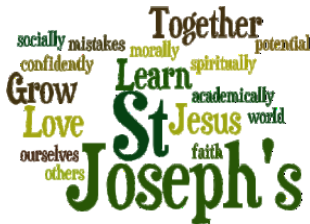


2nd May 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



*Gospel reading for
3rd Sunday of Easter, 4th May
John 21:1-19*



Headteacher Message

Children embark on their educational journey at the age of four or five, and as headteacher, it is a privilege to witness their growth and transformation into young individuals. This week, our Year 4 pupils took a significant step in their journey towards independence as they completed their residential stay at Woodrow House. For many, this was their first experience of staying away from home without family or familiar friends—an opportunity to practice self-care and make decisions on their own. They truly rose to the occasion, demonstrating the skills they have cultivated over their four years at school. What an incredible achievement! I can only imagine how proud their parents must feel, and we share in that pride.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff who so generously gave their time to support the children throughout the trip. Their selflessness and dedication provide a powerful example for our pupils, showing them the importance of leadership through service. Your commitment does not go unnoticed—thank you.

Thursday's school Mass was a truly special experience. Father Theo shared a beautiful story about learning from our elders, reminding us how wisdom from the past can guide us into the future. His words resonated deeply—we all make mistakes, and every mistake presents an opportunity to learn and grow. At St Joseph's, we wholeheartedly embrace this philosophy, celebrating what we call 'Marvellous Mistakes.'

Pope Francis has, on many occasions, acknowledged mistakes made by himself and the Church—owning them with humility and seeking to learn from them. His example teaches us a profound lesson in leadership and growth. As we step into a new papal era, we pray that our new Pope will inspire and guide us in our personal development, helping us become independent, decisive, and compassionate individuals.

*"In life we all make
many mistakes. Let
us learn to
recognize our
errors and ask
forgiveness."
Pope Francis*

Millennial

Attendance : Week Ending 25th April 2025

Reg	% Week	Reg	% Week	% Year group YTD
RC	89.1	RMG	94.2	94.6
1D	90.5	1B	95.2	95.9
2WE	96.0	2E	88.9	95.2
3S	88.2	3B	87.7	94.5
4B	98.7	4G/F	93.1	94.4
5F	96.2	5D	98.7	95.0
6O	90.6	6S/T	93.2	95.9
Top Reg	4B/5D			

*The highest class attendance for last week
was 4B & 5D with 98.7%*

Awards week ending 2nd May

Kindness Badges

Taleya Daly Oliver Gallagher Michael McCann Teddy Williams
 Liam Coyle Elowen Talks Tommy Flaherty Indianna Donovan
 Dean Flowers Georgina Keens Luca Hayes Ralf Simeone
 Evie Elawify Delilah Coomber Annalise Holland

Awards week ending 2nd May



Class Champions

RMG	Frankie Barrett	RC	Henry Hennessey
1B	Thomas Gilday	1D	Ronny Harrison
2E	Ruby Dreelan	2WE	Ritchie Johnson
3B	Emilia Golding	3S	Mariana Cavalier
4B	Henry Hammond	4FG	Anaiyah-Rose Bailey
5M	Grace Gallagher	5B	Cara Rowen
6O	Anna Martin	6ST	Rhian Crump

Rainbow Awards



Charlie Sweeney, Grace Gibbs, Liam Coyle, William Evans, Tom Doherty
Edan Chisanovich, Evelyn Houston, Raina Taank, Mayson Milkowski, Dylan
Dann, Sofia Jesus, Ayan Sharma, Cecille de Charmant, Harvey Beech

HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

St David

93 (185)

St St George

64 (112)

St Andrew

35 (76)

St Patrick

40 (103)

Reminders for w/c 5th May 2025

Monday	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	SEN Parents' Meetings
Wednesday	
Thursday	1B Class Assembly—9.00am
Friday	9.00am 5F attending Parish Mass (Church) Y2 Games—Challoners High

Links to specific newsletters

[Preschool](#)

[Reception](#)

[Ten Ten](#)

Workshops for Parents

Based on parental feedback ,some years ago we introduced workshops for parents on various topics in school, for example, we have held workshops on maths, spelling, multiplication timestables check, RWInc to name but a few.

It is extremely disappointing that so few parents avail of this opportunity to gain information about how things are done in school or methods we use that you could implement to support your children at home. Today, our PSHE relationships education workshop for Years 5-6 was attended by 1 parent. This is obviously a really sensitive topic that we feel parents need to be the first educators and therefore it is essential that you know what the children are covering in school. Other workshops have also been poorly attended with sometimes only a handful of people coming along.

We adjusted times of these activities based on parental feedback to 9.00am, as parents in the past expressed that they could then continue with their day. I am sure you appreciate the amount of additional work these workshops create for subject leaders.

The PSHE workshop was communicated by a letter before half term and was in the weekly reminders.

Key Messages for Parents

Playground Equipment (donations)

You may have noticed or your children in KS1 may have told you that we have been working on enhancing playground activities for the children. If you are clearing out any of the following items we would warmly welcome them to continue to provide this engaging area for the children:

Lego / small cars or trucks / barbie type dolls or any equipment related to them / building blocks / colouring materials / Stickle bricks / farm animals / dinosaurs / action figures.

We will over the next few weeks enhance the KS2 playground with additional materials also.

Curriculum Information

You can find half termly information about your child's learning on the school website. Please go to the tab '**CHILDREN, YEAR GROUP PAGES.**' Here you will find the topics being covered, key information such as PE, library and drop in days ,as well as a break down of the key concepts being taught (which can be found in the Knowledge Organisers below the information).

Please take a look!



Warm Weather

With the arrival of the warm weather please be reminded of the following
Children must have a school sun hat—these are available to purchase via [Earth Uniform](#) or the school uniform shop

Sun protection is not permitted to be brought to school.
Please apply sun protection to children before coming to school.
There are many products that have a long wear duration which are sufficient for the length of time the children are exposed to the sun during the school day.

Thank you to all those who have purchased the new school water bottle. However, we have



Have a lovely, extended, weekend everyone.

From all at St. Joseph's School.

