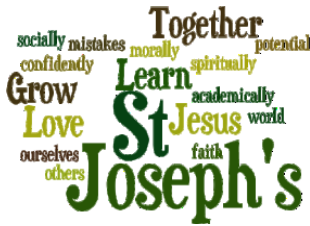


3rd October 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Sunday 5th October

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

Luke 17: 5-10



Headteacher Message

"St Joseph's is a school that goes above and beyond for its pupils."
Ofsted May 2025

In the face of adversity, we pause, reflect, and recharge.
That's exactly what we've done at St Joseph's this week.

It's been an unusual start to the year. Unable to access our Key Stage 2 building, we swiftly relocated our classrooms to temporary accommodation—ensuring we were ready to fulfil the first part of our Mission: **LEARN**. And learn we have! The curriculum continues uninterrupted, and the children have made a fantastic start to 2025.

Not one child has complained. Instead, they've embraced the change and risen to the challenge—and excitement—of learning in a new environment. Their behaviour has been exemplary, just as we expected, and their empathy has shone through as they've checked in on both peers and teachers. They are living out our Mission of **LOVE**.

So what about **GROW**—the final part of our Mission?
This week, it became clear that our pupils will grow by following the example set by their parents. We are deeply grateful to those who contacted the Bucks Free Press to challenge the misinformation shared about our school. Your actions have shown our children how to stand up for what is right. You didn't just advocate for St Joseph's—you advocated for your child. And in doing so, you've helped them grow. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of supportive emails—they've made us feel deeply appreciated and uplifted. Thank you.

Let's continue to fulfil our Mission: **Love, Learn, and Grow**—together.

Key Reminders

Tuesday, 7th October
9.00am

3W Class Assembly

Tuesday, 7th October
3.30—4.00

Parent Drop In Sessions
3.30—4.00

Wednesday, 8th October
9.00am

SEN Coffee Morning
Open Invitation—All Welcome

Thursday, 9th October
9.00am

PHSE Parent Workshop

Thursday, 9th October
All day

Year 1 Rainforest Day

Friday, 10th October

Diocesan Schools' Mass
(selected students)

Save the Date....

Saturday,
29th November 2025

FOSJS
Christmas Market
Extravaganza

Saturday,
4th July 2026

FOSJS Summer Ball

LATE DELIVERIES...

PLEASE USE THE LATE BOX SITUATED OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO LEAVE LUNCH BOXES, PE KITS, WATER BOTTLES, FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES, ETC.

PLEASE USE THE LABELS / PENS INSIDE THE BOX TO ENSURE ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO DELIVER THESE TO CHILDREN IN TIME.

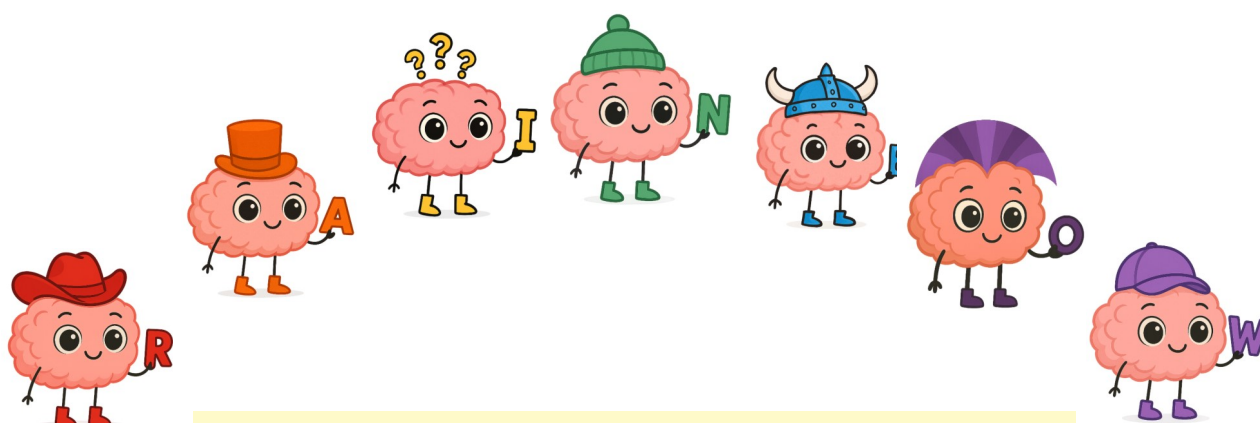
CALLS HOME FOR FORGOTTEN ITEMS ARE NOT POSSIBLE

Class Champions this week



RMG	Erin Killeen	RM	Ethan Houston
1B	Archer Taylor	1D	Tiarnan McCann
2AE	Jaxson McDonagh	2RE	Nuala McCarthy
3B	Maisie Roberts	3W	Jacob Fowler
4B	Maahi Sharma	4FG	Dilan Chhabra
5P	Holly Lopez	5B	Evie Hill
6O	Ollie Gallagher	6T	Cecilia Sheehy

