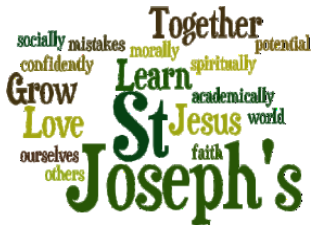
16th October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th October 2026

Matthew 22:15-21



Headteacher's Message

I cannot believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term. The time has flown by, and what a busy and successful start to the year it has been. We have spent these weeks consolidating our knowledge and skills, while also embracing new learning opportunities and challenges.

As a school, we have reflected on our strengths and identified the areas in which we want to continue to grow. These priorities have been shaped into a clear action plan that we will monitor carefully throughout the year. One of our key focuses is deepening our understanding of how our faith is woven into every aspect of our lives. We want our children to recognise that the virtues we strive to live by help shape us into compassionate, resilient and thoughtful people. When these virtues are combined with high-quality teaching and learning, they prepare our children not only for the next stage of their education but, more importantly, to become the change they wish to see in the world.

On Thursday, I was fortunate to spend the day with members of the clergy and academy colleagues, exploring ways to strengthen partnerships and create even more opportunities for our children to grow in faith. We are truly privileged to have such strong links with our parish community. This morning, Nan Jacobson joined us in assembly to speak about Harvest and the importance of supporting those who are less fortunate. She reminded us that, as Catholics, we are called to share God's gifts and help ensure that everyone can benefit from the riches of the earth - blessings that many of us can easily take for granted.

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to thank our staff, pupils and families for their continued support, commitment and enthusiasm. Together, we are building a community where faith, learning and kindness are at the heart of all that we do. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term.



ATTENDANCE

Week	School	98.0%	National	96.0%

Registration Class	Week %	Lates
RPM	97.4%	0
RMG	97.8%	7
1SD	100.0%	1
1E	99.6%	1
2B	99.1%	2
2W	99.6%	2
3B	99.7%	1
3S	97.9%	0
4F	97.4%	6
4SF	98.6%	0
5MG	98.5%	0
5PO	97.5%	2
6B	94.2%	1
6D	95.8%	2

1st	1D	2nd	3B	3rd	1E & 2W

What a fantastic attendance achievement!

A huge congratulations and thank you to all our pupils and families. Last week, our whole-school attendance reached an incredible **98%,** an amazing 2% above the national figure. Thank you for supporting your children to be in school, on time and ready to learn. Every day in school counts, and every day makes a difference.

As Advent Term 1 comes to an end, all pupils will receive a General Attendance Report showing their attendance across the first half term.

Families of pupils whose attendance is currently 90% or below will also receive an additional letter. These letters are not intended to cause concern, but to ensure families are fully informed and to help us work together to support good attendance and address any difficulties or barriers where they arise. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to make attendance such a positive priority across our school community.

HOUSEPOINTS (running totals)

St David 113 (663)	St George 174 (648)
St Andrew 102 (664)	St Patrick 169 (667)

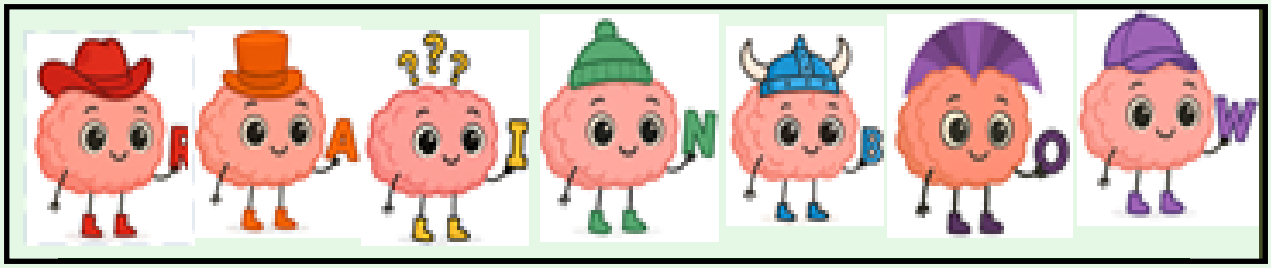


CLASS CHAMPIONS

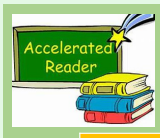


Class	Winner	Class	Winner
1D	Hampton T	1E	Ada D
2B	Archer T	2W	Lennox L
3B	Teeran B	3S	Dilan C
4F	Aaron T	4SF	Elsa O
5MG	Maahi S	5PO	Arjun V
6B	Ella F	6D	Anaiyah Rose B

