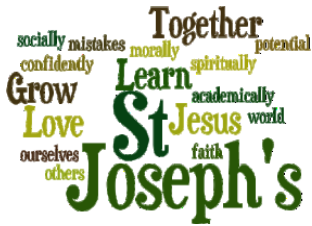


17th April 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35



Headteacher Message

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. We begin this important part of our journey with a renewed enthusiasm and purpose as we move together towards the end of the year.

This renewed energy was sparked during our recent Trust Day, One Hope Day, held at the Wycombe Swan Theatre on Monday. Over one thousand members of staff from across the Trust gathered to reaffirm our shared Trust Mission of Faith, Hope and Love, rooted in a deep sense of belonging. It was a truly uplifting occasion, enriched by inspiring speakers including David Wells, Harry Clark from The Traitors, and Julian Rasul Choudhury, who plays 'Nugget' Davinder Gulati in EastEnders. Each speaker openly shared their personal journeys of faith and reflection, encouraging us to think deeply about our own values and purpose.

One of the greatest joys for me was hearing our own staff eloquently express their reasons—their 'why'—for the work they do, regardless of faith or creed. It reminded me that in a world where peace can be threatened by individual needs, love has the power to flourish when it is intentionally modelled and shared within a strong community. Here at St Joseph's, we are privileged to belong to such a community, where every day we are encouraged to Love, Learn and Grow, striving to become the best version of ourselves and helping to create a world where we are all 'fully alive', radiating peace and harmony.

We cannot walk this journey alone. Through powerful drama and music, with the support of Rise Theatre and Jo Boyce from CJM Music, we experienced a profound sense of God's presence among us and were invited to reflect deeply within our own hearts. It was an experience that touched our souls and strengthened our collective spirit.

The day served as an important reminder of the vital role each of us plays in the lives of the young people entrusted to our care. It also reassured us that we are never alone—we have one another, and above all, we have God, who is always present: watching, waiting, and listening. This message was beautifully portrayed through Rise Theatre's depiction of Jesus the Photographer, which resonated deeply with me.

I encourage you to take a moment to watch this powerful piece using the link below and allow yourself time to reflect on its message.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=jesus+the+photographer&mid=404F2C4869D5203F1959404F2C4869D5203F1959&churl=https%3a%2f%2fwww.youtube.com%2fchannel%2fUCRcn-C99eoMsM7FG2xFDEhg&mcid=0D4C10A77F0B4427A7CA1C980A8FB10E&FORM=VIRE>



Weekly Attendance Figures



CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RM	90.9	RMG	95.7
1D	94.6	1B	96.4
2AE	85.7	2RE	91.3
3W	91.7	3B	94.3
4B	85.3	4GF	97.1
5F	90.4	5D	89.6
6O	97	6BT	89.2

1st

2nd

3rd

4FG - 97.1

6O - 97

1B - 96.4

Key Reminders—Week Commencing 20th April

Tiny Bikers

Monday, 20th April

(Reception afternoon)

9.00am Mass—(School) Year 2 parents invited

Monday, 20th April

PHSE Day (Reception—Year 4)

Tuesday, 21st April

SEN Parent Meetings

Tuesday, 21st April—9.00am

Year 3 Assembly

Wednesday, 22nd April—pm

Year 3 swimming starts

Friday, 24th April

Year 4 PE afternoon

Non uniform day for St Andrew's House (wear something blue). Lent Term House point winners

HOUSE POINTS – This week

St David 171	St George 146
St Andrew 139	St Patrick 120

HOUSE POINTS –Running Totals

St David 810	St George 916
St Andrew 1032	St Patrick 995

The housepoints are for the final week of the Lent Term and the overall totals are for the term.

Well done to all the children in St Andrew's House—who won the housepoint competition for the term.

As a reward the children in St Andrew's will have a non uniform day on Friday 24th April—where they can wear something blue to school.

Research Project— Parents of children Years 3-6

A letter went home this week regarding the opportunity for us to be part of a research project being carried out by Holly McCarthy, who is a postgraduate at Nottingham Trent University, studying Applied Child Psychology.

The study is exploring how children manage their emotions and how this relates to their behaviour and friendships at school.

Taking part is completely voluntary—but Holly will share her research with us at school so that we are able to evaluate and develop the ways we can support emotional development, behaviour and friendships.

