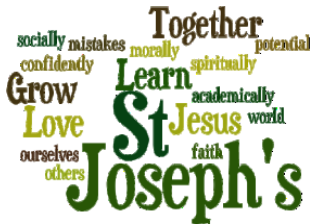


St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Sunday 21st September

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

Luke 16: 1-13



Headteacher Message

At the start of each academic year, we choose a theme that guides our journey—a year shaped by our Mission to **Love, Learn, and Grow**.

This year, our theme is "Hands." We took time to reflect on the incredible purpose and power of hands: how they manipulate, create, comfort, and even tell stories through their lines and creases.

We explored remarkable hands throughout history—like those of Buzz Aldrin, whose hand captured the iconic image of Neil Armstrong walking on the moon. Or the hands of Pope Leo, distinguished by his fisherman's ring, often raised in blessing or folded in prayer.

Our reflections led us to Michelangelo's "The Creation of Adam" in the Sistine Chapel, where the touch of hands symbolizes the divine gift of life and the birth of humanity.

We considered the good our own hands can do. Even the smallest actions, when done with love, carry great meaning. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux reminds us:

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."

Imagine a world where everyone lived by this mantra. While we cannot control others, we can influence the world around us through our own actions—acts of love and care that leave a lasting handprint on the hearts of those we encounter.

Please take a moment to speak with your child about this theme over the weekend. Reflect together on the ways our hands can be used to show kindness, help others, and make a positive difference.

Key Reminders

Monday 22nd September 9.00am in KS1 hall	EYFS (Preschool & Reception) Curriculum Presentation
Wednesday 24th September In classrooms 3.30-4.30pm	Extended Parent Drop-In Sessions
Friday 26th September at 2.30pm in KS1 Hall	Reception Welcome Liturgy

Holy Communion 2026

This is organised by **St Joseph's Parish** and will be led by Fr Bob Davies ODC from the Carmelite Community, supported by a small team of Catechists. Catholic children in Year 3 or above are invited to participate if parents discern this is the right time for them to receive the Sacraments. There will be an **Open Meeting for Parents on Tuesday 16 September at 7:30pm in the First Committee Room** at St Joseph's Church. At the meeting, Fr Bob will outline the plans and expectations for our 2026 programme. Preparation sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-May. Online registration will open on Wednesday 17 September and close on Monday 6 October for those who wish to enrol their child in this programme. [Click here for more information](#). Families who worship and/or live outside of St Joseph's Parish should contact their own parish in the first instance.

Curriculum Presentations

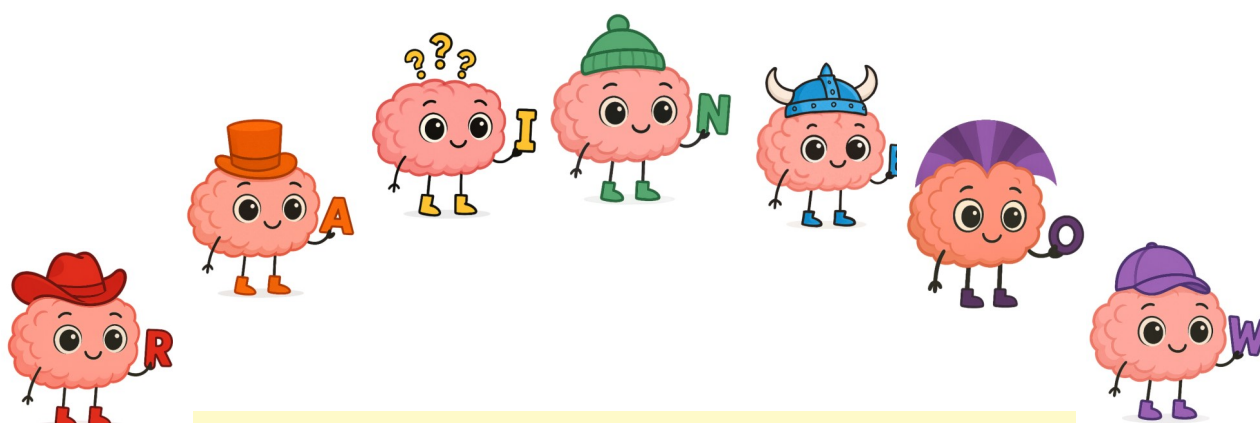
Presentations from the recent curriculum meetings will be loaded to the school website shortly. The ELT are preparing recorded versions, which will be loaded as soon as they are complete.

Class Champions this week



RMG	Mia Hoadley	RM	Grayson Smith
1B	Ava Holland	1D	Ivy Rabaja
2AE	Chloe Vieira	2RE	Eli Housen
3B	Kirav Arora	3W	John McCarthy
4B	Leo Hendricks	4FG	Marianna Cavaliere
5P	Isla Harris	5B	Spencer Barham
6O	Rhiley Maunder	6T	Callom O'Donnell

Rainbow Award Winners this week



Luna Iraola Jones, Lola Warren, Evie Lawson,
Dolcie O'Hara, Frankie O'Donnell
Theodore Whittingham, Blake Fitzgerald, Holly Miller
Riley Woolley, Grace Toms, Indianna Donovan,
Sienna Simpson, Ella Fahy, Milly Lindsay, Martin Lazri,
Sofia Jesus, Methaliya Mohotty

Attendance

Reg	% Week	Reg	% Week	% Year group YTD
RM	94.3	RMG	100	97.1
1D	100	1B	94.3	97.3
2AE	96.8	2E	92.1	94.5
3W	98.9	3B	98.1	98.5
4B	98.8	4G/F	95.7	97.1
5B	97.1	5P	94.4	95.7
6O	99.2	6T	100	99.6
Top Reg	RMG,1D,6T			

Highest Class Attendance this week

RMG

1D

6T

All classes had 100 %

Reporting Absence

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.

