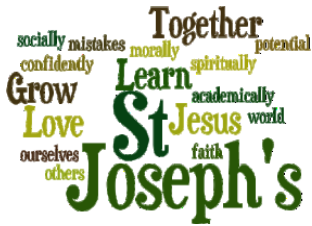


1st May 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



*Gospel reading for
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 3rd May
John 14:1-12*



Headteacher Message (Cleo Year 6) For one day only— 24.04.2026

Hello, my name is Cleo and last Friday I was the headteacher for the day!

I would like to share with you the format of our Celebration Assembly and the awards we give out. First of all, we hand out Class Champion Awards—these are for one student in every class who has been a role model, behaving and acting like their class saint. Their teacher decides every Thursday who they think has worked hard that week and was kind to their peers.

Next we announce our Rainbow Awards, which are given out to people who have displayed the qualities signified by a letter of the word rainbow. **R** is for resilient, **A** is for attentive, **I** is for inquisitive, **N** is for nurturing, **B** is for brave, **O** is for open - minded and **W** is for willing.

Then we share the totals of the House points. Each student has been placed into a house and the house that gets the most housepoints each week is celebrated as the winner. At the end of each term, the house that has the most points gets to wear their own clothes—a very special prize.

This is followed by the Attendance Award—where the class that has the highest attendance wins. If a class gets 100% for the week, they get orange squash and biscuits as a treat. We also award a prize bag, where one of the PLT members chooses somebody to pick a name out of the bucket, and whoever gets picked out of the bucket, wins the prize bag. At every Love, Learn, Grow Assembly, we mix all of the names in a bucket of those children who have 100% weekly and whoever gets picked out of the bucket wins a £50 amazon voucher!

We then have our 'Millionaire Club' where the people who have read 1,000,000 words on Accelerated Reader win a badge.

Last but not least, we award our Hand On Your Heart Badges, where students can nominate people who they think have left a handprint on their heart by doing a good deed—they come to the front and are awarded a hand and heart badge, so that all know they have demonstrated this.

Headteacher Message (Mrs Lovegrove)

Headteacher every day!

We have had another very busy and rewarding week at St Joseph's.

On Monday, our Year 4 pupils headed off to Woodrow House for a two-day residential visit, including an overnight stay. During their time away, they had the opportunity to develop many new skills and learn the importance of teamwork. I joined them on Monday afternoon, when the sun was shining and enthusiasm was high. The children embraced every activity, pushing themselves outside their comfort zones, even when they felt anxious.

For some pupils, this was their first time staying away from home overnight—what a fantastic achievement! Everyone had a wonderful time and returned happily exhausted, no doubt due to the very physical nature of the activities and perhaps a late night—the excitement of sharing a room with friends is hard to beat! I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the staff who accompanied the children. They gave up their time to ensure our pupils had the very best experience—memories and opportunities that will stay with them for years to come.

Thursday was another extremely busy day at school. I am aware that rumours have been circulating regarding Mrs O'Kane leaving us in July. While there is some truth in this, I am delighted to clarify that Mrs O'Kane will be reducing her working days rather than leaving St Joseph's. From September, she will remain with us for two days per week. As a result, we needed to recruit a Deputy Headteacher for three days a week. We were fortunate to have a strong field of applicants and interviewed shortlisted candidates on Thursday.

After a very long and tiring day for both candidates and interviewers, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Thomson has accepted the position of Deputy Headteacher for three days per week. I know you will join me in congratulating Mrs Thomson on her successful appointment.

Finally, I have been reflecting on a recent meeting with fellow headteachers, during which we discussed the pace at which the world—and technology in particular—continues to grow. While technology has many positives and undoubtedly makes our lives easier, we also acknowledged the challenges and risks it brings, especially for children. The smartphone free movement is helping to raise awareness of these dangers. Through research into the impact of phones and social media, the movement is promoting solutions that prioritise children's safety, happiness, and childhood itself.

Here at St Joseph's, we are keen to be part of this initiative and have signed the consortium letter in support of becoming a smartphone free school community. I encourage you to take some time to visit their website, watch the explanation video, and consider signing the pledge to join us in this important step forward.

Finally, we extend our very best wishes to all of our Year 3 pupils who will be making their First Holy Communion tomorrow, as they receive Christ for the very first time. We pray that God's blessings will be upon them as they take this important step in their faith journey, and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus through each encounter with Him in the Eucharist.



