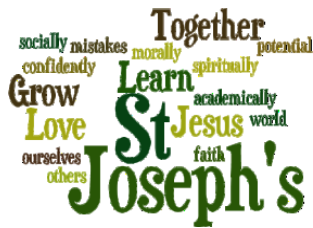


2nd October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4th October 2026

Matthew 21: 33-43



Headteacher Message

At the start of every academic year, we revisit our safeguarding procedures at St Joseph's to ensure that all pupils understand the important role that staff play in keeping them safe. This begins with our Positive Behaviour Policy, which reminds us all that we have a responsibility to make good choices, behave respectfully, and contribute to a safe environment for ourselves and others.

This week, Mrs Ford reminded the children of our safety procedures and behaviour expectations, including what to do when they hear the fire alarm. Next week, we will be carrying out a fire drill to ensure that all children know how to evacuate the building quickly, calmly and safely. During assembly, they were reminded that practising these routines is essential so that everyone knows what to do in an emergency. The children also discussed some of the additional measures we have in place to keep everyone safe. These included the use of security fobs for entering and leaving the building, ensuring that pupils cannot leave unsupervised and that visitors cannot gain access without permission. It is important that we speak openly and honestly with our pupils about safeguarding so that they understand why these measures are necessary and can recognise any concerns that may arise. The coloured lanyards worn around school also help pupils to identify trusted adults and distinguish visitors who must be accompanied while on site.

In line with the agreed consortium-wide position on mobile phones, we kindly ask parents not to use mobile phones whilst on the school site. For future events, photography and recording will not be permitted.

Whilst we appreciate that this may not be a popular decision for everyone, it has been made with the wellbeing, privacy and safeguarding of all children at its heart. As a parent myself, I know that some of the most precious memories are best experienced in the moment rather than through a screen. Being fully present often allows us to appreciate those special occasions even more.

One such golden moment for me this week was welcoming the Director of Education to St Joseph's on Wednesday morning. He joined the Senior Leadership Team to discuss our priorities for the year ahead and spent time visiting classrooms and observing learning across the school. He was highly impressed by the quality of teaching and learning, as well as the wide range of strategies used to engage and inspire pupils. He commented on the enthusiasm, participation and focus evident in every classroom he visited. His feedback was a wonderful affirmation of the dedication and commitment shown by our staff each day. It is a testament to the hard work that takes place across St Joseph's, ensuring that every child is given the opportunity to flourish, achieve their potential, and know that they are valued, cherished and loved.

ATTENDANCE

Week	School	95.7%	National	95.9%
Year	School	95.4%	National	96.3%
Registration Class		Week %	Lates	
RPM		96.3%	0	
RMG		97.4%	0	
1SD		93.6%	0	
1E		99.6%	0	
2B		99.1%	0	
2W		99.2%	0	
3B		95.9%	0	
3S		94.8%	1	
4F		93.3%	0	
4SF		96.1%	0	
5MG		91.4%	0	
5PO		97.9%	0	
6B		93.1%	1	
6D		95%	3	

1st	1E	2nd	2W	3rd	2B
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Attendance Winner

A huge well done to Amelia C in Y5
for winning this week's 100% attendance gift bag!

We hope you enjoy the game and all of the goodies that come with it. Have a fantastic time tonight, and thank you for being such a great role model for excellent attendance.

Well done, Amelia

HOUSEPOINTS

(running totals)

St David	St George
101 (391)	75 (309)
St Andrew	St Patrick
99 (379)	98 (353)

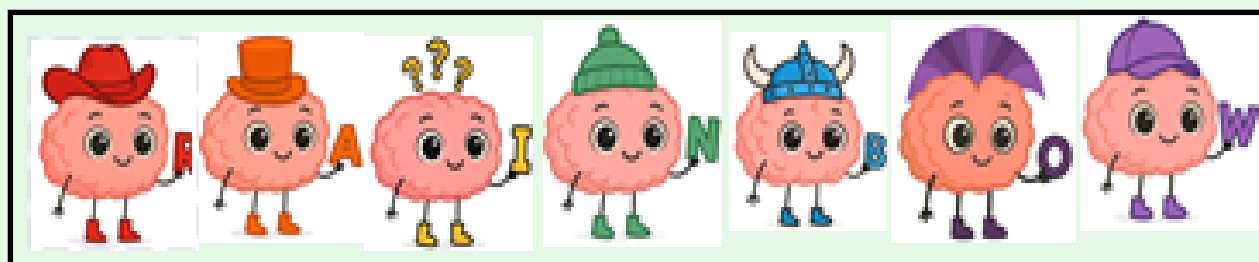


CLASS CHAMPIONS



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
1D	Anna B	1E	Eilidh-Mae C
2B	Darragh O	2W	Viyaan S
3B	Aarav C	3S	Cian D
4F	Lottie F	4SF	Annalise H
5MG	Beau B	5PO	Dylan D
6B	Lily L	6D	Ethan T

Rainbow Award Winners



Mia H (1E), Charlotte R (1D), Harry H (2B), Emily K (2W), Niall K (3S), Serena T (3B), Romaisa N (4SF), Michael D (4F), Leo H (5MG), Evya S (5OP), Ezra S (6B) All of 6D

Millionaire Club

Leader Board – Who will be first to join the club this year?



