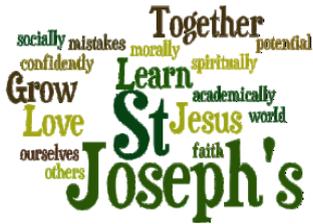


6th March 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Sunday 8th March

The Third Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42



Headteacher Message Resilience

This year has brought significant change to St Joseph's, and through it all each one of us has grown and developed new skills. One skill we have all strengthened is resilience. We adapted quickly to teaching in a marquee, braving the elements as we move from building to building, and responding to change at a rapid pace.

These experiences have helped us reflect on the importance of our role and how we communicate this with our children—not with fear or despair, but with hope and renewal.

Throughout our time in the new building, we have relied on a generator to power the space. On one occasion, the entire building had to close to pupils for the morning, but on the other two occasions we dug deep, carried on, and continued to refine our skills.

When the generator failed yesterday afternoon, we immediately sprang into action, teaching as many of us would have done thirty years ago—using nothing more than a whiteboard, paper, and pens. Staff delivered excellent teaching, and it became a wonderful opportunity to sit, listen, and understand exactly where our learners were.

After a very anxious morning trying to reboot the generator—which couldn't be fixed overnight—we finally received a replacement and were able to continue learning successfully throughout the day.

What doesn't break us makes us stronger—we have certainly seen that in action at St Joseph's this year!



Weekly Attendance Figures



CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RM	93.6	RMG	96.5
1D	96.9	1B	93.6
2AE	96.7	2RE	96.3
3W	97.3	3B	99.3
4B	96.2	4GF	96.4
5F	93.3	5D	97.5
6O	96.2	6BT	94.8

1st

2nd

3rd

99.3% - 3B

97.5% - 5D

97.3% - 3W

Winner of the Attendance Bag
Riley P—Year 4



Class Champions this week & last week



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RMG	Apollo & Arthur	RM	Hinaya & Sienna
1B	Donya & Leona	1D	Oscar & Milan
2AE	Amelia & David J	2RE	Alfie & Ronnie
3B	Michael & Chimdi	3W	Dekota & Dollie-Rae
4B	Riley & Emie	4FG	Thomas & Reese
5F	Martin L & Martin B	5D	Regan & Jessica
6BT	Owen & Noah	6O	Hezekiah & Evie

Rainbow Award Winners this week



Alessandra (RMG), Elidh-Mae (RM) Arthur (1B), Molly (1D) Tommy (2AE)

Harry (2E), Jacob (3W) Chanelle (3B)

Raina (4JB), Penelope (5F), Reggie (5D), Yazdan (6BT), Freddie (6O)

Key Reminders

Tuesday, 10th March

2E (Miss Eaton) Class Assembly

Tuesday, 10th March

Parents' Evening 3.45-6.45pm—see letter sent home

Wednesday, 11th March

Mothers' Day Sale
Preschool / Reception / Year 1 & 2

Wednesday, 11th March

Parents' Evening 4.15 - 7.15pm—see letter sent home

Thursday, 12th March

Mothers' Day Sale
KS2

Thursday, 12th March

Y1 local walk—pm

Thursday, 12th March

Year 4 Parent Workshop—Multiplication
Check 9.00am KS1 Hall

Friday, 13th March

Mothers' Day Sale
KS2 and Catch Up

Friday, 13th March

Reception Mothers' Day Event
(by invitation / ticket only)

Friday, 13th March

Year 1 Parent Workshop—Phonics
Screening Check 9.00am KS1 Hall

SEN Coffee Afternoon : Wednesday 18th March—2.30—3.30—KS1 Hall

Please come along and join us for an informal SEN Coffee Afternoon.

We will have a specialist teacher delivering a talk "supporting anxious behaviour".

Author of the Week

SOPHIE KIRTLEY



Winner of the 2016 Mother's Milk Writing Prize for poetry and shortlisted for Joan Aiken's Future Classics Prize.

