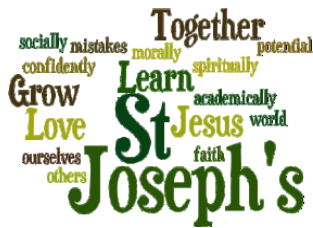


3rd July 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5th July

Matthew: 11:25-30



Headteacher Message

It has been another jam-packed week filled with exciting events and wonderful moments of celebration.

Today, I had the pleasure of presenting our Reception to Year 2 pupils with the Love, Learn, Grow Awards, recognising those children who consistently demonstrate the values at the heart of our mission in their everyday interactions at St Joseph's. It is always a joy to celebrate these achievements with our school community and to hear our children described using such positive language: resilient, determined, kind, compassionate and role models to others. For me, there is no question that these qualities are lived out each day—I see them every time I walk around our school. What a privilege it is to witness this and to be part of such a special community.

This year will be particularly memorable for me because we had the opportunity to explore my favourite story of all time—The Wizard of Oz. Our hall was transformed into the Emerald City, I had the chance to become Glinda the Good Witch, while my Deputy embraced the role of Elphaba, the Wicked Witch. We even travelled down the Yellow Brick Road together! However, it was our Year 6 pupils who truly brought the story to life this week in their end-of-year production. What a treat it was to sit and watch them perform.

As I watched, I found myself reflecting on what this story means, not only to me but also to the children as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. Life can be much like the journey Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Lion undertake. Along the way, we learn valuable lessons, form lasting friendships and face challenges that help shape who we become. We make choices, hoping they will guide us towards our dreams and aspirations.

In the production, as the friends travelled along the Yellow Brick Road, the Lion asked, "Is it a dangerous road?" to which the Scarecrow replied, "Very, but we'll all be together." To me, this beautifully captures what life's journey is all about. The relationships we build help us navigate both the joys and challenges we encounter, ensuring that we never have to face them alone. As people of faith, we also know that God walks beside us on every step of our journey. By spending time with Him, we strengthen that relationship and build a foundation of love, guidance and support that sustains us throughout our lives.

I also reflected on the power of community and the extraordinary effort that went into creating such a visual delight. Thanks to FOSJS, our hall was once again transformed into the magical Land of Oz. Thanks to our dedicated staff, the characters came alive through imaginative costumes, make-up, props and audio. And thanks to our parents, the children were supported and encouraged as they rehearsed and prepared, helping to create a truly magical few evenings for everyone involved.

The St Joseph's community has created something far greater than a school building. It is a home—a place where love is felt, knowledge is gained and every individual is encouraged to grow. Just like a family home, it is a place to which you can always return and be welcomed with open arms, wherever life may take you.

Because, as Dorothy reminds us, "There's no place like home."



Weekly Attendance Figures

22nd—26th June 2026



WEEKLY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 93.1%

NATIONAL AVERAGE 94.8%

Class	Week %	Late	Class	Week %	Late
RM	85.5	2	RMG	78.9	0
1B	75.9	1	1D	85.6	2
2AE	77.4	3	2E	86.5	0
3S	77.0	2	3W	85.6	1
4FG	74.5	0	4B	79.1	1
5D	75.0	1	5F	70.8	5
6BT	78.1	5	6O	79.4	0
			1st—2E		

2nd—1D & 3W

3rd

Safeguarding



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

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 - June](#) for further information about keeping children safe online.

Key Reminders—Week Commencing 6th July

Monday 6th July 2.15pm

Year 6 Retreat Day at Goldhill Hub (packed lunch required—children come to school as usual)

Year 2 Moving On Liturgy

Year 5 Hindu Temple Trip

Wednesday 8th July 9.00am

Love, Learn Grow Assembly (Years 3-5) - by invitation.

Note Year 6 Awards will take place in the Leavers' Mass

Thursday 9th July 9.00-11.00am

**Preschool Sports Day 9.00-11.00am
(Preschool afternoon session as usual will take place)**

Friday 10th July 9.00-11.45am

Reception—Year 6 Sports Morning—optional picnic until 1.00pm (please see previous letter regarding the details)

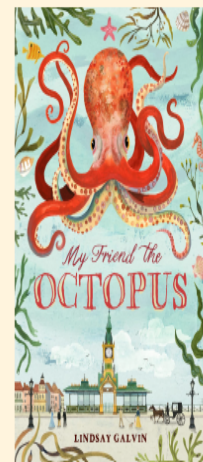
(school closed for all pupils pm)

Author of the Week

LINDSAY GALVIN



Shortlisted for the Stockport Children's Book Awards 2022.



