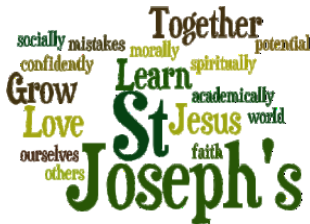


St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



*Gospel reading for
Sunday 30th November
First Sunday of Advent
Matthew 24: 37-44*



Headteacher Message

It has been another busy and exciting week at St Joseph's! We've been settling into our new modular building, moving and organising our things to make it feel like home. It's such a lovely feeling to be settled, and even more wonderful to hear the joyful giggles of pupils as they engage in their learning.

On Thursday morning, we were truly blessed to have Father John join us to bless the building. Together, we asked God to protect all who work and learn here and to guide us as we begin this new chapter.

Preparations for Christmas are well underway—the stage has been erected and the Christmas trees are up! Decorating the tree and coming together to celebrate this annual tradition at St Joseph's is something I always look forward to. Seeing the sea of colour as children dress in their festive jumpers makes it feel as though the season has truly begun.

I'm also filled with excitement and anticipation for the FOSJS Christmas Market Extravaganza this Saturday. Our pupils are buzzing with enthusiasm, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you in advance to everyone who has worked so hard to make this event such a fabulous and memorable occasion.

As we look ahead to the next three weeks, I can't wait to see you all at our Christmas plays, the Carol Concert, and our Love, Learn, Grow Award Ceremony. Please keep an eye on the school diary for dates and times—it's going to be a busy and joyful season!



Key Reminders

Tuesday, 2nd December 9.00am

Preschool Nativity

Wednesday, 3rd December 9.00am

Reception Nativity

Thursday, 4th December 9.00am

Thursday, 4th December 4.00pm

Year 1 Nativity

Choir performing (outside Tesco's in Gerrard's Cross)

Friday, 5th December 9.00am

Friday, 5th December 6.00pm

Year 2 Nativity

Choir performing—CSP Fun Night

Friday, 5th December 9.00am

5P Attending Parish Mass
(5P parents are welcome to join at the church)

Year 5 PE afternoon Friday 5th December—reminder that the children in Year 5 can wear PE kit to school on this day. Please ensure that PE kit adheres to the school uniform policy.

Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)

Author of the Week

LOUIE STOWELL



'Loki' was the Waterstones Children's Book of the Month in February 2022.

Louie Stowell writes books about magic, gods and monsters - there's always an adventure for you to go on!

Her latest series - Loki - is a diary-entry style story where Loki, a god, is banished to Earth for pulling one trick too many, and must now attend school. The informal writing style will have you laughing out loud and wishing for book two. Which, lucky for you, there is!

If you like Laura Ellen Anderson or Jenny Pearson, you'll love these books!



Louie Stowell says:

I love reading because climbing inside a book feels like exploring a new world, whether it's a fantasy story or a non-fiction book. In non-fiction, I get to see my own world in new ways and how brilliant and strange it is. In a made up story, I get to see what could be possible in other worlds, or in lives I haven't lived. It's basically virtual reality with no limits!

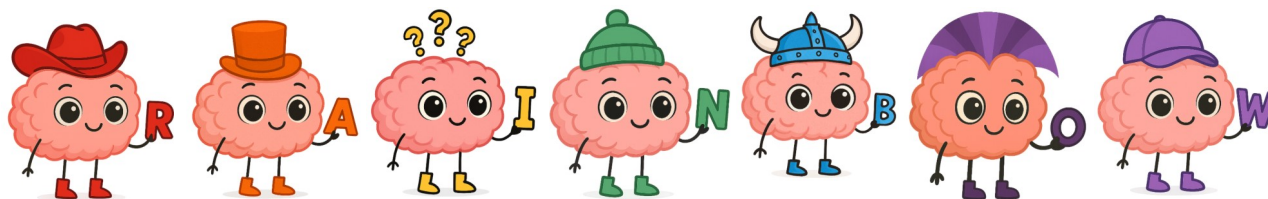


Class Champions this week



RMG	Connor	RM	Eilidh
1B	Harry	1D	Chloe
2AE	Adanna	2RE	Charlie S
3B	Lottie	3W	Annalise
4B	Olivia	4FG	Sienna
5B	Harriet	5P	Gabriel
6BT	Amber	6O	Cara

Rainbow Award Winners this week



Reception— Harry, Charlotte Rose, Ada and Siena

Year 1— Michael D and Lilly

Year 2 – Amelia and Sophia

Year 3 — Conor, Ritchie and Gabriel

Year 4 – Lily and Ave-Maria

Year 5 — Fatima and Anaiyah-Rose

Year 6 — Clarke and Jan

Keeping Our Belongings Safe – Let's Work Together!

We know how frustrating it can be when items go missing, and we want to make sure every child's belongings find their way back home. In light of this could we please ask parents to:

- Check the items your child brings home and return anything that may have found its way into your house by mistake.
- Remind pupils about taking care of their personal belongings - we will do this too and carry out extra checks in classrooms at the end of each day.
- Make sure all clothing is clearly labelled – it makes it so much easier for us to reunite lost items quickly!

Attendance

Reg	% Week	Reg	% Week	% Year group YTD
RM	94.5	RMG	93.2	97.3
1D	80.0	1B	92.1	95.5
2AE	94.1	2E	83.7	95.0
3W	94.6	3B	91.9	96.6
4B	97.0	4G/F	96.1	96.8
5B	91.3	5P	95.8	94.8
6O	96.8	6T	89.2	95.6
Top Reg	4B			



**Highest Class Attendance was
4B with 97%**

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

Reminders regarding parking

Please park considerately on the surrounding road to the school and do not block the driveways of residents. A reminder that there is no parking on the school site.

**Have a wonderful weekend,
From all of St Joseph's Staff**



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	6.00pm	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