Rainbow Award Winners



Erin K (1D), Luna-Rae (1E), Tadhg J (2W), Arthur B, Ava H, Arianna B (2B), Thomas O (3S), Levi S (3B), Harriet M (4SF), Maisie R 4F), Mila V(5PO), Reeva G (5MG), Henry H (6B), Hayden P (6D)



Millionaire Club



Year Group	Highest Word Count
Year 2	Oscar P-308,160
Year 3	Eli H- 188,584
Year 4	Seamus H- 809,073
Year 5	Evya S- 934,840
Year 6	Reuben P- 1,025,800

Congratulations to Reuben P, who is the first pupil to join our Millionaire Club this academic year. A wonderful achievement that reflects a real commitment to reading.

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.

We are committed to creating a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all children. This helpful poster explains the important differences between rude behaviour, mean behaviour and bullying. While all unkind behaviour should be addressed, bullying involves repeated actions and a power imbalance and requires a different level of support and intervention. We encourage parents and carers to take a few moments to read the information and use it as a starting point for conversations at home about kindness, empathy and respectful relationships.



Key Reminders for Parents

Advent Term—2nd Half

Monday, 2nd November	Start of Term
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Parade—CSP
Tuesday 10th November	6D Class Assembly
Tuesday, 10th November	School Photos
Wednesday, 11th November	Remembrance Day—Parent Invite
Monday, 23rd November	Parent Drop In—YR / 1 / 4 / 6
Wednesday, 25th November	5OP Class Assembly

Author of the Week

PHIL EARLE



Children's Award winner at the Books Are My Bag awards, 2021.







When Phil was younger, he had no desire to be a writer and, instead, wanted to be a footballer! When he realised this wasn't to be, he worked in a book shop and it was here he realised his passion for children's literature.

Phil believes that there is a story out there for every child. His own books are full of adventure, and are predominantly set in the war and include animal companions.

If you like Emma Carroll or M.G. Leonard, you'll love these books!

Phil Earle says:

Read. It doesn't matter what you read. Comics, magazines, poems, novels, it doesn't matter. Read with your eyes but with your ears too. Let others tell you stories. It's still reading if you listen... most of all, enjoy your stories. The only reason to read is for pleasure. It's that simple.

Links to other newsletters

Reception Newsletter

Preschool Newsletter

Parent Information

St Joseph's Parish
Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: If you need your child's secondary school application form signed, Fr Bob will be available on **Wednesday 21 October at 6:30pm** and **Thursday 22 October at 9:30am**. Please come to the front door of the Priory (entrance via Bull Lane). **NB: Fr Bob will not be available outside of these dates to do this as he is away and won't return until end of October.**

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 as the person who prepares the documents is only at the Priory on Monday mornings.

Our umbrella governing Board, the St. Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, is looking for a new Chair and new Directors to join its board and help guide Catholic education across our family of schools.
Could this be you – or someone you know? Find out more at

https://charisma.maglr.com/st-thomas-catholic-academies-trust

PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Despite previous reminders, some parents continue to drive onto school grounds without permission.
Only authorised Blue Badge holders may park on site. Please do not use the intercom, follow vehicles through an open gate or drive onto site for After School Activities. Continued unauthorised access may result in parking access being withdrawn due to the safeguarding risk.
Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

Have a lovely half term break, from all at St. Joseph's


FOSJS main event of the season
Autumn Festival
Saturday 14th November
3PM – 6PM
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,
Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter
MUSICAL
LASER SHOW
LASER LIGHT SHOW: 5.30PM
FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS
Seasonal Crafts & Artisan Goods Stalls • Bottle Tombola
Glow Stall • Jewel & Neon Face Painting • Raffle
Mulled Wine & Beer
Cakes, Donuts & Sweet Stalls
Delicious Food Trucks • Toasted Marshmallow Fire Pit
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