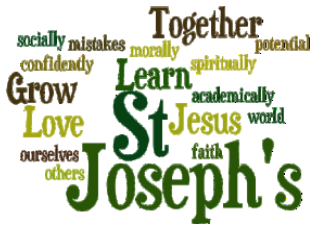


20th March 2026

## *St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders*



*Gospel reading for*

*Sunday 22nd March*

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*John 11: 1-45*



### **Headteacher Message**

What a week it has been!

St Joseph's has been buzzing with excitement as we followed the Yellow Brick Road, explored life in the Emerald City, and immersed ourselves in the magic of The Wizard of Oz. What began as just a few yellow bricks soon grew into a full celebration, complete with colourful characters from the story parading through school and singing the much-loved songs. We have had such fun!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed discovering the story, creating wonderful 3D models of the Emerald City, and experiencing what St Joseph's does best—immersive, joyful learning. Our thanks go to the Friends of St Joseph's, whose creativity brought the Emerald City and Yellow Brick Road to life for everyone to enjoy.

Our week culminated in Friday afternoon's performance of The Wizard of Oz. The children delighted in seeing the story unfold on stage, recognising the characters they had come to know, and understanding how their journeys intertwined. Most importantly, they learnt the lasting message of the tale—that wherever we go and whoever we are with, there is no place like home. Home is where we are safe, loved, and able to flourish. St Joseph's is our home: a place where our children feel all these things, and a place I hope they carry warmly in their hearts throughout life.

For me, this week has stirred treasured memories of watching the film with my family on Christmas Day—a reminder of the timelessness of the story and the truths it holds. It speaks to the fears we all face at times: like the Scarecrow, struggling to work things out, like the Tin Man, finding it hard to express our feelings, or like the Lion, searching for the courage to stand up for what we believe. But surrounded by the right people, in the right environment, we discover that we can grow in all these ways. And with faith, we know that God walks with us on every step of our journey, guiding us until we find our way home to Him.

Dorothy's words ring as true as ever: there really is no place like home!



## Weekly Attendance Figures



### Attendance

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RM	96.5	RMG	95.7
1D	98.1	1B	98.6
2AE	95	2RE	92.7
3W	97.5	3B	95.4
4B	94.3	4GF	97.1
5F	94.6	5D	98.3
6O	96.7	6BT	95.8

1st	2nd	3rd
1B 98.6	5D 98.3	1B 98.1

## Key Reminders

Monday, 23rd March  
9.30am in the Church

Mass (Y3 parents invited)

Tuesday 24th March (KS2 pupils)  
9.00am—KS2 Hall

Love, Learn Grow Assembly  
(by invitation)

Wednesday, 25th March—Class Photos

All children to wear school uniform  
**PE kit to be brought to school (children will change for PE in school)**

Thursday, 26th March

Y6 Charity Day

Friday, 27th March

End of Lent Term at 1pm

## Author of the Week

### NIZRANA FAROOK



Waterstones Book of the Month in 2020 and longlisted for The Blue Peter Book Awards 2021.

Nizrana was born and raised in Colombo in Sri Lanka and her thrilling children's books are also set in Sri Lanka. The beautifully described landscapes are the perfect place for exciting chase scenes, beautiful creatures and unusual friendships. Nizrana's books are fast-paced and keep you on the edge of your seat. With cliff-hangers galore, you will want to keep on turning those pages!



If you like Hannah Gold or Nicola Penfold you'll love these books!

*I think young readers deserve to see themselves in books, and they deserve to have access to books about all people they share the world with.*

*Nizrana Farook says:*

## Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

### Year 6 Charity Day—Thursday 26th March

Year 6 have been working really hard in devising fund raising activities and choosing a charity to support with their proceeds.

On Thursday they will host a whole day of activities for each class to attend and take part in. All children KS2 should bring in 20 pence pieces to have a turn on the various activities.

Maximum amount per child is £2.

Reception / KS1 children—parents can send in the money in a named envelope and the teachers will ensure that the children have their turn on the activities. This is always a fabulous day—full of fun and raised lots of money as part of our Lenten Journey.

## Communications



Please add  
SC8253371a@SchoolComms.com to your phone  
contacts to ensure messages are not delivered to  
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### Email Communications

The [office@stjosephschalfont.school](mailto: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](mailto: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.



Have a lovely Easter from all at St. Joseph's.

