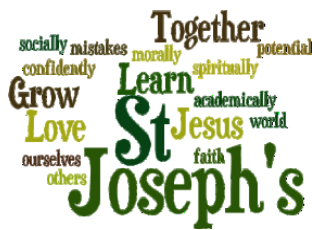


St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 20th September
Matthew 20: 1-16



Headteacher Message

At the start of every academic year, we are busy establishing our pupil leadership groups and selecting the children who will serve our school community in a variety of important roles. Pupil Leaders and Faith Leaders are just two examples of the many opportunities available for children to make a positive contribution to school life. Over the past week, children have been confidently sharing with their peers and staff the reasons why they would be the best candidates for these roles. The qualities they have spoken about reflect perfectly the virtues of service and responsibility, which are our focus virtues this half term.

As part of our Catholic mission, we are all called to serve others with integrity, compassion and determination. We each have a responsibility to use our gifts for the good of those around us and to make a positive difference within our community.

In assembly this week, we reflected on the different paths we may choose to take in life and considered the difference between right and wrong choices. The children's responses showed a mature understanding that, although we will not always make the right decision, we always have the opportunity to change direction. Rather than continuing along the wrong path, we can pause, reflect and choose a better way forward. We all have the capacity to make positive changes in our lives.

Our theme this year, "Be the change you wish to see in the world", (Mahatma Gandhi), challenges us to do exactly that. Rather than looking to others to create change, it invites us to begin with ourselves. Meaningful change does not always require outside influence; sometimes it simply requires the courage to look honestly in the mirror, reflect on our choices and actions, and make a change from within.

During staff prayer this week, led by Mrs O'Kane, we reflected on our theme of making a change. Together, we considered the difference between those things that are within our control and those that are not, recognising that while we cannot always change our circumstances, we can choose how we respond to them. By focusing on the changes we can make within ourselves, we are better able to grow in faith, character and service to others. She shared the example of St Oscar Romero, the Archbishop who courageously spoke out against poverty, injustice and violence. He defended the rights of the poor and oppressed, championed peace and stood up for those who had no voice. Although this was a difficult path, and one that ultimately cost him his life, he remained steadfast in his commitment to justice and to serving others.

St Oscar Romero embodied the virtues of courage, service and responsibility, and these are qualities that we hope to nurture in all our children. They are also the qualities that will guide our pupil leadership groups as they begin their work this year. Whether serving as Faith Leaders, Pupil Leaders or in any other role within our school community, these children have stepped forward with a desire to make a positive difference to the lives of others.

To all those who have put themselves forward to serve our school community this year, thank you. We are proud of your willingness to lead, to serve and to help make St Joseph's an even better place for everyone.

ATTENDANCE

WEEKLY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL AVERAGE

Class	Week %	Late	Class	Week %	Late
RPM	99.1	0	RMG	97.7	2
1D	99.6	0	1E	95.8	0
2W	98.8	1	2B	97.7	2
3S	94.1	0	3B	97.2	0
4FS	95.2	0	4F	100	0
5MG	97.1	1	5PO	95.3	1
6D	91.9	1	6B	94.4	0

FIRST	4F	SECOND	1D	THIRD	RPM
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Attendance Winner



Attendance Prize Winner!

A huge well done to Molly in 2W 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, Lola!

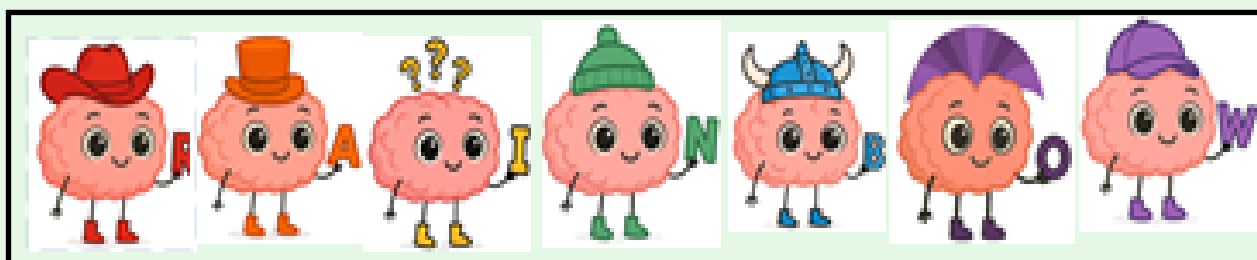


CLASS CHAMPIONS



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
1D	Alessandro D	1E	Siena M
2B	Evie E	2W	Tiarnan M
3B	Amelie K	3S	Evie L
4F	Emily M	4SF	Riley W
5MG	Oliver T	5PO	Thomas M
6B	Jessica J	6D	Milly L

