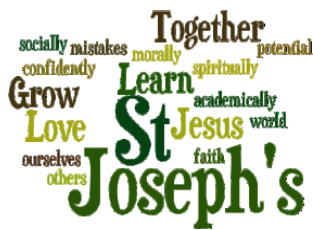


St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 27th September 2026

Matthew 21: 28-32



Headteacher Message

Ever wonder why someone made the decision they did?

This was the question explored by the children in assembly this week as they reflected on the Gospel of The Labourers in the Vineyard. They considered why the master chose to pay each worker the same amount, regardless of the number of hours worked. The answer was simple: he honoured the agreement he had made with each labourer.

There are two important lessons we can take from this Gospel. Firstly, the master showed generosity while remaining faithful to his promise. Secondly, the workers were challenged to be grateful for what they had received rather than compare themselves to others. Their frustration came because they could not see the bigger picture.

This is something that many of us find difficult. We do not always understand the decisions made by others, particularly when things do not go the way we had hoped. Yet the Gospel reminds us to focus on gratitude for the opportunities and blessings we have been given. Learning to accept disappointment with resilience and maintain a positive outlook is a lifelong journey, but it is an important skill that helps us face each day with hope and confidence.

God leads by example. Every day, He generously invites us to deepen our relationship with Him through prayer, by following His example in our actions, and through the sacraments, which draw us ever closer to Him.

We also learned about St Bernadette, and the unexpected mission she was given to share God's message with the world. Although her life was short, her faith and courage continue to inspire millions. Even today, thousands of pilgrims travel to Lourdes seeking peace, healing and a deeper connection with God. Perhaps the next time we find ourselves questioning a decision, we can pause and place our trust in God, knowing that there may be a greater purpose at work and that we are all part of His loving plan.

The end of the week has also been a joyful celebration through the Welcome Liturgy for our Reception children, who have joined the St Joseph's family. In such a short time, they have already formed many new friendships and are settling confidently into school life. They sang beautifully during the liturgy, filling us all with pride and reminding us of the joy that new beginnings bring. We warmly welcome them and their families into our community and wish them a happy and fulfilling seven years with us as their children continue to Love, Learn and Grow as part of the St Joseph's family.

ATTENDANCE

Week	School	96.0%	National	96.6%
Year	School	95.2%	National	96.0%

Registration Class	Week %	Lates
RPM	98.3%	4
RMG	96.4%	1
1SD	94.7%	0
1E	93.9%	0
2B	99.0%	0
2W	98.3%	0
3B	95.9%	1
3S	93.4%	1
4F	95.3%	0
4SF	97.1%	1
5MG	98.2%	0
5PO	96.4%	2
6B	92.7%	2
6D	96.2%	0

1st	2B	2nd	2W & RPM	3rd	5MG
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Attendance Winner



A huge well done to Reece M
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, Reece

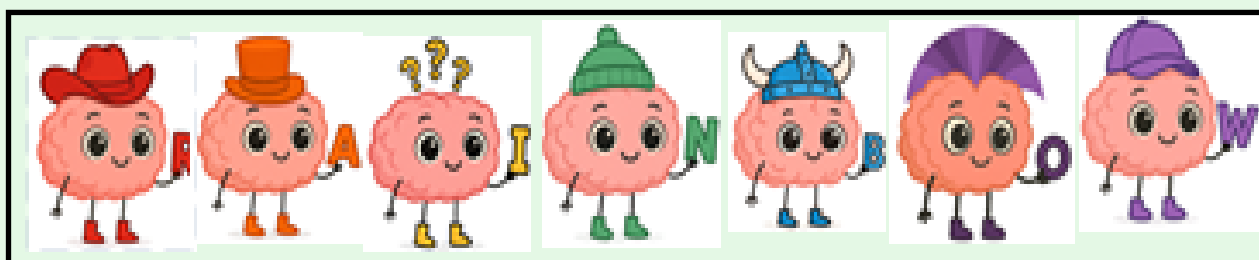


CLASS CHAMPIONS



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
1D	Lottie W	1E	Harry P
2B	Luna I J	2W	Oscar R
3B	Eli H	3S	Jaxson M
4F	Cara C	4SF	Noah W
5MG	Amrita M	5PO	Mariana C
6B	Joshua T	6D	Martin B

Rainbow Award Winners



Hampton (1D), Nellie E (1E), Frankie B (2W), Ted C (2B), Nuala Mc (3S), Niamh M (3B), Kane H (4SF), Connie G (4F), Ciaran G (5OP), Izabela B (5MG), Tito H (6B), Holly L (6D)

HOUSE POINTS – This week

St David 290	St George 234
St Andrew 280	St Patrick 255

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.

Please label every item of clothing. Un-named items cannot be returned and are given to the second hand shop.

MORNING DROP OFF—KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Please do not overtake on the turning circle. Parents should not need to get out of the car staff are on hand to assist children.

Please ensure your child/children ready to leave the car and walk into school. Please observe the 5MPH speed limit on school grounds.

PARKING IS ONLY AVAILABLE ON SITE FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

Key Reminders for Parents

1st Advent—Half Term

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

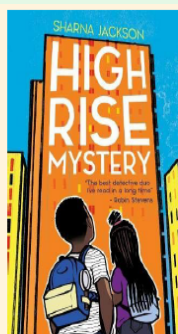
PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

Author of the Week

SHARNA JACKSON



Winner of the Best Book for Younger Readers in the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2020



Sharna Jackson is not only a best-selling author but also an Artistic Director; she created the TATE kids website back in 2007 and believes that all children should engage with arts, culture, reading and writing.

'High Rise Mystery' and 'Mic Drop' are thrilling detective stories following twins Nik and Norva who are keen to solve the crimes on their estate. 'The Good Turn' introduces us to 'The Copseys' (Josie, Wesley and Margot) who are determined to discover what is living in the derelict building near their homes. Get involved and see if you can find the answers to these mysteries!

If you like Siobhan Dowd or Christopher Edge you'll love these books!

The simple act of opening a book and reading the words on the page and letting it mean something may seem small, but it is, in fact, a huge achievement if you can make it happen.

Sharna Jackson says:

Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

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 filled with stars and colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. In the lower half, there is a silhouette of a forest of evergreen trees. A large, intricately carved jack-o'-lantern with a glowing face is positioned on the left side. Bright, colorful laser beams in shades of blue, purple, and pink radiate from behind the trees, creating a magical atmosphere.

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



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

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
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