Lindsay Galvin is fascinated by the natural world so it's only right that her two children's novels focus is around two wonderful creatures. 'Darwin's Dragons' will see you climbing on board Charles Darwin's 'The Beagle' with lead character Syms Covington whereas 'My Friend the Octopus' requires a trip to the Brighton Sea Life Centre in an exciting Victorian mystery.

With a setting in a historical version of Britain, you won't just learn about the past but feel immersed within it!

If you like Hannah Gold or Emma Carroll, you'll love these books!

If you are writing, you are already a writer, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise! Read a lot to help your writing, too!

Lindsay Galvin says:

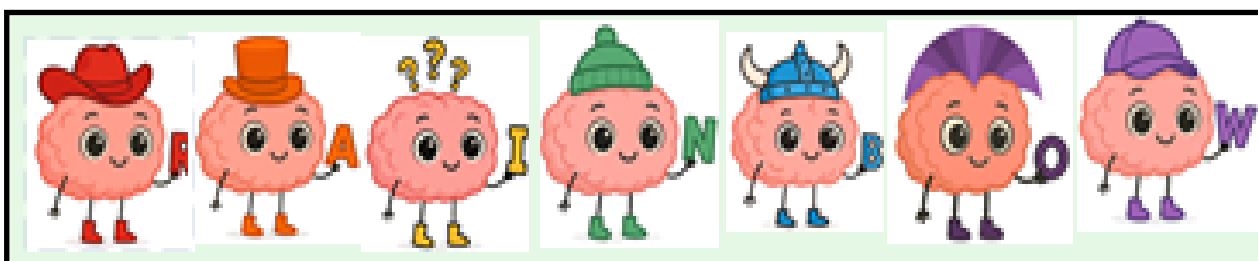


Class Champions



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RMG	Alfie B	RM	Nellie E
1B	Luna I	1D	Mia P
2AE	Dilan C	2RE	Eli H
3B	Sonny S	3W	Martin D
4B	Tommie M	4FG	Amelia C
5F	Leo K	5D	Ariya S
6BT	Millie H	6O	Mary S

Rainbow Award Winners



Akain M

2RE Whole Class, 2AE Whole Class, Niamh M (2AE), Akain M (1B), Molly M (1D), Dollie-Rai (3W), Chimdi O (3S), Siena Mc (RMG), Charlotte R (RM), Elsie H (4B), Ellis D (4FG), Ciaran G (4FG), Gabriel C (5F), Tom C (5D), 6O Whole Class, 6BT Whole Class

Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

Parental Survey

Please follow the link to access the [Parental](#) Survey. Your feedback is important to us. Please complete by Friday, 10th July 2026. Thank you for your support.

Please check your ParentPay accounts to clear any outstanding amounts.

All accounts must be kept in credit at all times.

Parents will be asked to provide packed lunch for those accounts in deficit.



Dear All

Please ensure any library books are returned to school as soon as possible so they can be scanned back into the Library system.

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Uniform Reception—Year 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 polo shirt with or without school crest (worn without school tie)	Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham dress	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap with or without school crest	Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	
	No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted	

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 with or without school crest (worn without school tie)	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Dark green and white full gingham dress	Any stockist
	Dark grey or white knee / ankle socks or tights (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	Dark Green Baseball cap / Kepi cap with or without school crest	Earth Website / Any stockist
	Black shoes (no branded logos)	Any stockist
	No all-in ones or playsuits are permitted	

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.

Nails are to be kept short and nail varnish is not permitted.

PE and Games		
	Dark green gym bag with school crest	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) loose fitting shorts (not cycling)	Any stockist
	Green T-shirt with gold school crest	Earth Website
	Black (plain – no branded logos) tracksuit bottoms	Any stockist
	Black (plain – no branded logos) sweatshirt	Any stockist
	Trainers (suitable for sporting activity)	Any stockist

Communications



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SC8253371a@SchoolComms.com to your phone contacts to ensure messages are not delivered to your junk/spam emails.



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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