Rainbow Award Winners



Alfie-Beau, Conal O, Viyaan S, Lola W, Luna IJ,
Charlie S, Tommy A, Felicity S, Michael D,
Lily R, Maahi S, Tom C, Archie L

Millionaire Club

Last millionaire from the end of last Year.
Connie Gaughan – Year 4 (1,271,095)

Safeguarding



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

At St Joseph's, the safety and wellbeing of every child is of the utmost importance. We are committed to working in close partnership with families to ensure all children feel safe, supported and able to thrive.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we encourage all parents and carers to share any concerns—no matter how small—so that we can work together to support our children.

If you have any worries about a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact the school office or speak to a member of our safeguarding team. Please see the [Online Safety Newsletter - September](#) for further information about keeping children safe online.

School Office

Please note the school office is open from 8.30 am to 4.00pm. Please make every effort to email your query to office@stjosephschalfont.school rather than calling in person. Please allow at least 24-48 hours for emails to be responded to. Late deliveries of water bottles and lunchboxes should be left in the 'Late Box' (brown container).

School Uniform

Please check the [website](#) for details of our School Uniform BEFORE purchasing winter coats for your children.

Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

Key Reminders for Parents

1st Advent—Half Term

25th September 2.30pm	Reception—Welcome Liturgy
28th September 3.30—4.00pm	Parents' Drop In—Years R / 1 / 4 / 6
29th September 3.30—4.00pm	Parents' Drop In—Years 2 / 3 / 5
30th September—9.00am	6B Class Assembly
2nd October—9.00am	Faith Ambassadors Mass
6th October—9.00am	4F Class Assembly
13th & 14th October	Parents' Evenings
14th October	3S Class Assembly

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR REGULARLY

Author of the Week

M. G. LEONARD



Winner of many awards including the Sainsbury's Children's Book of the Year 2021 and the British Book Awards Book of the Year 2021.



M.G. Leonard has written a whole host of books for you to get lost in. Her debut novel was the sensational 'Beetle Boy' which is now a trilogy before she teamed up with Sam Sedgman and begun the 'Adventures on Trains' series which involves Hal and friends solving a range of mysterious crimes! Her latest series is that of The Twitchers: it's detective mystery meets bird watching. As well as all of these fantastic chapter books, M. G. Leonard has also written some picture books like 'The Tale of a Toothbrush'. Which will you choose?

If you like Hannah Gold or Lindsay Galvin you'll love these books!

My tip for writing is...just keep writing! Even if it's not right, keep going because once it is down on paper you can start making changes, and that's how you find out what is right!

M.G. Leonard says:

OCTOBER OPEN EVENTS



OPEN EVENING Thursday 1st October 2026

5.00pm to 8.00pm
Head's Speeches: 5.45pm & 7.00pm

OPEN MORNING Friday 2nd October 2026

9.30am to 11.30am
Head's Speech: 11.00am

Prospective students & parents seeking school admission in September 2027 are invited to:

- View the school facilities, including our new Science Centre & Hall
- Meet Staff, Students, Governors & members of the PFA
- Hear the students talk

Open Event booking is not required



Application Forms & Further Information available at: www.joa.herts.sch.uk

High Street
Rickmansworth
Hertfordshire, WD3 1HG



**ST. JOAN OF ARC
Catholic School**

admissions@joa.herts.sch.uk
Admissions: 01923 587970



Come and meet us

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 7 October

5.30pm - 8.00pm

OPEN MORNING

Thursday 8 October

9.15am - 11am

Meet our students | Explore our school | Discover our community

Courteous

Community Minded

Committed

Conscientious

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



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



The background of the poster is a vibrant autumn scene. It features a dark blue night sky with stars and colorful laser beams in shades of purple, blue, and pink radiating from the center. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of evergreen trees and a large, intricately carved jack-o'-lantern on the left. The entire scene is framed by a border of falling orange and red leaves.

SAVE THE DATE

THE FOSJS MAIN EVENT OF THE SEASON

Autumn Festival

Saturday 14th November
3PM – 6PM

MUSICAL LASER SHOW

LASER LIGHT SHOW: 5PM

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON