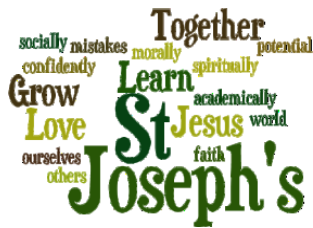


26th June 2026

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



*Gospel reading for*

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Sunday 28th June*

*Matthew: 10: 37-42*



### **Headteacher Message**

It has been a truly memorable week at St Joseph's, filled with moments of joy, resilience and pride.

On Monday, music truly filled the air as we celebrated the wonderful musical talents within St Joseph's. Both concerts were spectacular—the children performed with such enthusiasm and confidence. It was a joy to come together and celebrate the rich talents of our pupils across the school.

As the week progressed, the sounds of music gave way to rising temperatures, with the heat becoming increasingly intense. Despite this, the children have been remarkable. The resilience and determination I have witnessed this week have been truly awe-inspiring. On Wednesday, during our STCAT SEND review—attended by the STCAT Director of Inclusion and two SENDCos—the visitors observed our provision and practice. They commented on how, even in the extreme heat, our children remained motivated, focused, and fully engaged in their learning. They never fail to amaze me.

Spending time in the heat this week has also given me pause for thought. I reflected on how challenging it is to be a leader—whether a politician, the Prime Minister, or indeed anyone in a position of responsibility—making decisions they believe are in the best interests of those they serve.

My own dilemma this week centred on what was in the best interests of our children. As in any community, there were many opinions shared—particularly across parental WhatsApp groups. While I am not a member of these groups, I fully respect that everyone is entitled to their views. Ultimately, however, the responsibility for decision-making rests with me. After careful consideration, the decision was made to remain open and continue educating our children—supporting working families and those pupils who benefit most from being in school. It may not have been the choice everyone would have made, but it was a decision made thoughtfully and with our community in mind.

Finally, I would like to thank our fantastic teachers. You have persevered through challenging conditions, supported one another, and remained steadfast in your commitment to our pupils. As Ofsted recognised, **“St Joseph's is a school that goes above and beyond for its pupils”**—and you truly do!



## Weekly Attendance Figures

7th—12th June 2026



**WEEKLY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 93.1%**

**NATIONAL AVERAGE 94.8%**

| Class | Week % | Late | Class | Week % | Late |
|-------|--------|------|-------|--------|------|
| RM    | 92.1   | 1    | RMG   | 90.0   | 0    |
| 1B    | 87.7   | 2    | 1D    | 92.5   | 1    |
| 2AE   | 89.7   | 1    | 2E    | 94.8   | 2    |
| 3S    | 96.1   | 3    | 3W    | 98.3   | 5    |
| 4FG   | 91.9   | 6    | 4B    | 87.2   | 2    |
| 5D    | 98.0   | 2    | 5F    | 91.9   | 6    |
| 6BT   | 93.8   | 7    | 6O    | 92.7   | 3    |

1st—3W

2nd—5D

3rd— 1B

## 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 - June](#) for further information about keeping children safe online.

## Key Reminders—Week Commencing 29th June

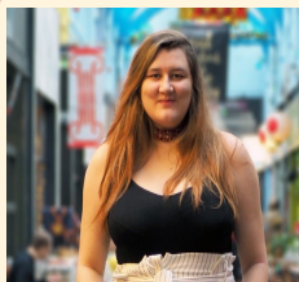
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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, 1st July 7pm  | Y6 Production—Wizard of Oz 7pm                                                  |
| Thursday, 2nd July 7pm   | Y6 Production—Wizard of Oz 7pm                                                  |
| Friday, 3rd July –9.00am | Love, Learn Grow Assembly (Reception and KS1) - by invitation<br>Y3 School Trip |
| Saturday, 4th July—2—5pm | FOSJS Fundraiser—Colour Run                                                     |

## Some date changes for parents to note in the coming weeks

|                                |                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 6th July 2.15pm         | Year 2 Moving On Liturgy                                                                                          |
| Wednesday 8th July 9.00am      | Love, Learn Grow Assembly (Years 3-5) - by invitation.<br>Note Year 6 Awards will take place in the Leavers' Mass |
| Thursday 9th July 9.00-11.00am | Preschool Sports Day<br>(Preschool afternoon session as usual will take place)                                    |
| Friday 10th July 9.00-11.45am  | Reception—Year 6 Sports Morning—optional picnic until 1.00pm<br>(school closed for all pupils pm)                 |
| Tuesday 14th July 3.00-4.00pm  | Art/DT Exhibition—My Favourite Part of the Year                                                                   |

## Author of the Week

ELLE MCNICOLL

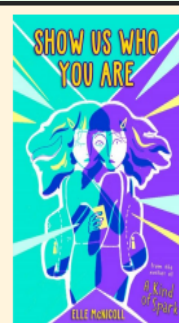


Winner of both the Overall and Younger Fiction prizes at the 2021 Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Also winner of Blue Peter Book Award for Best Story!

