, trainers
and water bottle.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP: MON 23rd MARCH