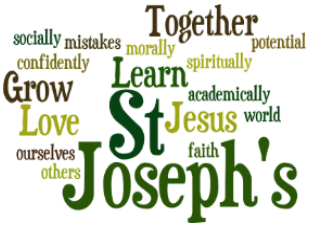
13th November 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 15th November 2026

Matthew 25:14-30



Headteacher's Message

The words "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom" were the focus of our assembly this week. These nine simple words teach us about reflection, repentance and the courage to change our ways. The thief who was crucified beside Jesus recognised his mistakes, turned to Jesus and asked for mercy. His example reminds us that we can always turn back to God, no matter what we have done. When we place our trust in Jesus, we are assured of His compassion, forgiveness and friendship.

During the month of November, this message is especially important as we remember those who have died, both known and unknown to us. We reflected on what it truly means to remember. Remembering is more than simply recalling someone from the past; it is about honouring, valuing and being thankful for those who have gone before us. We also recognise that we can learn from the past. A world marked by conflict and division can never bring lasting peace. By showing love, kindness and respect to others, we uphold the dignity of every person and help to build a better world.

Our Remembrance display in the Key Stage 2 hall beautifully reflects these beliefs. The care, thought and creativity shown by our pupils demonstrate the respect and compassion they have for others. On Wednesday, the whole school observed a two-minute silence. In that stillness, we remembered those who have died and prayed for peace in our world. Thank you to the many parents who visited the Remembrance display during the week. I know that many of you were moved by its beauty and its message. It serves as a reminder of the world we wish to create: one of peace, love and hope. As a school, our theme this year is "Be the Change You Wish to See in the World", and Remembrance calls us to do exactly that. By learning from the sacrifices and experiences of those who have gone before us, we are challenged to be people who make a positive difference through acts of kindness, compassion and service. Change begins not with others, but with each one of us and the choices we make every day.

Thank you also to everyone who attended the Remembrance Walk last Sunday. It was a moving opportunity to come together as a community and remember those who gave their lives in war. Throughout November, I encourage you to take time to remember your own loved ones.

In the words of Isabel Allende:

"People die only when we forget them. If you can remember me, I will be with you always."

May we continue to hold those we love in our hearts and prayers, and may their memories inspire us to live lives rooted in faith, compassion and peace.

Growing in Faith Together

Meet our new School Chaplain—Fr Tony

It is a great delight to be part of the St Joseph's School community once again.
From its very beginnings, St Joseph's has been built on the commitment and generosity of parishioners, and the continuing bond between the parish and the school remains something both valuable and vital. That partnership has an important role to play in supporting family life and in promoting the holistic development of every child.
I remember with great affection the way in which the school has always sought to set high and worthwhile standards, particularly in faith formation, while giving each child the encouragement and opportunities they need to discover and develop their own unique gifts.
Over the years, I have seen shy children flourish through opportunities for public speaking, school presentations and, perhaps most beautifully of all, leading the congregation in prayer. There is something particularly special about hearing a child proclaim Sacred Scripture to the parish community. It is a wonderful reminder that the encouragement and formation offered by the school can bear abundant fruit.
This same commitment can be seen across the curriculum. It has been a joy to witness the dedication and skill of the staff as they contribute to this increasingly holistic approach to education, and to see the enthusiasm with which they accompany the children in their learning and development.
It is hard to believe that I first came to St Joseph's 24 years ago, serving as chaplain and as part of the Governors' team for six years. Fifteen years ago, I moved on, and since then my ministry has taken me through retreat work, parish ministry and the experience of living simply within my own religious community. Those years have taken me to Ireland and then, once again, back to the UK.



Since returning, I have already enjoyed my first celebration with the children and look forward to offering whatever pastoral support I can to the life of this vibrant school community. I am sure that St Joseph's will continue to be a place of many beautiful encounters—with God, with one another, and with every person who comes through its doors.
Please know that I will be keeping all those involved in the life of our school in my prayers: the children, their families, the staff and governors, and all who contribute to making St Joseph's such a special community.
And when you get the opportunity, I would be grateful if you could remember me in your prayers too.
Father Tony

We are fortunate to enjoy a strong partnership with St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Chalfont St Peter, supporting our school community in faith, worship and service.