Weekly Attendance Figures



Attendance

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RM	98.7	RMG	91.3
1D	93.8	1B	98.6
2AE	96.7	2RE	91
3W	98	3B	93
4B	95.3	4GF	94.3
5F	92.4	5D	91.5
6O	95.9	6BT	90.8

1st

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3rd

RM 98.7

1B 98.6

2AE 96.7

Key Reminders—Week Commencing 4th May

Monday, 4th May

BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 5th May

Year 2 Games—Dr. Challoners

Thursday, 7th May 9.00am

Reception Assembly

Friday, 8th May 9.00am

PHSE Workshop for Parents
(relationship education)

Friday, 8th May

Y5 PE Afternoon

HOUSEPOINTS

HOUSE POINTS – This week

St David 84	St George 68
St Andrew 69	St Patrick 84

HOUSE POINTS – Running Totals

St David 188	St George 177
St Andrew 165	St Patrick 181

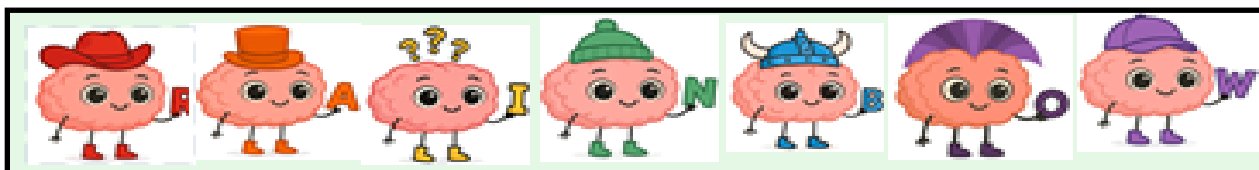


Class Champions



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RMG	Mia H	RM	Frankie O
1B	Delilah C	1D	Nathan O
2AE	Niall K	2RE	Charlie N-1
3B	Aaron T	3W	Conor D
4B	Jenson S	4FG	Ryan O
5F	Brooke B	5D	Rico M
6BT	Clark B	6O	Leah-Rose T

Rainbow Award Winners



Jazbeline H 1D, Tommy F 2E, Alfe-Beau A RMG, Hinaya S RM, Theodore W 2AE, Hriti G 1B,
 Amara B 3B, Ariya V 3W, Jai A 5F, Reggie W 5D, Paddy McC 4B, Ellis D, Alice Y 4FG,
 Cameron A 6BT

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**.

Hattie 3W, Reggie W Y5, Ismael D Y6, Izabela B Y4, Ethan T Y5, Reuben P Yr5, Spencer Y5,
 Neha Y6, Jolin Y6 and Leon Y6

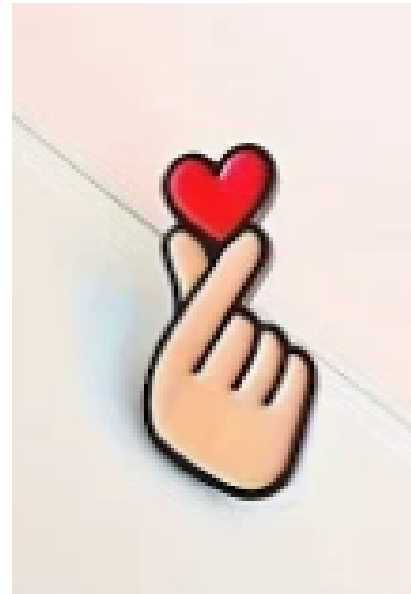
And joining them this week is

Max C Y6

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. A list of winners is below.



Reuben P Y5	Miss Boyce	Jacob F Y3
Hattie M Y3	Riley W Y3	Ciaran Y3
Liam Mc	Max Mc	

Safeguarding

Your child's safety and wellbeing are always our top priority.

Please remember that safeguarding is a shared responsibility between school and home. We encourage parents to talk regularly with children about how to stay safe, including online safety, speaking up if they feel worried, and knowing which trusted adults they can turn to for help.

If you ever have a concern about a child's wellbeing—whether your own or another child's—please contact the school as soon as possible. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is always available to listen and support.

Together, we can help keep all children safe, happy and ready to learn.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Ford.

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs O'Kane.

Overall responsibility for safeguarding rests with Mrs Lovegrove.

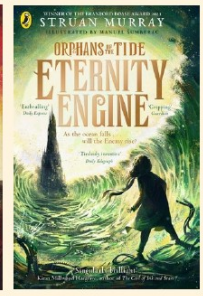
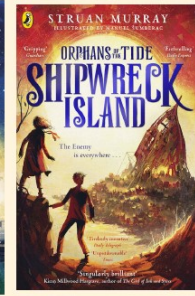
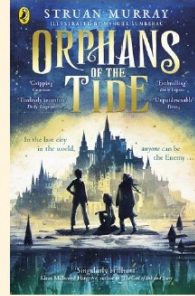
Author of the Week

STRUAN MURRAY



Struan has won the Bath Children's Novel Award and the Branford Boase Award.

Born and raised in Edinburgh, Struan is not only an author but also a lecturer of biochemistry at the University of Oxford. His debut novel 'Orphans of the Tide' took 5 years to write but boy is it good! A mysterious boy washes up inside a whale and the people of the city immediately think that he is 'The Enemy' - but is he? The trilogy has a female protagonist and is full of adventure, strange homemade contraptions, coping with grief, friendship and family.



If you like Kiran Millwood Hargrave or, Philip Pullman you'll love these books!

If you're anything like me, you'll have a little voice in your head whenever you try to write, telling you you can't do this. That voice doesn't know what it's talking about.

Struan Murray 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.

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
	No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted	

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 ADDRESS

REMEMBER ME? The email address that you enter must match the one registered with your school(s)

PIN LOGIN

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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.

