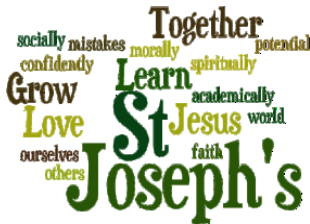


St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Sunday 28th September

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

Luke—17: 5—10



Headteacher Message

This week has marked two very special milestones at opposite ends of our school community. At the beginning of the week, we undertook the important and thoughtful process of selecting our new Pupil Leadership Team from Year 6. Today, we had the joy of officially welcoming our Reception children and their families to St Joseph's.

These two events have prompted me to reflect on the incredible journey our children make during their time with us. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to walk alongside each child as they grow—not only academically, but also in character and confidence. We help lay the foundations upon which they will continue to build throughout their lives.

Several of the Pupil Leadership applicants spoke movingly about how their time at St Joseph's has helped them grow into confident, thoughtful, and conscientious individuals. Many recalled starting their journey here as shy and quiet children, and credited the school, alongside their parents, with nurturing the skills and values that have shaped them into the young leaders they are today.

Next week, our newly appointed Pupil Leadership Team will introduce themselves during assembly. Please do take a moment to read the Pupil Leadership section in next week's newsletter, where you can learn more about the team and the initiatives they hope to lead this year.

Finally, we have made some adjustments to the school calendar, particularly around Christmas events, to support your planning. You'll find the updated calendar at the end of this newsletter.

Key Reminders

Tuesday, 30th September
9.00am—KS1 Hall

60 Class Assembly

Tuesday, 30th September
3.30—4.00pm

Parent Drop-In Session

Thursday, 2nd October
11.00am

Faith Ambassadors Mass
(by invitation)

Friday, 3rd October

Year 2 PE afternoon

Save the Date....

Saturday,
29th November 2025

FOSJS
Christmas Market
Extravaganza

Saturday,
4th July 2026

FOSJS Summer Ball

Holy Communion 2026

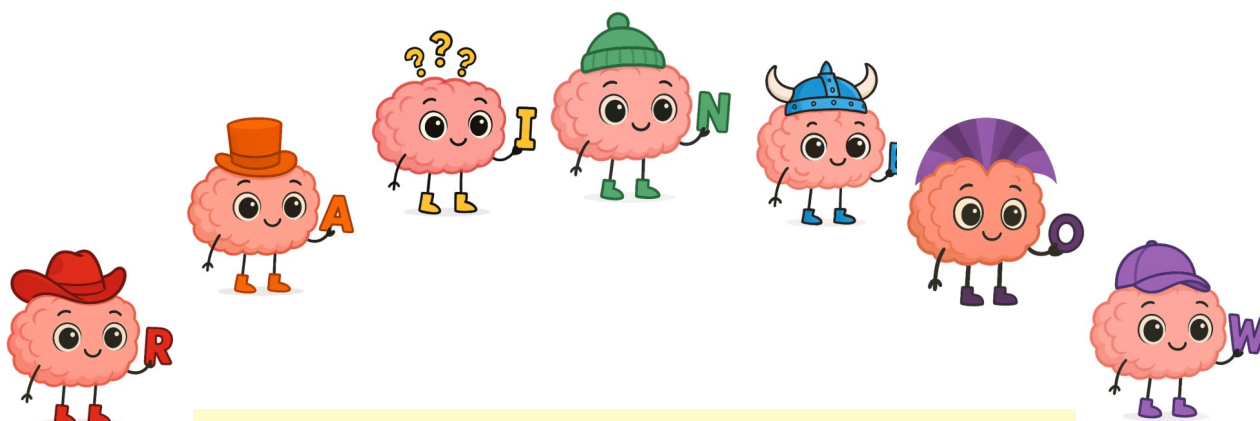
This is organised by **St Joseph's Parish** and will be led by Fr Bob Davies ODC from the Carmelite Community, supported by a small team of Catechists. Catholic children in Year 3 or above are invited to participate if parents discern this is the right time for them to receive the Sacraments. There will be an **Open Meeting for Parents on Tuesday 16 September at 7:30pm in the First Committee Room** at St Joseph's Church. At the meeting, Fr Bob will outline the plans and expectations for our 2026 programme. Preparation sessions will begin mid-November and run fortnightly on Saturday afternoons during term time until mid-May. Online registration will open on Wednesday 17 September and close on Monday 6 October for those who wish to enrol their child in this programme. [Click here for more information](#). Families who worship and/or live outside of St Joseph's Parish should contact their own parish in the first instance.