Year Group	Highest Word Count
Year 3	Eli Housen- 102,978 Julian Pilsniak- 57,712
Year 4	Harriet Matthews- 459,904 Seamus Higgins- 382,478
Year 5	Evya Saini- 643,111 Izabela Blacha- 365,361
Year 6	Ethan Turnock-491,089 Spencer Barham- 435,906

Well done to you!



Safeguarding



Every school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Child Protection and Safeguarding. The DSL at St Joseph's is Mrs Ford. The Deputy DSL's are Mrs O'Kane, Mrs Lovegrove and Mrs Thomson.

At St Joseph's, the safety and wellbeing of every child is of the utmost importance. We are committed to working in close partnership with families to ensure all children feel safe, supported and able to thrive.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we encourage all parents and carers to share any concerns—no matter how small—so that we can work together to support our children.

If you have any worries about a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact the school office or speak to a member of our safeguarding team. Please see the [Online Safety Newsletter - September](#) for further information about keeping children safe online.

School Uniform

Please check the [website](#) for details of our School Uniform BEFORE purchasing winter coats for your children.

Please label every item of clothing. Un-named items cannot be returned and are given to the second hand shop.

MORNING DROP OFF—KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Please do not overtake on the turning circle.

Parents should not need to get out of the car as staff are on hand to assist children. Please ensure your child/children ready to leave the car and walk into school.

Please observe the 5MPH speed limit on school grounds.

**PARKING IS AVAILABLE FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY
PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK FOR COLLECTION FROM
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Key Reminders for Parents

1st Advent—Half Term

6th October—9.00am	4F Class Assembly
13th & 14th October	Parents' Evenings
14th October	3S Class Assembly
9th October	FOSJS Costume Dress Up Day (Mufti)

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

Author of the Week

THOMAS TAYLOR



Winner of the 2021 Awesome Book Awards and Award winning illustrator



Did you know that Thomas Taylor created the very first front cover artwork for 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'? Since then, he has gone on to write and illustrate several picture books and introduced us all to a new world called 'Eerie-on-Sea' which is where Herbie and Violet have had an incredible range of adventures. There are creatures like the malamander, evil villains, unlikely friendships, puppets, storms and, of course, lots of lost-and-foundering.

Thomas Taylor says:

If you like Jenny McLachlan or M.G. Leonard you'll love these books!

I love reading because a book is a golden ticket to anywhere, a personal introduction to anyone at all - from any time or realm - and the nearest thing to magic we have.

Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

Parent Information

Flu Immunisations take place in school on Thursday, 7th October 2026. Please ensure you have read the information sent home and have visited the portal to either give or decline consent.

The letter can be accessed via the link below.

[Flu Immunisations](#)

School Office

- ♦ The school office is open from 8.30 am to 4.00pm.
- ♦ Please email wherever possible instead of calling in person.
- ♦ Please allow 24-48 hours for response to emails.
- ♦ Please ensure children bring all items needed for the day with them in the morning. It is not always possible to guarantee that items delivered to school late will reach your child in time. (eg. lunch boxes, PE kits, water bottles, etc.)
- ♦ Please NAME all items. UNNAMED items are given to the second hand shop.



Rainy Day Breaks

We would be very grateful to receive any rainy day activities that would be suitable for the classroom during a rainy day break.

Ideally, small activities that can be set up quickly and easily.
Eg. Puzzles, Chess / Dominoes / Etch-a-Sketch / Jenga / Colouring Books / Colouring Pencils, Sorting Activities

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 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 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. The school office is open at 8.30am and closes at 4.30pm.



Have a lovely weekend, from all at St. Joseph's



The background of the poster is a vibrant autumn scene. It features a dark blue night sky filled with stars and colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. In the lower half, there is a silhouette of a forest of evergreen trees. A large, intricately carved jack-o'-lantern with a glowing face is positioned on the left side. Bright, colorful laser beams in shades of blue, purple, and pink radiate from behind the trees, creating a magical atmosphere.

SAVE THE DATE

THE FOSJS MAIN EVENT OF THE SEASON

Autumn Festival

Saturday 14th November
3PM – 6PM

MUSICAL LASER SHOW

LASER LIGHT SHOW: 5PM

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

The
Friends of St Joseph's School

COSTUME SALE

**DONATE YOUR PRE-LOVED
FANCY DRESS COSTUMES!**

Help us raise funds for our school
by donating your pre-loved fancy dress
costumes, accessories and props.



Please leave your donations
outside the Terrapin
in the FOSJS box



Come and meet us

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 7 October

5.30pm - 8.00pm

OPEN MORNING

Thursday 8 October

9.15am - 11am

Meet our students | Explore our school | Discover our community

Courteous

Community Minded

Committed

Conscientious