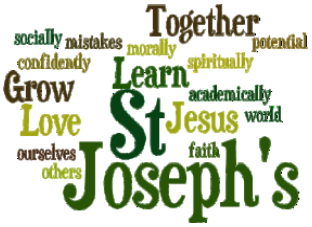
6th November 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8th November 2026

Matthew 25:1-13



Headteacher's Message

What a busy half term break it has been!

Whilst we all enjoyed some well-earned time to rest and recharge, there has been no such pause on the school site. The building project has continued apace, with exciting developments both inside and outside the school grounds.

Over the holidays, we finally took possession of our new Key Stage 2 playground. This is a significant milestone, as it means the children are now much closer to their classrooms and facilities. Over the coming weeks, line markings will be completed and the play equipment will be relocated from the old playground, creating an even more engaging space for our pupils to enjoy.

Alongside this, a new addition has appeared beside the Key Stage 2 building: our temporary kitchen. Whilst the structure itself is now in place, work continues behind the scenes as plumbing, utilities and catering equipment are installed. Once completed, the kitchen will enable us to continue providing nutritious, freshly prepared meals, not only for our own children but also for the many local schools we proudly serve through our hub kitchen provision.

As we return to school, we have certainly noticed the change in the seasons, with cooler temperatures, shorter days and darker evenings. Whilst some may miss the warmth and sunshine of summer, November brings with it an important opportunity for reflection. As the Church marks the Holy Month of the Holy Souls, we remember loved ones who have gone before us and give thanks for the impact they had on our lives.

On Monday, I will be speaking to the children about remembrance, and next Wednesday we will come together as a school community to mark Remembrance Day through prayer and reflection. In our busy lives, it is important that we take time to pause and remember those who have inspired us, guided us and made a positive difference in the world. This includes not only the saints and holy people we learn about, but also our own family members, friends and neighbours whose lives continue to shape us.

On Sunday 8th November, the community of Chalfont St Peter will gather to lay wreaths and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of others. It is a privilege to honour those who gave so much of themselves in the hope of creating a better world for future generations. Their example resonates strongly with our school theme this year: "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

I would encourage families to join this important community occasion if they are able. Further information can be found later in this newsletter.

ATTENDANCE

Week	School	95.1%	National	96.7%

Registration Class	Week %	Lates
RPM	92.2	1
RMG	94.3	1
1D	99.2	0
1E	97.0	0
2B	95.0	1
2W	94.6	0
3B	94.8	0
3S	95.2	1
4F	99.3	1
4SF	97.9	1
5MG	95.6	1
5PO	95.7	1
6B	94.2	2
6D	86.9	1

1st	4F	2nd	1D	3rd	4SF



Attendance Winner

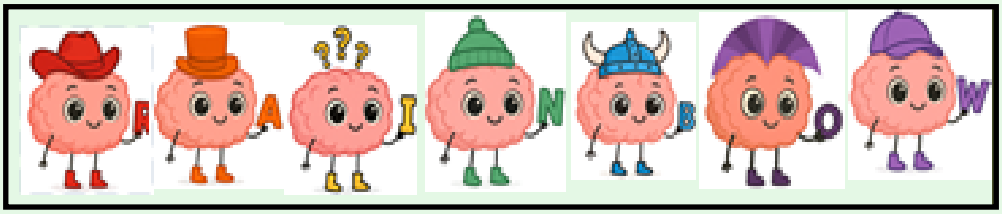
A huge well done to Iris S in 1E
for winning this week's 100% attendance gift bag!
We hope you enjoy the game and all of the goodies that come with it. Have a fantastic time tonight, and thank you for being such a great role model for excellent attendance.
Well done Iris.

HOUSEPOINTS	(running totals)
St David 58 (721)	St George 72 (720)
St Andrew 64 (728)	St Patrick 99 (766)

CLASS CHAMPIONS

Class	Winner	Class	Winner
RM	Sophia H	RP	Charlotte R
1D	Liam Mc	1E	Cian W
2B	Ishar S	2W	Mia P
3B	Amelia B	3S	Dolcie O
4F	Nina R	4SF	Arthur B
5MG	William H	5PO	Spencer A
6B	Ariya S	6D	Albie S

Rainbow Award Winners



Kiyaan V (RM) Jacob WG (RPM) Conor D (1E) Sienna C (1D) Lola W (2W) PJ S (2B) Sonny O (3S) James F (3B) Dallas B (4SF) Ioana C (4F) Maddox M (5OP) Theia S (5MG) Regan H (6B) Emily F (6D)

Author of the Week

PHIL HICKES





Redhill Academy Trust Book Cover and Blurb winner.

Phil was born in the UK but now lives in Oregon in America. He is a big fan of things that go bump in the night and begun his writing journey by writing horror books for adults. 'The Haunting of Aveline Jones' is his thrilling, page-turning, spooky series for children. Aveline loves ghost stories (like Phil himself!) and often finds herself in spooky situations. The Aveline series will have you on the edge of your seat but also desperate to read on. These books are the perfect balance of spooky and adventure - give them a try (especially in October with Halloween around the corner!)

