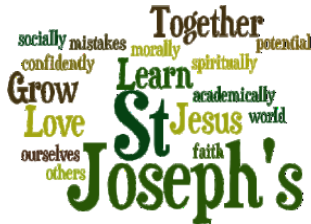


9th October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary Weekly Reminders



Gospel reading for

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11th October 2026

Matthew 22:1-14



Headteacher's Message

In assembly this week, we focused on last week's Gospel reading and its important message of love and respect. The Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard reminded us that the world we live in is a gift from God, entrusted to our care. God created the world with love, wisdom and harmony, and it is our responsibility to show that same love and respect by caring for it and looking after one another.

We reflected on how this message also applies to ourselves. God created each of us individually and in His image, calling us to value and care for ourselves and others. Together, we considered the fruits we can grow to help create a happier and more peaceful world: friendship, respect, honesty and kindness. Pupils were quick to share examples of people demonstrating these qualities, linking beautifully to our annual theme, 'Be the change you wish to see in the world.'

From next week, children whose words and actions are making a positive difference to others will be recognised through our new 'Be the Change' badge initiative. Children and staff will be able to nominate one another when they see someone living out our school values and making a positive impact within our community. Each week, a selection of pupils will be recognised and presented with their badge during our Celebration Assembly, acknowledging the positive and lasting changes they are making through their kindness, respect and service to others. We hope this initiative will inspire all members of our school family to continue being the change they wish to see in the world.

Today, I had the privilege of attending Mass at St Mary's in Dunstable with our Pupil Leadership Team. As leaders within our school, they represented everything we stand for at St Joseph's and were excellent ambassadors for our community. It was a wonderful gathering of pupils from Catholic schools across the Diocese, celebrating their commitment to leadership and service.

I was particularly proud when the Director of Education for the Diocese commented on how quiet, respectful and well-behaved our children were throughout the Mass. Moments like these make accompanying our pupils on visits such a joy and a privilege.

We look forward to seeing our pupil leaders continue to develop their leadership skills and guide our school community this year as we strive to live out our mission of loving, learning and growing together with Jesus.

ATTENDANCE

Week	School	94.2%	National	95.9%
Year	School	95.2%	National	96.3%

Regestration Class	Week %	Lates
RPM	90.4%	0
RMG	94.3%	3
1SD	94.8%	1
1E	98.7%	0
2B	95.0%	2
2W	97.9%	2
3B	93.1%	0
3S	93.4%	0
4F	91.9%	1
4SF	96.4%	1
5MG	95.9%	2
5PO	96.4%	0
6B	95.4%	2
6D	88.1%	3

1st	1E	2nd	2W	3rd	5PO & 4SF
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HOUSEPOINTS

(running totals)

St David 159 (550)	St George 165(474)
St Andrew 183(562)	St Patrick 145(498)

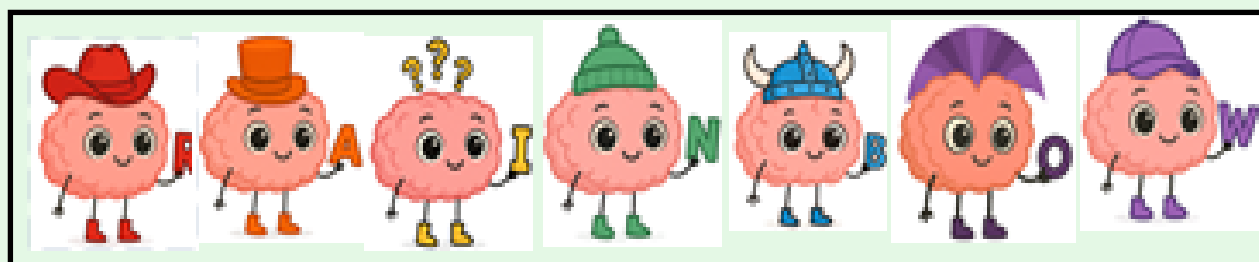


CLASS CHAMPIONS



Class	Winner	Class	Winner
1D	Ellie B	1E	Tyson M
2B	Harry H	2W	Milan V
3B	Max S	3S	Tarray B
4F	Philippa S	4SF	Dallas B
5MG	Alice C	5PO	Amelia C
6B	Jacob F	6D	Isla H

Rainbow Award Winners



Hinaya S (1E), Albie M (1D) Easa A (2W), Ariana (2B), Olivia C (3S), Kingslee K (3B), Ariya V(4SF), Tom D(4F), William HE (5MG), Serena S (6D), Spencer B (6B)

Millionaire Club

Leader Board – Who will be first to join the club this year?