Before becoming a published author, Sophie worked in a theatre, a bookshop, a tiny pub and was a Secondary English teacher. She began storytelling through poetry and her Mary Anning poem was chosen for National Poetry Day one year.

Her two children's novels are famous for their timeslip adventure storylines: The Stone Age meets modern day! Each book contains a hurdle to overcome, new friendships to be made and an adventure to be had.

Sophie Kirtley says:



If you like Nizrana Farook or Tamzin Merchant, you'll love these books!

Reading can take you EVERYWHERE - to far off lands, on magical adventures and even back in time! So read, read, READ!

Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

Preschool and Reception—Mothers' Day Event

Friday, 13th March 2026

(by invitation / ticket only)

Housepoints

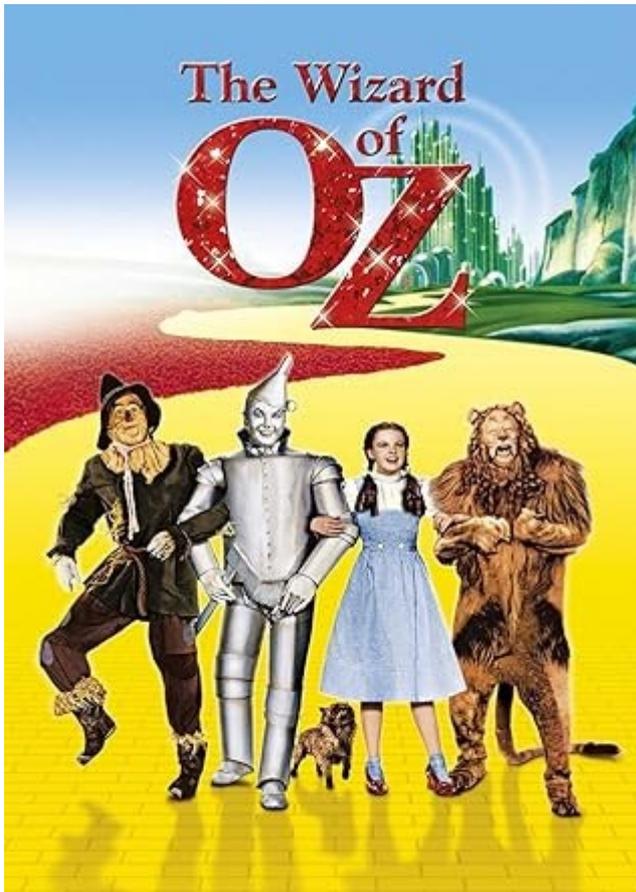
HOUSE POINTS – This week

St David 109	St George 111
St Andrew 108	St Patrick 125

HOUSE POINTS –Running Totals

St David 919	St George 1027
St Andrew 1001	St Patrick 1000

World Book Day



On **Thursday 19th March**, pupils are invited to come to school dressed as something connected to our theme, **'The Wizard of Oz'**. Please encourage your child to think creatively and come up with a simple, imaginative costume idea. For example, they might:

- Wear **green** to represent a member of the Emerald City community
- Wear **grey** with a **paper red heart** to represent the Tin Man
- Add a small accessory such as a plaited ribbon (Dorothy), a toy lion (Cowardly Lion), or a simple paper funnel hat (Tin Man)

There is **no need to buy a costume**. What matters most is engaging with the story—reading the book, watching the film, and enjoying the wonderful imagination and talent of **L. Frank Baum**.

“As of Monday 23rd February 2026, the Busy Living Breakfast Club starts at the earlier time of 07:30 which we hope will be of benefit to parents. For those who are not registered with us, please give us a call on 01494 702 702 or email info@busy-living.co.uk for further details. Alternatively, you can register via the website www.busy-living.co.uk – go to the Out of School Clubs page.”

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 parents must park outside and accompany children to the school office to sign in.