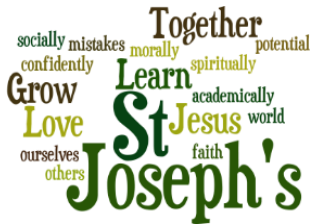


## *St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders*



*Gospel reading for*

*Sunday 16th November*

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Luke 21: 5-19*



### **Headteacher Message**

#### **The day has almost arrived!**

Very soon we will be moving into our brand-new modular building—a milestone filled with mixed emotions. There is sadness as our Key Stage 2 building now stands silent after so many years of joyful voices and learning. At the same time, there is happiness as we say goodbye to the marquees (especially with colder weather on the way!) and excitement as we step into our new home—a place where we will continue to **Love, Learn, and Grow.**

A heartfelt thank you to our parents for your unwavering support and patience as we navigated the many challenges along the way. To our incredible staff—your dedication has ensured that, no matter the setting, our children have always received the very best.

Thank you to our pupils—as always, you have risen to the occasion and shown the qualities that make great learners: resourceful, willing, and brave.

We are also deeply grateful to everyone who made this project possible. In what feels like the blink of an eye, a stunning new building has appeared, thanks to the immense effort and commitment of all involved. The results speak for themselves.

I've often said, "Every cloud has a silver lining," without much thought—but today, as I look out at our new building, I truly see that silver lining and the bright future ahead.

## Key Reminders

Monday, 17th November

1B visit to Nursing Home

Wednesday, 19th November

Y6 Visit to St Mary's School

Friday, 20th November

Y1 PE afternoon

### Picking Up from Clubs

Despite numerous reminders , we still have parents who keep trying to park on site or are entering the site as cars leave the school. Please can all parents abide by our policy of no parking on the school site.

**It is not a productive use of staff time to have to patrol the gate and carpark at the end of the day.**

### Read Write Inc

Next week the children in Years 1-2 will be resorted into their groups for the next couple of weeks. As you are aware children are re-assessed every 6 weeks and groups are adjusted. Some children will remain in the same group to consolidate aspects of their phonics and read learning and some children will move groups. It is not the case that children should move groups every 6 weeks and go up a colour. Please do not be anxious if your child has not moved groups—if we are concerned we will speak to you about their progress.

Reception will continue with whole class sessions and targeted progress groups.

Some of the children will now bring home daily Ditty Sheets (in plastic wallets) - please read the letter that will come home on Monday that explains the 'Ditty Group'. The rest of the children will continue with the Making a Strong Start Programme—recapping set 1 sounds, focussing on blending to make words and letter formation.

### LATE DELIVERIES...

**PLEASE USE THE LATE BOX SITUATED OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO LEAVE LUNCH BOXES ITEMS.**

**PLEASE USE THE LABELS / PENS INSIDE THE BOX TO ENSURE ITEMS ARE NAMED. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO DELIVER THESE TO CHILDREN. CALLS HOME FOR FORGOTTEN ITEMS ARE NOT POSSIBLE**

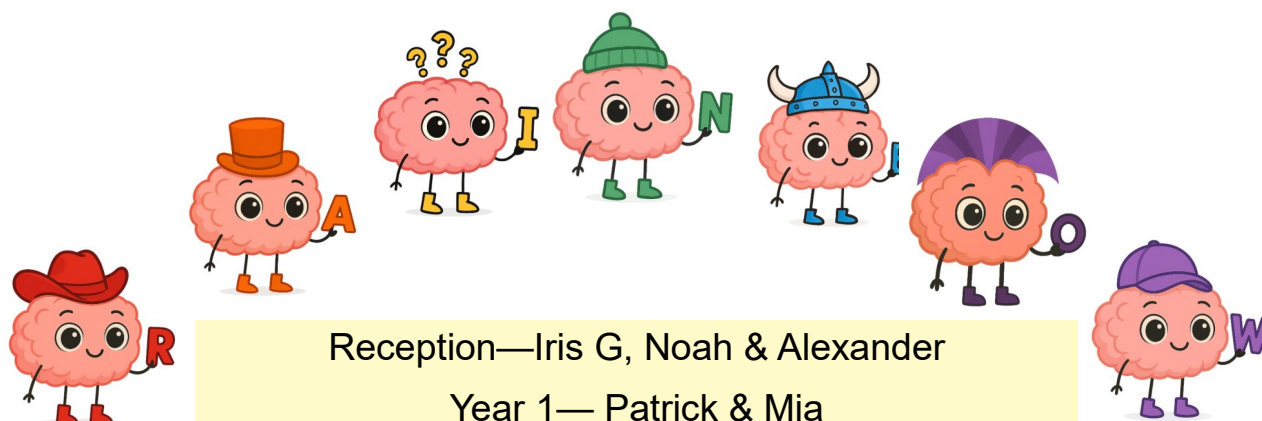


## Class Champions this week



RMG	Iris S	RM	Attila
1B	Hriti	1D	Emily
2AE	Olivia M	2RE	Ralf
3B	Phillipa	3W	Pritesh
4B	Raina	4FG	Ciaran
5B	Lucas	5P	Emily
6BT	Yazdan	6O	Aysa