Class Champions this week



RMG	Sienna McLelland	RM	Tyson McDonagh
1B	Leona Sirko	1D	Lennox Lickley
2AE	Niamh MCreesh	2RE	Ava McDonagh
3B	Molly Crowhurst- Cross	3W	Sophie Roper
4B	Beau Barrett	4FG	Alice Corcoran
5P	Pablo Hernandez de la Cuesta	5B	Sienna Ward
6O	Jolin Schwarz	6T	Lacey McCarthy

Rainbow Award Winners this week



Viyaan Sharma, Dekota Donovan, Lexi Himowicz,
Blaze Chapman , Nellie Hall, Siena McLelland,
Amara Bruno, Millie Cloherty, Cameron Annis,
John Barrett, Vienna-Rose Barrett,
Cian Dundon, Thomas Hendricks,
Henry Hammond, Bailey Warner , Archie Long,
William Ramsden

Attendance

Reg	% Week	Reg	% Week	% Year group YTD
RM	93.9	RMG	98.3	96.6
1D	99.6	1B	98.7	98.2
2AE	95.4	2E	92.6	95.1
3W	97.8	3B	96.2	97.7
4B	99.2	4G/F	96.6	98.4
5B	97.9	5P	97.6	96.7
6O	93.8	6T	94.1	96.8
Top Reg	1D			

Highest Class Attendance this week

1D with 99.6%

Reporting Absence

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.

Parent Information



London & Slough
Charitable Trust

40
Years
ANNIVERSARY

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Monday, 13th October 2025

The **London and Slough Charitable Trust** supports the homeless and people in need. Every week it distributes food and drink to homeless people on the streets. Donations of the following foodstuffs are very much appreciated:



Small individual cartons of orange or apple juice
(*no cans or fizzy drinks please*) Reception

Packets of individual  wrapped cakes Year 1

Small chocolate biscuit bars (such as two fingered Kit-Kat, Penguin, Rocky, Club biscuit bars, etc) Year 2

Multi-packs of individual bags of crisps Year 3

Bananas or satsumas Year 4

Jars of peanut butter, marmite or jam (for sandwiches) Year 5

Boxes of teabags, jars of coffee, bags of sugar Year 6

Thank you for your generosity

WEBSITE: londonsloughcharitabletrust.org

EMAIL: admin@thelongdonandsloughrun.org

Author of the Week

Author of the Week

This resource has been kindly sponsored by ProStrike Events who will be funding our weekly giveaway. Each week a featured author's book will be up for grabs through @primaryteachew & @casht on Twitter.

ProStrike holds FREE football fundraising events for primary schools nationwide. Last academic year, schools received an average of over £1300 per event! For more information, visit www.prostrikeevents.co.uk and book online using code AOTW.

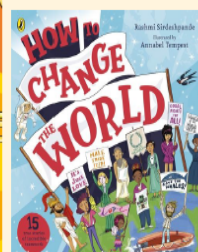
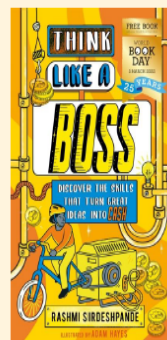


Resource created by @primaryteachew & @casht

RASHMI SIRDESHPANDE



'Good News' was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award in 2022.



Rashmi has written a range of picture books, some of which are entertaining and funny, such as the 'Never' dinosaur series, and some which are emotional and deal with feelings, like 'Dadaji's Paintbrush'.

Alongside this, she has written some brilliant non-fiction books which not only teach you new facts, but get you interested in new topics! These include Good News and How to be Extraordinary.

If you like Kate Pankhurst or Tom Percival, you'll love these books!

I love books because they are literally the cheapest ticket possible to absolutely everywhere, real and imagined!

Rashmi Sirdeshpande says:

Key Information

 SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

PARENT PACT

Want to wait to give your child a smartphone
but don't want them to be the odd one out?

