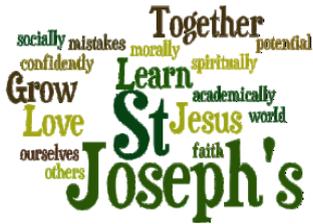


27th February 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



*Gospel reading for
Sunday 1st March
The Second Sunday of Lent
John 3.1-17*



Headteacher Message

It has been so lovely to return to school following the half-term break—the weather already feels a little milder and certainly brighter. During the holiday, we celebrated Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of our Lenten season, a 40-day journey in which we Pray, Fast and Give. We began this together in our Lenten Liturgy on Tuesday morning, led beautifully by our Faith Leaders. It was a reflective service that encouraged us to think about our actions and the Lenten promises we have made. Thank you to our Faith Leaders for guiding us so thoughtfully.

At St Joseph's, we are committed to helping every child grow—academically, spiritually, and personally. A key part of this growth is regular school attendance. We are working hard to ensure our attendance remains above the national average again this year, because we know that good attendance helps our pupils to:

- Avoid missing important learning
- Build positive habits for the future
- Achieve stronger academic progress
- Develop relationships and communication skills
- Reduce stress and support their overall wellbeing

With this in mind, we are delighted to welcome our new Attendance Officer, Ms Boeg. Like all staff at St Joseph's, she is dedicated to ensuring the very best for your child and will work closely with parents and carers to support regular attendance.



April Boeg,

Administration and Attendance Officer



Weekly Attendance Figures



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RMG	92.6%	RM	94.8%
1B	93.2%	1D	96%
2AE	91%	2RE	90.7%
3B	95.6%	3W	93.3%
4B	94.3%	4FG	95%
5F	89.2%	5D	94.2%
6BT	95.4%	6O	89.2%

**Highest Class Attendance was
1D— 96%**

**Winner of the Attendance Bag
Dallas 3W**

Celebration Champions and Rainbow Award Winners this week will be in next weeks newsletter



Well done to Reggie and Hattie—our first members of the **Millionaire Readers Club**. They have read over a million words so far this

Key Reminders

Monday, 2nd March (pm)

2AE nursing home visit

Friday, 6th March 9.00am

4B attending Parish Mass

Friday, 6th March 9.00am

Y6 SATS Workshop for Parents

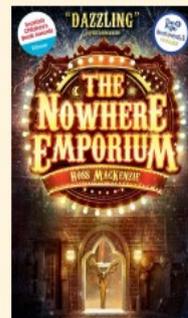
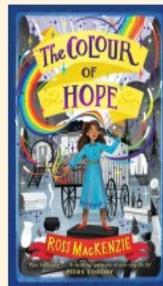
Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)

Author of the Week

ROSS MACKENZIE



The Nowhere Emporium won the Blue Peter Award and Scottish Book Award in 2016.

Ross writes incredible series of books which not only transport you to another world, but include magic and mystery which will have you hooked from the first page to the last.

If you enjoy reading about adventure, then these books are for you: each one will take you on a journey across a new place, where you will meet a range of characters who you'll feel like you know by the end.

If you like Jenny McLachlan or Abi Elphinstone, you'll love these books!

I do get lost in a story when I write, and for me that's one of the joys of being a writer. The characters come alive and do unexpected things.

Ross Mackenzie says:

Housepoints

HOUSE POINTS – This week

St David 128	St George 118
St Andrew 115	St Patrick 121

HOUSE POINTS –Running Totals

St David 810	St George 916
St Andrew 893	St Patrick 875

World Book Day



On **Thursday 19th March**, pupils are invited to come to school dressed as something connected to our theme, **'The Wizard of Oz'**. Please encourage your child to think creatively and come up with a simple, imaginative costume idea. For example, they might:

- Wear **green** to represent a member of the Emerald City community
- Wear **grey** with a **paper red heart** to represent the Tin Man
- Add a small accessory such as a plaited ribbon (Dorothy), a toy lion (Cowardly Lion), or a simple paper funnel hat (Tin Man)

There is **no need to buy a costume**. What matters most is engaging with the story—reading the book, watching the film, and enjoying the wonderful imagination and talent of **L. Frank Baum**.

“As of Monday 23rd February 2026, the Busy Living Breakfast Club starts at the earlier time of 07:30 which we hope will be of benefit to parents. For those who are not registered with us, please give us a call on 01494 702 702 or email info@busy-living.co.uk for further details. Alternatively, you can register via the website www.busy-living.co.uk – go to the Out of School Clubs page.”

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.

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.

Events

*SEN Coffee Afternoon
Wednesday 18th March 2026
2:30pm - 3:30pm | KS1 Hall*

*Please come along and join us for an informal SEN
Coffee Afternoon.*

*We will have a Specialist Teacher delivering a talk
on:*

“Supporting Anxious Behaviour”

Everyone is welcome!

FOSJS MOTHER'S DAY GIFT SALE



£5/GIFT

**NAMED ENVELOPE TO
THE TEACHER ON DAYS
INDICATED BELOW**

ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO BRING £5 AND TO PURCHASE
A GIFT FOR THEIR MUM, AUNT, GRAN TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY.

THERE WILL BE A SELECTION OF LOVELY GIFTS TO CHOOSE FROM.
THIS IS A VERY POPULAR EVENT RUN BY FOSJS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.
CHILDREN REALLY ENJOY BUYING GIFTS AND CAN PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE.

**WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH: KS1 + PRESCHOOL
THURSDAY 12TH MARCH: KS2 + PRESCHOOL
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH: FINAL CHANCE - ALL YEARS**

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St Joseph's Parish Event—Barn Dance

St Joseph's Parish is hosting a Barn Dance on Saturday 7 March at Chalfont St Peter Community Centre. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun evening of dancing to live music with a caller. Bar opens at 7pm, light supper served at 7:30pm, followed by two sessions of dancing. Why not get a group of friends together and book at table? [Click here for details and to book](#). This is a fundraiser for our much-needed new hall.

BARN DANCE

CHALFONT ST PETER COMMUNITY CENTRE

A fundraiser in aid of St Joseph's New Community Hall

LIVE  MUSIC

CALLER • LIGHT SUPPER • BAR

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 7 TO 11

TICKETS £25

www.stjosephs.org.uk/BarnDance

TABLES of 8

tables will be moved out for dancing

Online payment available

Calling all budding artists!

Final call—we need to have all entries in school by 4th March so that we can upload and submit them. Reminder to see the letter sent out about this and that all entries must have a write up alongside them and parental permission completed.

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Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Open for submissions
5 January–4 March 2026

Find out more and enter
royalacademyarts.org.uk/youngartists
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Young Artists' Summer Show
2026

Royal Academy of Arts

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