Rainbow Award Winners this week



Albie McDermott, Iris Grantham, Evie Elsawify,
 Noah Warren, Thomas McDonagh, Jude Wright,
 Emily Kelly, Jacob Furnish, Neha Pallipurum,
 Darcie Cumber-Wilson, Aaron Turnock,
 Daisy McCarron, Dilan Chhabra,
 Aarav Chhabra, Brooke Buckingham,
 Frankie-River Harper-Matthews,
 Micheal McCann, Amelia Chichirau, Gabriel Chmal.

Attendance

Reg	% Week	Reg	% Week	% Year group YTD
RM	89.6	RMG	99.1	95.8
1D	97.6	1B	98.7	98.2
2AE	98.9	2E	91.5	95.2
3W	98.1	3B	96.9	97.7
4B	96.2	4G/F	99.0	98.1
5B	96.7	5P	94.3	96.3
6O	90.2	6T	95.8	95.4
Top Reg	RMG			

Highest Class Attendance this week

RMG with 99.1%

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property containers (yellow) are located outside of the school office.
Please check them regularly for lost items.

Named items are directed back to the child's classroom. Un-named items are directed to the second hand shop at the end of each half term.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL BELONGINGS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

Introducing the Pupil Leadership Team 2025-26

My name is Sienna Dann

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Head Girl of St Joseph's.

There are four people in my family; my mum, dad and my younger brother. My brother is in Year 4. I do not have any pets but I am a big fan of dogs, especially Joey. Both of my parents are teachers.

*I love Italian food such as pizza and pasta. I also love ice-cream. My favourite book is *Bed knobs and Broomsticks* by Mary Norton. I love listening to Sabrina Carpenter's music and I love seeing the *Lion King* at the theatre.*

I am particularly good at art and I really love drawing and painting. I also love football and I try to play whenever I can. I like baking cakes (especially chocolate ones)!

I am extremely proud to be the Head Girl at St Joseph's because I have come a long way from where I was when I joined the school. I am looking forward to trying hard to make the school an even better place than it already is by working with the wonderful team of Pupil Leaders around me.



My name is Ismael Doha

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the Head Boy of St Joseph's.

I have a big family of 5 brothers and my mum and dad – poor mum! They are all lots of fun to be with. Four are older than me and 1 is younger, he is in Year 4.

I particularly like PE, rugby is my favourite sport, I am part of Chesham and Amersham Rugby Club. I also like football and I support Arsenal. I like Karate and may join the Tiska Team and compete in a competition in Dubai. I love singing, you may have heard me as the loudest voice in celebration assembly! I also really enjoy family movie nights.

When I grow up I want to be an Investment Banker.

I am so proud to be the Head Boy because I want to be a really good role model and I want to represent the school. I want to be a link between pupils and teachers. If any pupil has anything that is concerning them, I would like them to know that they can always come and talk to me and I will try to help in any way that I can.

I am looking forward to an exciting year with the other members of the Pupil Leadership Team.



My name is Methaliya Mohotty

I am one of the Prefects in the Pupil Leadership Team.

My parents are from Sri Lanka. We don't have any other close family in the UK, as they all still live in Sri Lanka. My dad is an aerospace design engineer and my mum is a specialist nurse.

My favourite subject is Maths and I also like Biology. My favourite TV series is Inbestagator. In my free time I love reading comics, do craft activities and draw. I also enjoy cooking - I love eating! My favourite food is sushi.

In my spare time, I play the clarinet and I attend ballet classes.

In the future, I hope to be either a surgeon, a scientist or a chef.

I love helping out in the community. This is a passion I developed when I joined scouts.

I believe in the school's mission and it is a privilege and honour to be on the PLT. I feel valued and appreciated by being chosen for this role. I really want to spend my last year in primary school in a meaningful way and be a worthy role model for others.

I am eager to work with the staff and take the lead in guiding younger students.