Award winning author Elle McNicoll is a sensational storyteller. She is an advocate for ensuring that all children see themselves in stories and her books all have a neurodiverse protagonist. All of her novels are unique in their storyline but all have themes of resilience, overcoming obstacles, friendship, inclusion and standing up for what's right.

'A Kind of Spark' will be brought to screens by the BBC in an 8 part children's TV show.

Elle McNicoll, in *A Kind of Spark*, says:



If you like Stewart Foster or Lisa Thompson you'll love these books!

*While you are neurotypical and I am autistic, I promise we are more alike than we are different.*

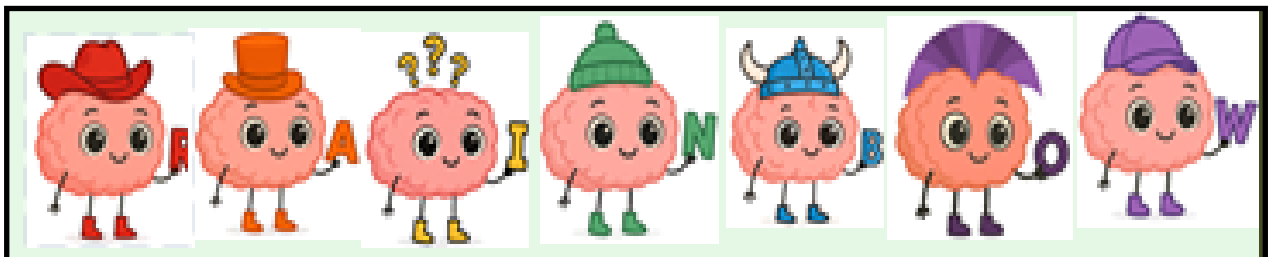


## Class Champions



| Class | Winner       | Class | Winner    |
|-------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| RMG   | Alessandro B | RM    | Lexi H    |
| 1B    | Ted C        | 1D    | Lilly C   |
| 2AE   | Roberta C    | 2RE   | Nellie H  |
| 3B    | Liam C       | 3W    | Romaisa N |
| 4B    | Annabelle S  | 4FG   | Bailey W  |
| 5F    | All Class    | 5D    | All Class |
| 6BT   | Cleo F       | 6O    | Hezekhia  |

## Rainbow Award Winners



Iris Spearing (RGM), Jude W (RM), Dylan J (2AE), Charlie S (2RE),  
 Kiyaan V (3W), Riley-George (3B), Jude F (3B), Mikey R (5F), Lucas H (5D),  
 Frankie F(4FG), Leo H (4B), Maria D (6BT), Jolyn (6O)

## Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

## Parental Survey

Please follow the link to access the [Parental](#) Survey. Your feedback is important to us. Please complete by Friday, 10th July 2026. Thank you for your support.

## Christmas card Competition



- Design a Christmas card on an A4 piece of paper
- The design must depict a scene from the nativity (see images)
- Make sure that the scene is in the centre of the page
- Make sure that you have coloured the picture carefully and boldly
- Colour the picture all the way to the edges
- Hand your picture to your class teacher by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Please check your ParentPay accounts to clear any outstanding amounts.

All accounts must be kept in credit at all times.

Parents will be asked to provide packed lunch for those accounts in deficit.



Dear All

Please ensure any library books are returned to school as soon as possible so they can be scanned back into the Library system.

Many thanks



# ST JOSEPH'S COLOUR RUN ★ FESTIVAL ★



**SATURDAY  
4<sup>TH</sup> JULY**



**2-5PM**



**ON THE SCHOOL FIELD  
AT ST JOSEPH'S**



Fantastically fun, **COLOUR RUN**  
for all ages plus parents, grandparents  
and teachers too!

**Make memories to last a lifetime!**



**MUSIC,**



**FOOD TRUCKS,  
AND MUCH MORE!**



**ICE CREAM,**



**BAR**

**£5**

**PER PERSON**



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**ALL YOU NEED IS WHITE TSHIRT AND SHORTS  
AND A WILLINGNESS TO GET COVERED IN COLOURS!  
GLASSES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS VIA**

**FOSJS.SUMUPSTORE.COM NOW!**

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**LEARN. PLAY. IMPROVE. ENJOY.**

**PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL COACHING**  
**AJD**

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

# SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

**CRESSEX FOOTBALL CENTRE**  
HIGH WYCOMBE  
9.30AM – 3.00PM

**PREP SCHOOL CAMPS**  
FROM 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**SUMMER CAMPS**  
FROM 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY

**GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL CAMPS**  
A FUN FOOTBALL DAY JUST FOR GIRLS!

**GOALKEEPING CAMPS**  
SPECIALIST GOALKEEPING TRAINING & SESSIONS!

**WHO CAN JOIN?**  
RECEPTION TO YEAR 7

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**  
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- SKILL DEVELOPMENT
- MATCHES & TOURNAMENTS
- FUN GAMES & CHALLENGES
- PRIZES & PLAYER OF THE DAY
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- FA QUALIFIED COACHES

We have both Boys and Girls Only Camp options and a special 25% OFF coupon code available to St. Joseph's parents.

**Coupon Code STJOSEPHS.**

## Uniform Reception—Year 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 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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NEW USER

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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