The questionnaire includes one section for parents/guardians to complete and a short section for the child to complete, with parental support if needed. It should take around 15–20 minutes in total and can be completed on either a phone or a computer.

Please click [here](#) to access the questionnaire.

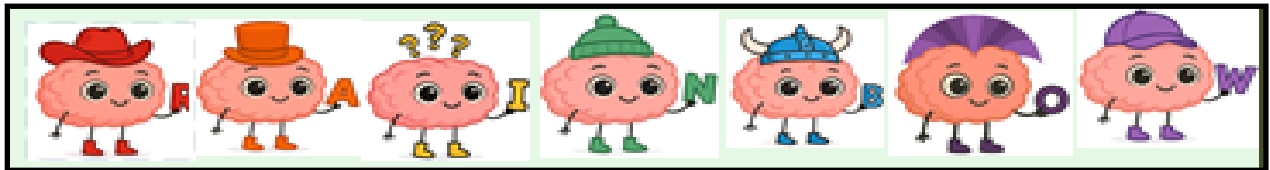


Class Champions



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RMG	Arthur S	RM	Ethan H
1B	Akain M	1D	Tejas M
2AE	Freddie J	2RE	Nellie H
3B	Connie G	3W	Dallas B
4B	Tommie M	4FG	Hayan J
5F	Anton K	5D	Jacob F
6BT	Leon S	6O	

Rainbow Award Winners



Annabelle S 4B, Martin Lazri 5F, Tito H 5D, Daniel S 3W, Joseph Thomson 6BT, Gabriel Silva 3B,
 Julia Gosling 4FG, Edith Johnson 1D, Jaxson M 2E, Eilidh-Mae C RM, Alexander G RMG,
 Morch D 2E, Darragh O 1B, Reese M 4FG

Millionaire Reader Club

Children who have read over a million words receive a millionaire badge. To join the millionaire club and get your badge you need to be on Accelerated Reader (follows on when children have completed RWInc), read books and completed the quizzes.

This way Accelerated Reader counts the words and highlights when you are a **millionaire**.

Our current millionaires are:

Hattie 3W, Reggie W Y5, Ismael D Y6, Izabela B Y4, Ethan T Y5, Reuben P Yr5

And joining them this week is Spencer B Y5

Handprint on Someone's Heart Badges

We launched our Handprint on Someone's Heart Badges last term and will continue to issue these during the Pentecost Term. Our Head Boy and Girl—Ismael and Sienna will each week collect the nominations for the badges from each class and they will choose 10 children to receive the award each week.

All children have the opportunity to nominate someone for the award—someone who has shown them kindness, love, helped them or generally made them feel good during the week. Well done to the children chosen this week.



Author of the Week

FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE

If you like David Baddiel or Jenny Pearson you'll love these books!



Frank won the esteemed Carnegie medal in 2005.

Frank has written a range of books for children, including Millions, which was even made into a film by Danny Boyle - who then asked Frank to be a writer on the Olympic Ceremony in 2012!

He has written across a range of topics so there will be something for everyone among the pages - from robots, to adventures, you're bound to find a book you enjoy.

Not only has Frank written children's books, but he has also written episodes for Coronation Street!

The world is full of wonders. But it's to lose sight of them. A really good story blows the clouds away and says look, look at the shooting stars! If you find a book to live in your childhood that's like building yourself an escape route to happiness for when adult life gets too much. You just open the book and fall back into your happy days.

Frank Cottrell Boyce says:

Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

School Uniform Pentecost Term

We put a reminder about uniform in the newsletter just before the Easter holidays as this is a popular time for purchasing new uniform and arranging fresh summer haircuts.

Despite this—there are a number of children who have returned to school with incorrect uniform or PE kit.

We kindly ask all families to review the school's uniform policy carefully before buying items or choosing hairstyles that may not meet our guidelines. See the end of the newsletter.

When joining the school, parents agree to support and uphold all school policies. By ensuring your child arrives in the correct uniform, you help us avoid any difficult or uncomfortable conversations and allow students to feel confident and ready to learn.

Parking on the school site

A reminder that there is absolutely no parking on the school site for parents. In accordance with the rules of issue for Blue badges—holders may park on the school site—but **the actual person who holds the blue badge must be in the vehicle.** You must register your blue badge with the school office.

