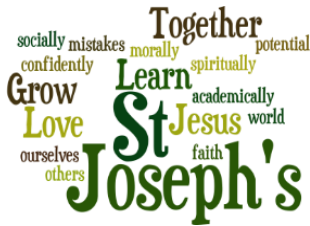


27th March 2026

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



*Gospel reading for*

*Sunday 29th March*

*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*

*Matthew 26:14—27:66*



## Headteacher Message

This has been a very short half term, and it has flown by. Pupils and staff have crammed in a great deal of learning, much of which was shared in our Love, Learn, Grow Assemblies. It is wonderful to see the activities and sessions that help our pupils understand more about the world, thrive academically, and make strong progress. During the assemblies, we celebrated our Love, Learn, and Grow award winners and reaffirmed that hard work truly enables accelerated progress. You can find the PowerPoint from the assemblies [here](#). We will also publish a special newsletter, at the start of next term, with information about our winners.

When we return after the Easter break, we will enter the part of the school year when statutory assessments take place. While we do not want our children to feel anxious, we do want them to understand the importance of doing their best—and you can support them with this. Ensuring they get a good night's sleep, arrive at school on time, and attend every day makes a real difference.

We have worked hard to keep our attendance above the national average. Although illness is sometimes unavoidable, we are seeing an increasing number of families taking children out of school for holidays. We respectfully ask that you avoid doing this. While it may feel like a small interruption, missing key foundational learning can have a lasting impact. You will receive your child's attendance letter today—please do take the time to read it. We will continue to contact and support families where attendance has become a concern, so that we can work together to improve it.

There have been many wonderful events leading up to the end of term, but the one that stands out for me is the Year 3 and 4 Passion Play. It is awe-inspiring to see young people take a well-known story and portray the final journey of Christ with such emotion, empathy, passion, and joy. It reminds me of the innocence and kindness of our pupils—and how privileged we are to guide the next generation of leaders, who will help shape a world where Christ's values can continue to be shared and lived out.

Have a Blessed Easter!





## Weekly Attendance Figures



### Attendance

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RM	94.3	RMG	94.8
1D	94.6	1B	97.3
2AE	97.3	2RE	87
3W	94.1	3B	90
4B	94.7	4GF	96.1
5F	92.1	5D	89.2
6O	95.6	6BT	88.1

1st

2nd

3rd

1B / 2AE 97.3%

4GF 96.1%

6O 95.6%

### Key Reminders

Monday 13th April

INSET DAY—No school for pupils

Tuesday 14th April

First day of Pentecost Term

Wednesday 15th April

Year 1 Local Walk (pm)

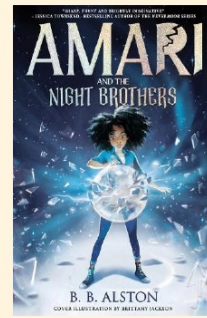
## Author of the Week

BB ALSTON



Overall winner of the Barnes & Noble Children's and YA Book Awards

Enter a wonderful world of magical powers, unlikely friendships and an abundance of mythical creatures and you'll be in Amari's world. BB Alston's debut children's novel is a thrilling page-turner that includes themes of race, friendship, magic and adventure. The first book in the series is currently being made into a major motion picture!



If you like J.K. Rowling or Philip Pullman, you'll love these books!

*As a writer, I've always thought of stories as being their own kind of magic, especially fantasies, for their ability to transport you to wondrous places alongside compelling characters. And so as a writer of stories it's my hope to create magic on the page with every story I write.*

*BB Alston says:*

## Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

### School Uniform Pentecost Term

The Easter holidays are often a popular time for purchasing new uniform and arranging fresh summer haircuts. As you prepare for the new term, 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.

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 start the term feeling confident and ready to learn.

For your convenience, the full uniform list of Pentecost (Summer uniform) is included at the back of this week's newsletter.

### 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.

Please do not drive into the school premises on the back of someone leaving or entering in front of you.

## **Year 6 Charity Day**

Massive well done to our Year 6 pupils and the Year 6 team of teachers and teaching assistants. The Year 6 organised our annual charity day on Thursday—where they raised money for charities of their choice. All the children had the opportunity to attend charity day and take part in lots of different fund raising activities.

**A grand total of £341.07 was raised on the day.**

## **Passion Play Retiring Collection**

**Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously to the retiring collection at the end of the Passion Play.**

**We are delighted to let you know that we donated £283.53 to this very worthy local charity.**

**We had some lovely thank you cards from the group to acknowledge your contributions.**

**We would like to share something of what Sally (one of the leaders) wrote about our wonderful faith ambassadors.**

***“The Faith Leaders who come regularly to participate with the people with dementia by either joining in activities, singing, dancing etc are a tremendous link. The participants in the club love the children being here. They are so impressive and confident and this makes their presence and help so wonderful.”***

## 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
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### 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.

## 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](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.



Have a lovely Easter from all at St. Joseph's.