Author of the Week

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This resource has been kindly sponsored by ProStrike Events who will be funding our weekly giveaway. Each week a featured author's book will be up for grabs through @primaryteachew & @casht on Twitter.

ProStrike holds FREE football fundraising events for primary schools nationwide. Last academic year, schools received an average of over £1300 per event! For more information, visit www.prostrikeevents.co.uk and book online using code AOTW.



Resource created by @primaryteachew & @casht

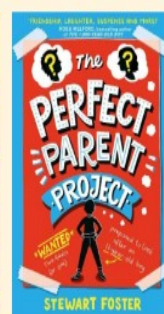
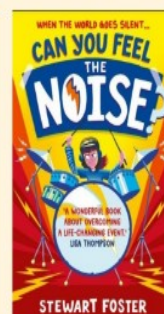
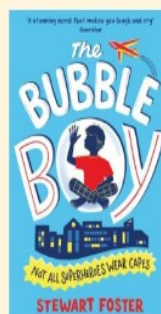
STEWART FOSTER



'Bubble Boy' won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award in 2016!

Stewart's books always feature a diverse main character who represent so many different people! They include children who have OCD and ADHD, as well as children who have foster parents.

Each book is filled with emotion, adventure and drama, making them an exciting read while still ensuring you care about the characters, too!



If you like Lisa Thompson or Ross Welford, you'll love these books!

Reading is like eating a giant pizza. At the beginning you think, 'I can't read all that!', but if you eat it piece by piece, or read it chapter by chapter, you can!

Stewart Foster says:

Key Information

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD PARENT PACT

Want to wait to give your child a smartphone
but don't want them to be the odd one out?

***You're not alone!** There's a growing movement of parents in Buckinghamshire (and across Britain) who are choosing to wait to give their children smartphones. The Parent Pact is a way to join together with other families at St. Joseph's to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14.

It's all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure dissolves. It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact – and you can see how many other parents at your school have signed have signed on the live leaderboards.



National

129,103
Children

13,100
Schools



St. Joseph's
Catholic
Primary
School

Sign now!

Sign the PARENT PACT

Let's work together to push
St. Joseph's up the local
leaderboards!



Buckinghamshire

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Vacancies

Midday Supervisor

Catering Assistant

PUNCTUALITY & SAFEGUARDING

MORNING

It is extremely important to ensure that children arrive to school on time. At 8.45am the main school gates, and doors to both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 buildings are closed and locked. After this time children cannot enter the school via the playgrounds.

If your child is not on either playground by 8.45am you must park outside of the school grounds and accompany them to the school office to sign them in.

If you are dropping your children at the turning circle—please have them ready to exit the cars. Adults should not be getting out of vehicles. There are school staff there to assist the children. It is important that we keep the traffic moving and show consideration to our neighbours—adults getting out of vehicles holds up the traffic flow.

AFTERNOON

Passwords are used to permit other adults to collect your child. It is not necessary to call the school office in addition.

Adults can enter the KS1 Playground and then go around to KS2 after the KS2 children have left the marquees (3.30pm). Please do not go around before this time. Alternatively if you are only collecting from KS2 please use the KS2 gate (down the alleyway).

Please then exit via the KS2 gate rather than coming back around to KS1 playground.

There is no access to school grounds for parking at the end of the school day.

LOST PROPERTY

Un-named lost property will be redirected to the second hand uniform shop.

Named items will be directed back to the child's classroom.

Please name EVERY item.

Parent Information

Parents—please note the following information from ParentPay

We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding. Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed. To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.

Please be aware:

ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores.

To use ParentPay, parents should

visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a

mobile phone or computer. After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen.

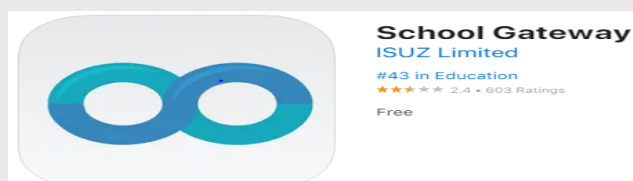


Email communications are sent to the email address provided via



To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the

[App Store](#) to download



Enter the email address and mobile phone number that you have set up

for school.. A PIN number will be sent to you and text

messages will appear via this App.

WITHOUT THE APP YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES

Uniform Reminder

Please refer to the school uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

Please note:

- Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied up
 - Coats should be black, navy or school green
- Only stud earrings are permitted to be worn in school
 - Nail polish and tattoos are not permitted
- Our uniform policy states that pupils should wear a white cotton shirt (for clarity these are standard shirts with a standard collar)

Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

From all at St. Joseph's School.