Cycle Helmet—Sale (Grab yourself a bargain)

We have a limited number of Specialized Camber Extra Small (49-53cm) Cycling Helmets for sale.

These helmets retail at £29.99 - We are selling them at **£10 (cash)**.

The profit raised through selling these—will go towards funding some additional playground equipment for the children to use at break and lunchtimes.

Next week they will be available to purchase at the KS1 Hall door each morning and evenings at pick up time.

These are selling quickly and the remainder will be sold on a first come, first served basis.



Good News

We are delight to share with you the wonderful news that Mrs O'Leary has had a baby girl.

We send our congratulations to Mr and Mrs O'Leary and wish them well as they begin life as a family of three.

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Children's Poetry Competition

NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES ON
THE THEME OF GENERATIONS

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 7-11 *in*

SUFFOLK NORFOLK CAMBRIDGESHIRE

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NORTHAMPTON

Submit your poems by
MIDDAY ON FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

FIND OUT MORE AT LATITUDEFESTIVAL.COM

Now in its 3rd year, the BBC and Latitude Festival are giving children between the ages of 7 & 11, the chance to perform as the opening act at this year's Latitude Festival.

We're looking for 6 young people to write an original poem on the theme of 'generations' to open the festival on the Waterfront Stage and LIVE on the radio, across the East of England, on Thursday 23rd July.

Further information can be found—www.bbc.co.uk/latitudepoetry

• **Entries must be submitted by midday on Friday 24th April.**

- The competition is open to children aged 7-11 years who live or go to school in Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, or Suffolk.
- It must be an original poem of any length, up to 200 words, on the theme of 'generations'.
- One child will be chosen from each of the 6 BBC Local Radio stations in the east of England (Three Counties Radio, Essex, Radio Cambridgeshire, Radio Northamptonshire, Radio Norfolk & Radio Suffolk) and all 6 will get to perform their poem on stage with one over-all winner chosen from the six finalists.
- The six finalists will also receive a weekend family ticket to the festival.

Uniform Reception—Year 2

Summer	Start of Pentecost Term (after Easter) - Half Term Advent (Oct)	
	Dark grey knee length school shorts (formal straight / not <u>jersey</u>) / Dark grey full-length school trousers (formal straight trousers / not jersey) / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	White polo shirt with or without school crest (worn without school tie)	Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham dress	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap with or without school crest	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	
	No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted	

Uniform Key Stage 2

Summer	Start of Pentecost Term (after Easter) - Half Term Advent (Oct)	
	Dark grey knee length school shorts (formal straight / not jersey) / Dark grey full-length school trousers (formal straight trousers / not jersey) / Dark grey pleated, full or A-line knee-length skirt or pinafore	Any stockist
	White cotton shirt (worn with school tie)	Any stockist
	School tie (if wearing a cotton shirt)	Earth Website
	White polo shirt with or without school crest (worn without school tie)	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham dress	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap with or without school crest	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
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Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain ear studs in pierced ears, or a watch when your child is able to tell the time.

If a child wears any earrings, apart from studs, they will be asked to remove them. Staff cannot remove earrings for children. Please think carefully about this if your child asks to have their ears pierced. The school cannot accept responsibility for any jewellery that may be lost.

Footwear

All children should wear black shoes in school. Open toe sandals, trainers, boots and heels are not permitted.

Hair

On health and safety grounds, shoulder length hair and longer should be tied back neatly, in the school colours (white, dark green or black only). Large hair rosettes and bows are not to be worn.

Pupils should not wear extreme hair fashions, these include dyed or streaked hair, close shaved hair (**even under top layer of longer hair - undercut**) and styles such as spikes, tufts, high tops, flat tops, Mohican haircuts and images or lines cut into the hair. Children's hair length should be no shorter than a number two. The use of hair gels, waxes, oils, mousses and any other styling products is not allowed. If we feel a hairstyle is unsuitable, we will ask for this to be rectified.

Make up / Nails

Make up is not permitted.

Nails are to be kept short and nail varnish is not permitted.

PE and Games		
	Dark green gym bag with school crest	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts (not cycling)	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt with gold school crest	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist
	Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist
	Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist

Communications



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



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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.

The school office is open at 8.30am and closes at 4.30pm.



Have a lovely weekend. From all at St. Joseph's School