If you like **Christopher Edge** or **Jennifer Killick** you'll love these books!

Every book you ever read is like landing on an undiscovered planet. You're not sure who - or what - you're going to encounter. You don't know what the rules are. Or what's going to happen next. Every page you turn is another step into the unknown. Happy reading!

Phil Hickes says:

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.



To view details click on the link here.

Links to other newsletters

Reception Newsletter

Preschool Newsletter

Remembrance Day Parade

Chalfont St Peter

Sunday 8th November 2026

START AND END

2:40pm:
Starting at
The British Legion,
Nicol Road

Finishing at St Peter's Church
in the Village Centre

2:50pm: Wreath-laying

3:00pm: Last Post

ROAD CLOSURES
(from 2:10pm)

- Lower part of Nicol Road
- Lansdown Road
- Market Place
- High Street from the Greyhound Pub
- No access to Precinct Car Park

Access to Church Road & Car Park
via Lovel Road, Lovel End,
Pennington Road, Laurel Road,
The Vale and Churchfield Road

Lest We Forget



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Key Reminders for Parents

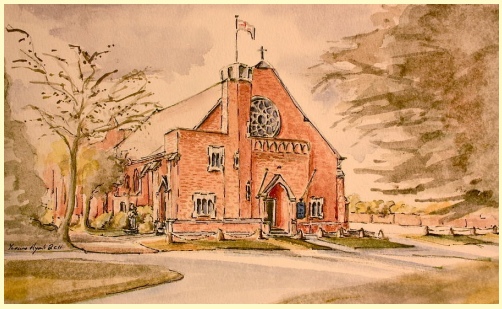
Advent Term—2nd Half

Sunday, 8th November	Remembrance Parade—CSP
Tuesday, 10th November	6D Class Assembly
Tuesday, 10th November	School Photos Please wear school uniform and bring PE kit if necessary
Wednesday, 11th November	Remembrance —Parent Invite 3-3.20pm KS2 Hall
Thursday, 12th November	Y4 Sports Festival
Friday, 13th November	Children In Need Mufti Day —All pupils to wear spots—£1 donation
Friday, 13th November	Bikeability Level 1—Y3 & Y4
Friday, 13th November	Y5 PE Afternoon
Saturday, 14th November	Autumn Festival
Friday, 20th November	Y2 PE Afternoon
Friday, 20th November	6B Parish Mass—Parent Invite
Monday, 23rd November	Parent Drop In—YR / 1 / 4 / 6
Tuesday, 24th November	Parent Drop In—Y2 / 3 / 5
Wednesday, 25th November	5OP Class Assembly
Friday, 27th November	Dress the Tree Assembly Christmas Jumpers
Friday, 27th November	Y6 PE Afternoon

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

Growing in Faith Together

We are fortunate to enjoy a strong partnership with St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Chalfont St Peter, supporting our school community in faith, worship and service. Families can find Mass times, parish news, sacramental information and livestreamed services on the parish website.



Parish Website:

www.stjosephs.org.uk

Ten Ten Parent Newsletter – November

This month's Ten Ten Parent Newsletter shares ways to support your child's emotional, social and spiritual development at home. It outlines the themes being explored in school through our Catholic Relationships and Health Education programme and provides ideas for continuing these important conversations as a family. We encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to read the newsletter and engage with the resources provided.

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Parent Information

Please ensure children are wearing school coats to school. The weather is becoming increasingly cold and children are not permitted outside if they do not have a coat. Children should now be wearing the winter season school uniform. Please refer to the school website if you are unsure.



PARENT PAY ACCOUNTS

Please check your ParentPay accounts to ensure that items have been paid for. Children's lunch accounts must be kept in credit. You will be notified if your account is in debit and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child.

Our umbrella governing Board, the St. Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, is looking for a new Chair and new Directors to join its board and help guide Catholic education across our family of schools.

Could this be you – or someone you know? Find out more at

https://charisma.maglr.com/st-thomas-catholic-academies-trust

PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Despite previous reminders, some parents continue to drive onto school grounds without permission. Only authorised Blue Badge holders may park on site.

Please do not use the intercom, follow vehicles through an open gate, or drive onto site for After School Activities.

Continued unauthorised access may result in parking access being withdrawn due to the safeguarding risk.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.


FOSJS main event of the season
Autumn Festival
Saturday 14th November
3PM – 6PM
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,
Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter
MUSICAL
LASER SHOW
LASER LIGHT SHOW: 5.30PM
FESTIVAL ATTRACTIONS
Seasonal Crafts & Artisan Goods Stalls • Bottle Tombola
Glow Stall • Jewel & Neon Face Painting • Raffle
Mulled Wine & Beer
Cakes, Donuts & Sweet Stalls
Delicious Food Trucks • Toasted Marshmallow Fire Pit
TICKETS: £8 pp • UNDER 4s FREE
Buy your tickets online by 9th November at https://fosjs.sumupstore.com
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