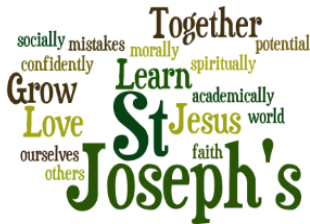


7th November 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Sunday 9th November

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

John 2: 13-22



Headteacher Message

It has been such a joy to return to school this week and see so many refreshed and smiling faces—both pupils and staff—after the two-week break. As always, our pupils have come back with a wonderful eagerness to learn and a determination to challenge themselves further.

Excitement is also building around the modular build. It's been incredibly rewarding to witness the flurry of activity as internal spaces are being prepared and groundwork is laid for the paths leading to the new building. I had the privilege of stepping inside this week, and we are all thrilled at the prospect of moving into our new home, settling in, and continuing the year as we had originally envisioned.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who completed the Smartphone-Free Childhood survey. We received a fantastic number of responses, and our Pupil Leadership Team is keen to analyse the results and share their findings with you soon.

In preparation for this, we welcomed a member of PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adults), founded by Dame Susie Davies, who led interactive workshops with our Year 5 and 6 pupils. These sessions explored the risks associated with smartphones and social media—an issue many parents have expressed concern about as we guide our children through the digital age. The workshops were informative, engaging, and thought-provoking, and I look forward to the Pupil Leadership Team sharing their insights with you as the year progresses.

For further information, PAPAYA's website features a powerful short film that explores key issues around growing up in a digital world. I encourage you to take a look:

<https://www.papayataalks.com/about>

Finally, if you haven't yet completed the survey, please do—it's not too late, and your voice truly matters to us.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdCX089KtWTLGMOoc1dtN2_L08HZReuibjhjAA792wcqFVoog/viewform?usp=dialog

Key Reminders

Monday, 10th November

Y3 School Trip

Monday, 10th November

Y4 Egyptian Day

Tuesday, 11th November
9.00am

Y6 Assembly

Friday, 14th November

Children In Need—Mufti Day £1.00
Wear something with spots or yellow

Remembrance Parade Sunday 7th 2.20pm—Chalfont St Peter.

Please see the letter sent out this week regarding the Remembrance Parade—children attending should be in school uniform and meet the SLT on Nicol Road at 2.20pm.

We are selling remembrance merchandise each morning at the stationery shop—priced between 30p and £2.50.

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

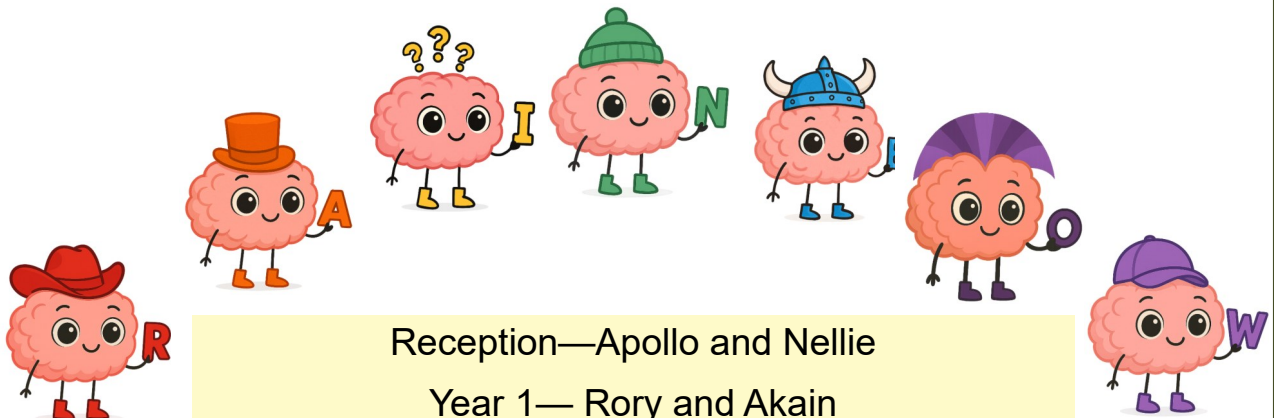


Class Champions this week



RMG	Liam	RM	Jude
1B	Ishar	1D	Layton
2AE	Theodore	2RE	Tilly
3B	Joseph	3W	Sophie
4B	Izabela	4FG	Mia
5C	Evie-Mae	5P	William
6BT	Maria	6O	Kiera

