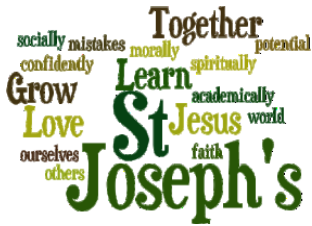


24th April 2026

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



*Gospel reading for*

*Sunday 26th April*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*John 10:1-10*



### **Headteacher Message**

#### **What a busy and rewarding week it has been at St Joseph's!**

This week, members of our Academy Trust, including senior leaders and fellow headteachers, joined myself and the leadership team in spending time around the school and observing lessons. I am immensely proud of everything we saw taking place in our classrooms and feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such dedicated staff and such wonderful children.

Our visitors were particularly impressed by the rich language and vocabulary being used by both teachers and pupils across the school, and several left asking if we could share some of the approaches and resources we use here – feedback like that always makes us feel very proud!

I would like to offer special praise to our outstanding Year 5 pupils, who have shown tremendous entrepreneurial spirit through their 'Growing £1' project. Much like the candidates on Sir Alan Sugar's show, the children had to develop a business, grow it, and make a profit from a £1 start-up. I am delighted to share that they have raised an incredible £2,618. Over the coming weeks, they will decide together how best to use this money to benefit all of the children at St Joseph's. Very well done, Year 5 – we may well see some future entrepreneurs among you!

Finally, we wish our Year 4 pupils an exciting and safe overnight trip to Woodrow House on Monday. I look forward to popping along to see them and hearing all about their adventures.



## Weekly Attendance Figures



### Attendance

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RM	100%	RMG	91.3
1D	93.8	1B	96.6
2AE	96.7	2RE	94.6
3W	94	3B	92.9
4B	96.3	4GF	95.5
5F	91.7	5D	93.3
6O	95.8	6BT	97.6

1st

2nd

3rd

RM 100

6BT 97.6

2AE 96.7

### Key Reminders—Week Commencing 27th April

Monday 27th April—Tuesday 28th  
April

Year 4 Woodrow House Trip

Tuesday 28th April

2AE Class Assembly

Wednesday 29th April

SEN Coffee Morning

Friday 1st May

2.15pm—Year 5 Secondary Transfer Meeting for  
parents

## HOUSEPOINTS

### HOUSE POINTS – This week

St David  
104

St George  
109

St Andrew  
96

St Patrick  
97

## Safeguarding

### Smart Watches in School

We would like to remind parents and carers that smart watches are not permitted in school. This includes any device that can make calls, send or receive messages, access the internet or record audio or images. Smart watches can cause distraction during learning time and raise safeguarding and privacy concerns. We kindly ask that children do not bring smart watches to school. If a child needs a watch, a simple analogue or digital watch (without smart functions) is acceptable.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a focused and safe learning environment for all children.

### School Photos

Deadline to order school photos, for free delivery to school, is the 30th April 2026. Please ensure you have made your online order before this time.

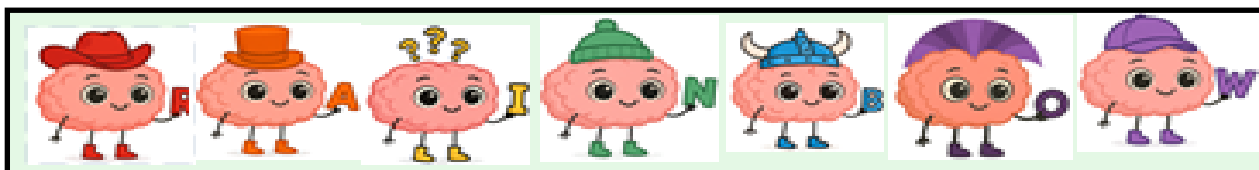


## Class Champions



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RMG	Ada D	RM	Paddy D
1B	Teddy M	1D	Lilly C
2AE	Olivia C	2RE	Heaven J
3B	Millie C	3W	Riley W
4B	Evy A	4FG	Alice Y
5F	Chloe G	5D	Lily L
6BT	Cecille DC	6O	Rhiley M

## Rainbow Award Winners



Mikey R 5F, Olivia F 4B, Joseph CW 3B, Joshua T 5D, Martin D 3W, Albie M RMG,  
Willow W RM, Lennox L 1D, Ishar S 1B, Albie S 2E, David J 2AE, Callum O 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

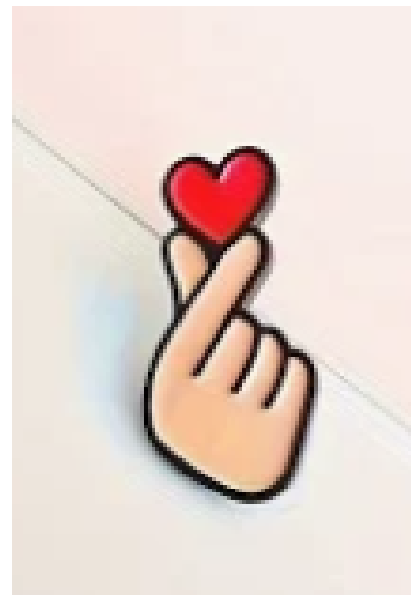
And joining them this week is

**Leon S Y6, Neha P Y6 and Jolin Schwarz 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.



<b>Ralf 2AE</b>	<b>Mrs Lovegrove</b>	<b>Kane 3W</b>
<b>Pritesh</b>	<b>Myles 4FG</b>	<b>Mia N 4FG</b>
<b>William 5F</b>	<b>Ella 5D</b>	<b>Methalyia 6BT</b>
<b>Sienna M RM</b>	<b>Grayson RMG</b>	<b>Archer 1B</b>
<b>Molly 1D</b>	<b>Mrs Ford</b>	

**The Love Learn Grow Newsletter from the Lent term will be emailed out on Monday.**

### **Research Project— Parents of children Years 3-6**

**A final reminder about 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.**

**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.**

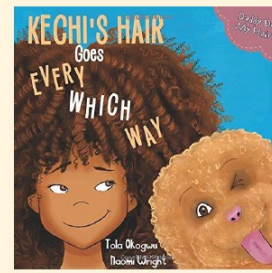
**Please click [here](#) to access the questionnaire.**

## Author of the Week

TOLÁ OKOGWU



Onyeka was the Waterstones Book of the Month in June 2022.



If you like B.B Alston or JK Rowling you'll love these books!

Tolá Okogwu is a British-Nigerian children's author who began her storytelling journey with her self-published picture book series, 'Daddy do my hair'. Tolá is an afro hair care educator and this is a prominent theme in her books, particularly her debut middle grade novel 'Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun'. Set in a futuristic Nigeria, Onyeka quickly discovers that her afro hair has psychokinetic powers - but this is just the beginning of what becomes a thrilling, magical adventure story.

Tola Okogwu says:

*I love reading because books have the power to transport you to new and wondrous lands. They allow you to explore different cultures and people and to lose yourself in the most amazing adventures. Books have the power to expand our worlds.*

## 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 <b>with or without school crest</b> (worn without school tie)	Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham <b>dress</b>	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	<b>Dark Green</b> Baseball cap / Kepi cap <b>with or without school crest</b>	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	
	<b>No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted</b>	

## 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 <b>with or without school crest</b> (worn without school tie)	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham <b>dress</b>	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	<b>Dark Green</b> Baseball cap / Kepi cap <b>with or without school crest</b>	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	<b>No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted</b>	

### 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 <b>with school crest</b>	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) <b>loose fitting shorts (not cycling)</b>	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt <b>with gold school crest</b>	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

[Forgotten your PIN?](#)

### 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.

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



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