***You're not alone!** There's a growing movement of parents in Buckinghamshire (and across Britain) who are choosing to wait to give their children smartphones. The Parent Pact is a way to join together with other families at St. Joseph's to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14.

It's all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure dissolves. It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact – and you can see how many other parents at your school have signed have signed on the live leaderboards.



National

129,103
Children

13,100
Schools



St. Joseph's
Catholic
Primary
School

Sign now!

Sign the PARENT PACT

Let's work together to push
St. Joseph's up the local
leaderboards!



Buckinghamshire

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Vacancies

Midday Supervisor

Catering Assistant

PUNCTUALITY & SAFEGUARDING

MORNING

It is extremely important to ensure that children arrive to school on time. At 8.45am the main school gates, and doors to both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 buildings are closed and locked. After this time children cannot enter the school via the playgrounds.

If your child is not on either playground by 8.45am you must park outside of the school grounds and accompany them to the school office to sign them in.

If you are dropping your children at the turning circle—please have them ready to exit the cars. Adults should not be getting out of vehicles. There are school staff there to assist the children. It is important that we keep the traffic moving and show consideration to our neighbours—adults getting out of vehicles holds up the traffic flow.

AFTERNOON

Passwords are used to permit other adults to collect your child. It is not necessary to call the school office in addition.

Adults can enter the KS1 Playground and then go around to KS2 after the KS2 children have left the marquees (3.30pm). Please do not go around before this time. Alternatively if you are only collecting from KS2 please use the KS2 gate (down the alleyway).

Please then exit via the KS2 gate rather than coming back around to KS1 playground.

There is no access to school grounds for parking at the end of the school day or for collecting from after school clubs.

LOST PROPERTY

Un-named lost property will be redirected to the second hand uniform shop.

Named items will be directed back to the child's classroom.

It is impossible to return items that are not named.

PLEASE NAME EVERY ITEM

Advent Calendar 2025

Date	Time	Detail
Friday 28 th November	All Day	Dress the Tree Assembly (Children Only—own clothes/ Christmas Jumpers)
Saturday 29 th November	2.00 – 6.00pm	FOSJS Christmas Market Extravaganza
Tuesday 2 nd December	9.00am	Preschool Christmas Production (Preschool Parents Invited)
Wednesday 3 rd December	9.00am	Reception Christmas Production (Reception Parents Invited)
Thursday 4 th December	9.00am	Year 1 Christmas Production (Year 1 Parents Invited)
Friday 5 th December	9.00am	Year 2 Christmas Production (Year 2 Parents Invited)
Friday 5 th December	tbc	Chalfont St Peter Christmas Evening Choir to perform
Monday 8 th December	9.30am & 2.30pm	Rocksteady Concerts (Rocksteady Parents Invited)
Thursday 11 th December	12.00pm	Children's Christmas Lunch (own clothes & Christmas jumper)
Friday 12 th December	9.00am & 2.00pm	Love, Learn Grow Assembly (by invitation)
Monday 15 th December	9.30am	End of Term Mass (Church) Y5 Parents Invited
Wednesday 17 th December	7.00pm	KS2 Carol Concert St. Joseph's Parish Church (KS2 Parents Invited)
Thursday 18 th December (party clothes)	9.00-10.30 11.00-12.30 2.00-3.30 4.30-.00pm 6.30-.00pm	Preschool Christmas Party Reception Christmas Party KS1 Christmas Party Y3&4 Christmas Disco (FOSJS) Y5&6 Christmas Disco (FOSJS)
Friday 19 th December	1.00pm	End of Advent Term Merry Christmas to All



JOIN US FOR ST. JOSEPHS

Christmas

MARKET EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 29TH

NOVEMBER

2PM ~ 6PM

GIFTS ★ CRAFTS ★ FOOD

MUSIC SANTA FUNFAIR

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**ST. JOSEPHS CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
PRIORY ROAD,
CHALFONT ST PETER
SL9 8SB**

Uniform Reminder

Please refer to the school uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

Please note:

- Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied up
 - Coats should be black, navy or school green
- Only stud earrings are permitted to be worn in school
 - Nail polish and tattoos are not permitted
- Our uniform policy states that pupils should wear a white cotton shirt (for clarity these are standard shirts with a standard collar)

Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

From all at St. Joseph's School.