Rainbow Award Winners this week



Reception—Apollo and Nellie
 Year 1— Rory and Akain
 Year 2 – Taaray and Kingslee
 Year 3 — Philippa and Connie
 Year 4 – William and Thomas
 Year 5 — Reuben, Serena and Xavier
 Year 6 — Kodi and Jolin

Rainbow Award Winners this week

St David 62	St George 49
St Andrew 58	St Patrick 61

Attendance

Reg	% Week	Reg	% Week	% Year group YTD
RM	98.6	RMG	97.7	97.9
1D	100	1B	98.3	98.2
2AE	97.9	2E	93.2	95.9
3W	97.4	3B	99.2	98.5
4B	91.5	4G/F	93.6	97.0
5B	97.1	5P	91.3	94.7
6O	93.2	6T	96.3	95.9
Top Reg	1D			

**Highest Class Attendance week ending 17/10/25
was 1D with 100%**

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.

ParentPay Accounts

Please ensure you have activated your ParentPay account. Please contact the school office if you need assistance or another activation letter.

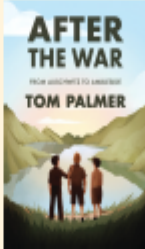
ParentPay accounts must be kept in credit at all times.

Thank you.

Author of the Week



TOM PALMER





Tom is known for his writing about sports and history, notably WW1 and WW2.

Tom writes a range of books which have two main themes: sport and history! Sometimes, he even combines the two.

He has books about the RAF, Navy and Army, which give us an insight into what the wars may have been like from these perspectives.

He has also written about football, rugby and running, creating thrilling stories about the sport while still including friendships and adventure among the pages, too!

If you like Emma Carroll or Marcus Rashford, you'll love these books!

Tom Palmer says:

I like reading because it makes me happy. Though it has to be something I want to read!

LOST PROPERTY

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

Items that are clearly named will be returned. Un-named items are taken to the school uniform shop for re-cycling.

Please click on the link below to order name tags for all belongings.



<https://www.mynametags.com/>

Our school ID Number is 36567

St Joseph's 2025 SCHOOL TOURS



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- Loving and nurturing environment
- Outdoor learning - Forest School on site

OFSTED 2025

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Book a tour online



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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

A festive winter scene with snow-covered buildings, a market stall, and string lights. The background features a snowy landscape with traditional European-style buildings, a market stall with a red and white striped awning, and a path leading through the snow. String lights hang across the top of the scene.

JOIN US FOR ST. JOSEPHS

Christmas

MARKET EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 29TH

NOVEMBER

2PM ~ 6PM

GIFTS ★ CRAFTS ★ FOOD

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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

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

Parent Information

Please be reminded of the following Highway Code Rule 123:

'drivers must not... leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while the vehicle is stationary on a public road'

<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/emissions/idling/>

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to drop our children to school. Please make every effort to minimise fumes from vehicles at this time.

This is a link to a bucks press article from another school on the issue.

<https://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/23834259.bucks-drivers-warned-no-idling-outside-schools-part-campaign/>

Reminder—there is no parking on the school site for parents at the start, the end of the day or when picking up for clubs.

YEAR 3 SCHOOL TRIP—CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT **CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM** FOR THIS TRIP. PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN ARE WEARING SCHOOL SHOES AND SCHOOL COATS. A REMINDER OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE—UNDER THE PARENT TAB.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Links to other newsletters

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

[Reception Newsletter](#)



Have a wonderful weekend,
From all of St Joseph's Staff