## Rainbow Award Winners this week



Reception—Iris G, Noah & Alexander

Year 1— Patrick & Mia

Year 2 – Roberta, Teeran & Julian

Year 3 — Mia, Liam & Bala

Year 4 – Oliver.& Reese

Year 5 — Regan, Chloe and Ethan

Year 6 — Safiya & Evie

## Housepoints

St David

62

St George

49

St Andrew

St Patrick

## Attendance

Reg	% Week	Reg	% Week	% Year group YTD
RM	95.2	RMG	96.4	97.6
1D	94.4	1B	86.1	97.1
2AE	100	2E	91.7	95.9
3W	92.6	3B	97.7	98.0
4B	93.5	4G/F	95.7	96.7
5B	95.4	5P	93.8	94.7
6O	98.0	6T	95.4	96.0
Top Reg	2AE			



**Highest Class Attendance was 2AE**

**With 100%**

**Attendance Winner this week**

**Sienna in Reception**



### 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.**

### Keeping Our Belongings Safe – Let's Work Together!

We know how frustrating it can be when items go missing, and we want to make sure every child's belongings find their way back home. In light of this could we please ask parents to:

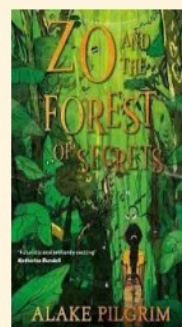
- Check the items your child brings home and return anything that may have found its way into your house by mistake.
- Remind pupils about taking care of their personal belongings - we will do this too and carry out extra checks in classrooms at the end of each day.
- Make sure all clothing is clearly labelled – it makes it so much easier for us to reunite lost items quickly!

## Author of the Week

ALAKE PILGRIM



Alake is an award-winning Trinidadian author.



Alake began writing books for adults, but has recently begun writing for children, too, with her first book, 'Zo and the Forest of Secrets'.

This is the first book in a new fantasy duology; this means if you enjoy her children's debut, there's another book coming for you to enjoy soon!

Alake is committed to ensuring children have relatable characters in the books they read.

If you like Abi Elphinstone or Jenny McLachlan, you'll love these books!

*Travel to new worlds in minutes - that's why I love books!*

*Alake Pilgrim says:*

Amazing news, Friends Of St Josephs School - Chalfont St Peter has received £410.12 this Donation Day - putting them in the top 1% of causes on easyfundraising!

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Sign up via the easyfundraising app today and for every new supporter we get an extra £2 donation to FOSJS ☐ - click the link - it's easy!

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causeId=19066&utm\\_term=DSN5G](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causeId=19066&utm_term=DSN5G)



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## Advent Calendar 2025

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



*Please Donate*

**FOR THE CHRISTMAS MARKET TOMBOLA**

**KS1**

(PRE SCHOOL,  
RECEPTION - YEAR 2)

**CHOCOLATE  
BOXES & BARS**



**KS2**

(YEARS 3-6)

**BOTTLES OF  
ALCOHOL**



**DROP OFF AT THE TERRAPIN  
BETWEEN  
10TH - 14TH NOVEMBER**

The KS1 & KS2 year group who has the largest donation  
will win hot chocolate and cookies at school!

*Thank you*



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## Parent Information

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

**Children in Key Stage 2 should revert back to school uniform from Monday, 17th November 2025**

Please be reminded of the following Highway Code Rule 123:

**'drivers must not... leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while the vehicle is stationary on a public road'**

<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/emissions/idling/>

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to drop our children to school. Please make every effort to minimise fumes from vehicles at this time.

This is a link to a bucks press article from another school on the issue.

<https://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/23834259.bucks-drivers-warned-no-idling-outside-schools-part-campaign/>

### School Photos

Please order online before **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025** to take advantage of free delivery back to school. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

<http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk/>

## Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)



**Have a wonderful weekend,  
From all of St Joseph's Staff**