Mass times this weekend are:

5:30pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Sunday at 7:45am, 9am, 11am and 5:30pm

The Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. includes a Children's Liturgy adapted for your child. We encourage you to attend.



For more information about parish news, sacramental information and livestreamed services go to the parish website: www.stjosephs.org.uk

ATTENDANCE

Week	School	95.2%	National	95.5%

Registration Class	Week %	Lates
RPM	96.6	0
RMG	95.7	2
1D	94.4	2
1E	95.2	1
2B	88.1	0
2W	98.7	2
3B	93.4	0
3S	95.1	0
4F	98.5	0
4SF	99.2	0
5MG	94.4	1
5PO	86.7	0
6B	90.7	2
6D	94.6	1

1st	4FS	2nd	2W	3rd	4F



Attendance Winner



A huge well done to Tito in 6B
for winning this week's 100% attendance gift bag!
We hope you enjoy the game and all of the goodies that come with it. Have a fantastic time tonight, and thank you for being such a great role model for excellent attendance.
Well done Tito!

Millionaire Club



Leader Board – Who will join the club this week?

Year Group	Highest Word Count
Year 2	Oscar P- 341,785
Year 3	Eli H- 309,177
Year 4	Seamus H 1,074,176
Year 5	Evya S- 1, 368,027
Year 6	Spencer B- 1,360,216 Reuben P- 1,138,468

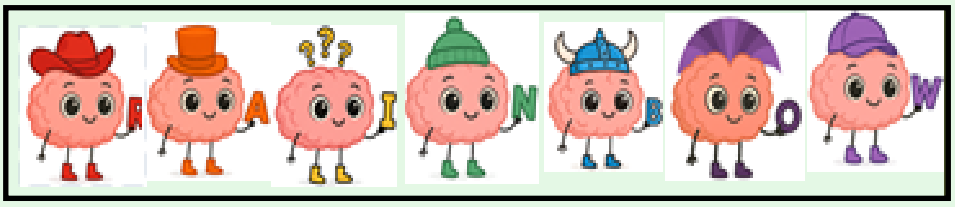


CLASS CHAMPIONS



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RM	Amyra A	RP	Marnie B
1D	Rosie W	1E	Mia H
2B	Arthur B	2W	Jazbeline H
3B	David J	3S	Karina S
4F	Tom D	4SF	Sophie R
5MG	Michael Mc	5PO	Elsie H
6B	Lucas H	6D	Pablo H

Rainbow Award Winners



Attila Bull (1E) Meeral K (1D) Ivy R (2W) Luna IJ (2B) Tilly W (3S)
Ralf S (3B) Noah W (4SF) Kairav A (4F) Jenson S (5OP)
Grace T (5MG) Reggie W (6W) Joy W (6D)

HOUSEPOINTS	(running totals)
St David 110 (831)	St George 113 (833)
St Andrew 111 (839)	St Patrick 106 (872)

Safeguarding



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

Online Safety Newsletter November 2026

Online Safety Update

This month's Online Safety Newsletter highlights several popular apps, games and online platforms that children may encounter, including AI companion chatbots, CapCut, Discord, Doki Doki Literature Club and Happy Tree Friends. The guide explains potential risks such as exposure to inappropriate content, online communication with strangers, privacy concerns and age-inappropriate material. It also provides practical advice for parents on using parental controls, checking age ratings and having regular conversations with children about their online experiences. We encourage all families to take a few minutes to read the newsletter and discuss online safety together at home.

Read the full newsletter here: November Newsletter

As always, if your child sees anything online that worries or upsets them, please encourage them to speak to a trusted adult straight away.