I want to make St Joseph's a place where everyone feels welcome, has a sense of belonging, and is inspired to do their best.



My name is Evie McCarthy

I am one of the Prefects in the Pupil Leadership Team.

I am very lucky to have a wonderful mum, dad and older brother.

My favourite subjects are English and Art. I love the theatre show Matilda and I also love the book. I enjoy listening to a wide range of music and my favourite foods are pancakes and strawberries.

I have lots of hobbies. I like sport and particularly enjoy football and gymnastics. I also enjoy spending my time colouring and meeting my friends.

I am proud to be on the PLT because I have wanted to be on this leadership group for a long time.

As part of this group I am looking forward to working as a team with the Head Pupils and other prefects. I want to work on some exciting projects that hopefully will be lots of fun and have a positive impact on the children in school.



My name is Kaylan Verma

I am one of the Prefects on the Pupil Leadership Team.

In my family there are four people – my mum, my dad and my sister Ariya. Ariya is currently in Year 3 at St Joseph's. I also have a cousin Arjun who comes here.

My favourite subjects are PE, Art and Maths. I like to listen to music and particularly enjoy Coldplay, Eminem and One Republic. I like to read and enjoy Tom Gates' books and the Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Two programmes I watch on TV are Cobra Kai and Karate Kid. I like playing and watching sport – I play tennis and football and I support Arsenal.

I am proud to be a Prefect and to have been chosen to be part of the Leadership Team. I am looking forward to working on projects with the other team members to improve the school and I am looking forward to developing my teamwork and leadership skills.



My name is Cecilia Sheehy

I am one of the Prefects in the Pupil Leadership Team.

There are four people in my family. My mum, my dad and my sister. Her name is Felicity and she also comes to St. Joseph's. She is in Year 3.

My favourite hobbies are reading, dancing and particularly singing. My favourite food is pizza and my favourite colour is purple.

Last year I organised a dance club in school with some of my friends, which many of you attended. I am hoping to be able to start it again this year. I also love African drumming – this is one of my favourite things to do in school.

I am so proud to be a Prefect and part of the Pupil Leadership Team. I can't wait to do so many great things with the other members of the team. I am hoping to learn new skills as part of the team like being more organised and developing my confidence.



My name is Aman Matharu

I am one of the Prefects on the Pupil Leadership Team.

I live with my parents and my older sister. She used to come to this school, but moved on to start secondary school this year.

I really enjoy watching a particular TV programme called "A Series Of Unfortunate Events." My favourite food is McDonald's and I like listening to Indian music. You might have heard me playing the Indian Drum in the last music concert at school. My other hobbies are art and football.

I am proud to be part of the Pupil Leadership Team because ever since I started at the school it has been a dream of mine – and it has come true!

Being part of this team gives me the opportunity to be a positive role model and also challenges me.



My name is Cleo Faers

I am one of the Prefects on the Pupil Leadership Team.

I have a younger sister called Lottie and a brother called Joe. I love my family so much, they are the funniest people I know! I also have a cute doggy called Buddy who I shower with love!

I love dancing and have been doing it since a very young age. I have auditioned for a street dance squad and hope to get in! I also love singing and have done many solos in the yearly music concerts.

I love dancing, singing, netball and gymnastics. Lots of you joined the dance club I ran last year with Cecilia and Millie and we hope to start it again soon.

I am really proud to be a member of the Pupil Leadership Team because I like working with younger children. I am looking forward to hosting assemblies and being a positive role model. I am glad I was chosen because my brother was a member when he was here and that really inspired me. I am pleased to follow in his footsteps.



My name is Max Cloher

I am one of the Prefects on the Pupil Leadership Team.

I have two siblings – a sister called Millie and a brother called Teddy. Millie comes to St Joseph's and is in Year 3. My mum is called Sophie and my dad is called Steven.

My favourite subjects are Maths and PE. My favourite music is rap and my favourite book is 'The Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

I love football and I play for a team called Chalfont Saints. I was selected for the school team and also for the South Buckinghamshire District Team. This is an achievement I am really proud of.

I think being selected for the Pupil Leadership Team is a big achievement for me. I would like to develop my leadership skills more this year and be a role model for other children in school.



My name is Daisy-Rose Ashe

I am one of the Prefects in the Pupil Leadership Team.

I live with my mum, dad and my dog Nellie. I have a 20-year-old brother, who also came to St Joseph's. I also have 14 cousins and 8 of them came here too!