Links to other newsletters

Reception Newsletter

Preschool Newsletter

Advent Calendar 2026

Date	Time	Detail
Saturday 14th November	3.00pm	Autumn Festival
Friday 27th November	All day	Dress the Tree Assembly (Children only –own clothes with Christmas Jumpers)
Monday 30th November	2.00pm	Rocksteady Concert 1 (children who are part of a rocksteady band and their parents – invitation only)
Tuesday 1st December	All day	Reindeer Day (Children only – FOSJS event)
Wednesday 2nd December	2.00pm	Rocksteady Concert 2 (children who are part of a rocksteady band and their parents – invitation only)
Friday 4th December	6.15pm	Chalfont St Peter Christmas Evening Choir to perform
Monday 7th December	9.00pm	KS2 Love, Learn Grow Assembly (by invitation)
Tuesday 8th December	9.30am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
Tuesday 8th December	2.00am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 9th December	12.00pm	Children's Christmas Lunch (own clothes & Christmas jumper)
Thursday 10th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
Friday 11th December	9.00am	Reception + KS1 Love, Learn Grow Assembly (by invitation)
Monday 14th December	9.15am	Preschool Christmas Event Sing-a-long Special
Tuesday 15th December	7.00pm	KS2 Carol Concert – Church
Wednesday 16th December		Whole School Panto (Reception – Year 6) (Please make your payment via Parentpay)
Thursday 17th December	All day	FOSJS Christmas Party Events (children to wear party clothes)
Friday 18th December	9.30am	End of Term Mass (Church) Y5 Parent Invite
Friday 18th December	1.00pm	End of Advent Term Merry Christmas to All

Key Reminders for Parents

Advent Term—2nd Half

Saturday, 14th November	Autumn Festival 3-6pm
Friday, 20th November	Y2 PE Afternoon
Friday, 20th November	6B Parish Mass—Parent Invite
Monday, 23rd November	Parent Drop In—YR / 1 / 4 / 6
Tuesday, 24th November	Parent Drop In—Y2 / 3 / 5
Wednesday, 25th November	5OP Class Assembly—9am
Friday, 27th November	Dress the Tree Assembly Pupils to wear own clothes and Christmas Jumpers
Friday, 27th November	Y6 PE Afternoon

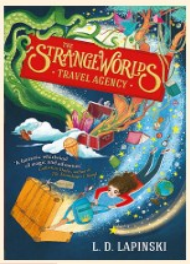
PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

Author of the Week

L.D.LAPINSKI



Winner of the 2021 InspiREAD Book award and Bert's Book of the Year 2020.





Imagine jumping inside a suitcase and ending up climbing out in another world! Well, that's what L.D. Lapinski's lead character Flick gets to do in The Strangeworld's Travel Agency series: there are new worlds, creatures and a whole range of characters (as well as some magic too).

L.D. Lapinski's new book 'Jamie' will be released in April 2023 and is about Jamie, an 11-year-old non binary kid, who faces a big challenge.

If you like **B.B Alston** or **Benjamin Dean** you'll love these books!

L.D. Lapinski says:

As a queer writer, it is really important to me that books include queer characters who aren't defined by their gender or sexuality alone.

Parent Information

Please ensure that children are wearing a school coat to school. The weather is becoming increasingly cold and, without a coat, children are likely to feel cold and uncomfortable, which may increase the risk of becoming unwell. Children should now be wearing the winter season school uniform. Please refer to the school website if you are unsure about the uniform requirements.



COMPETITION FOR KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS


Chalfont St Peter Community Library

Junior Writing Competition 2026

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS

This entry form should accompany every entry.

The Theme is… Mystery Parcel ??????

Entries judged for creative content and originality.

Year 3 = 200 words maximum

Year 4 = 300 words maximum

Year 5 = 400 words maximum

Year 6 = 500 words maximum

Prizes—£25, £15, and £10 book tokens.

Don't miss out … entries must be in to the library by the 23rd November.

Click Here for an

Entry Form

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