I love Art and PE. I particularly love football although I do not have a team yet. I also love pop songs that make me want to just dance! I enjoy the Daisy Series of books by Kes Gray as they are funny and interesting. I also love Michael Morpurgo books, especially his stories about the war. I love any type of book about WW1 as it really interests me.

I love doing Art and DT projects, particularly making cool origami items.

I am very proud to be representing the school as a Prefect this year. I am still shocked to be wearing a golden tie to school but I am very happy! I am looking forward to helping other children and I want to make them smile every day.



Parent Information



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Monday, 13th October 2025

The **London and Slough Charitable Trust** supports the homeless and people in need. Every week it distributes food and drink to homeless people on the streets. Donations of the following foodstuffs are very much appreciated:



Small individual cartons of orange or apple juice
(no cans or fizzy drinks please) Reception

Packets of individual  wrapped cakes Year 1

Small chocolate biscuit bars (such as two fingered Kit-Kat, Penguin, Rocky, Club biscuit bars, etc) Year 2

Multi-packs of individual bags of crisps Year 3

Bananas or satsumas Year 4

Jars of peanut butter, marmite or jam (for sandwiches) Year 5

Boxes of teabags, jars of coffee, bags of sugar Year 6

Thank you for your generosity

WEBSITE: londonsloughcharitabletrust.org

EMAIL: admin@thelongdonandsloughrun.org

Author of the Week

Author of the Week

This resource has been kindly sponsored by ProStrike Events who will be funding our weekly giveaway. Each week a featured author's book will be up for grabs through @primaryteachew & @casht on Twitter.

ProStrike holds FREE football fundraising events for primary schools nationwide. Last academic year, schools received an average of over £1300 per event! For more information, visit www.prostrikeevents.co.uk and book online using code AOTW.



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JENNY PEARSON



Jenny Pearson won the Laugh Out Loud Book Award (Lollies) for ages 9-11 with her hilarious book, 'The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates'!

Jenny Pearson isn't just an author...she's a teacher, too! Her books are laugh-out-loud funny and always have adventure among the pages. Her debut book was 'The Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates' and she has since released three more, with another coming in October.

Each character is relatable, just like someone you go to school with (or maybe even you!) so the story is easy to get lost in.



If you like Sam Copeland or Benjamin Dean, you'll love these books!

Jenny Pearson says:

I love reading for so many reasons, but perhaps what I love most is that when I read it can feel like I'm in a trance - as if I've been transported from my own life to somewhere completely new, when I can experience the impossible.

Key Information

 SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

PARENT PACT

Want to wait to give your child a smartphone
but don't want them to be the odd one out?

***You're not alone!** There's a growing movement of parents in Buckinghamshire (and across Britain) who are choosing to wait to give their children smartphones. The Parent Pact is a way to join together with other families at St. Joseph's to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14.

It's all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure dissolves. It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact – and you can see how many other parents at your school have signed have signed on the live leaderboards.



National

129,103
Children

13,100
Schools



St. Joseph's
Catholic
Primary
School

Sign now!

Sign the PARENT PACT

Let's work together to push
St. Joseph's up the local
leaderboards!



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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	tbc	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



JOIN US FOR ST. JOSEPHS

Christmas

MARKET
EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 29TH

NOVEMBER

2PM ~ 6PM

GIFTS ★ CRAFTS ★ FOOD

MUSIC SANTA FUNFAIR

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**ST. JOSEPHS CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
PRIORY ROAD,
CHALFONT ST PETER
SL9 8SB**

Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)

Vacancies

[Midday Supervisor](#)

Parent Information

SAFEGUARDING AT THE END OF THE DAY

A reminder that you can enter school via the KS1 playground and the KS2 side gate in the afternoon. If you are only collecting from KS2 (Years 3-6) please use the side gate.

Please do not go around to the KS2 playground (if you have entered via KS1) until 3.30pm. We need to safely move all of the children to the KS2 playground to be picked up and this becomes complicated for the teachers and children if there are adults in the middle of this process.

We kindly ask that you leave the school, if you are on the KS2 playground, by the KS2 gate side gate —please do not come back via the marquees onto the KS1 playground.

A gentle reminder also, that there is no parking on the school site to collect children from clubs (exception of Busy Living). This has been in the newsletter for several weeks and there are still parents (particularly on Friday evenings) trying to drive onto the site.

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ONTO SITE DUE TO THE GATE OPENING FOR A DEPARTING VEHICLE.



Have a lovely weekend everyone.

From all at St. Joseph's School.