Year Group	Highest Word Count
Year 2	Oscar P- 289,267
Year 3	Eli H- 154,647
Year 4	Seamus H- 639,632
Year 5	Evya S- 895,257
Year 6	Reuben P- 1,025,800!

Well done to you!



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.

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 - Top Ten Tips](#) for further information about keeping children safe online.

School Uniform

Please check the [website](#) for details of our School Uniform **BEFORE** purchasing winter coats for your children. Please label every item of clothing. Un-named items cannot be returned and are given to the second hand shop.

MORNING DROP OFF—KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Please do not overtake on the turning circle.
Parents should not need to get out of the car as staff are on hand to assist children. Please ensure your child/children ready to leave the car and walk into school.
Please observe the 5MPH speed limit on school grounds.

PARKING IS AVAILABLE FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY
PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK FOR COLLECTION FROM
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Key Reminders for Parents

1st Advent—Half Term

13th & 14th October

Parents' Evenings

14th October

3S Class Assembly

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK YOUR [PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENT](#)
BOOKINGS CLOSE ON MONDAY, 12TH OCTOBER AT 6PM

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

Author of the Week

MEL TAYLOR-BESSANT



The Christmas Carrolls is a
Top 20 Bestseller!

If you couldn't guess from the title of her debut book - Mel loves Christmas! Her books capture the magic of the season and are pure joy to read. There are two more in the series yet to come, so the magic won't stop after you finish the first!

When she isn't writing her books, Mel runs 'Authorfy' which is a website all about authors and writing!



If you like Jenny Pearson or Benjamin Dean, you'll love these books!

*Books can take you
anywhere! Want to fly to
the moon? Have
afternoon tea with the
queen? Pretend it's
Christmas every day?
Just pick up a book and it
can take you there.*

Mel Taylor-Bessant says:

Links to other newsletters

[Reception Newsletter](#)

[Preschool Newsletter](#)

Parent Information



St Joseph's Parish

Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross

SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS: If you need your child's secondary school application form signed, Fr Bob will be available on **Wednesday 21 October at 6:30pm** and **Thursday 22 October at 9:30am**. Please come to the front door of the Priory (entrance via Bull Lane). **NB: Fr Bob will not be available outside of these dates to do this as he is away and won't return until end of October.**

COPIES OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES: Requests should be made by contacting the Parish Office. Parents should include details of the child for whom the certificate is required, their date of birth, date of baptism and names of their parents and godparents when asking for a Baptism Certificate. Please allow a minimum of five working days to turn around requests as the person who prepares the documents is only at the Priory on Monday mornings.



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>



Rainy Day Breaks

We would be very grateful to receive any rainy day games and activities that would be suitable for the classroom during a rainy day break.

Ideally, small activities that can be set up quickly and easily.

E.g. Puzzles, Chess / Dominoes / Etch-a-Sketch / Jenga / Colouring Books / Colouring Pencils, Sorting Activities. Many thanks.



London & Slough
Charitable Trust

40
Years
anniversary

HARVEST FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

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*)

Packets of individually wrapped cakes

Small chocolate biscuit bars (*such as two fingered kit-kats, penguins, rockys, club biscuit bars, etc*)

Multi-packs of individual bags of crisps

Bananas or satsumas

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

Tins of tuna or corned beef (*for sandwiches*)

Boxes of teabags, jars of coffee, bags of sugar

Long-life UHT Green Milk

Toilet Roll



Thank you for your generosity

WEBSITE: londonssloughcharitabletrust.org

EMAIL: admin@londonssloughcharitabletrust.org

Communications



Please add

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



EXISTING USER

NEW USER

EMAIL ADDRESS



REMEMBER ME? ☐

The email address that you enter must match the one registered with your school(s)

PIN



LOGIN

[Forgotten your PIN?](#)

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



The background of the poster is a vibrant autumn scene. It features a dark blue night sky filled with stars and colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of evergreen trees and a large, intricately carved jack-o'-lantern on the left. Bright, colorful laser beams in shades of blue, purple, and pink radiate from the center, creating a festive atmosphere.

SAVE THE DATE

THE FOSJS MAIN EVENT OF THE SEASON

Autumn Festival

Saturday 14th November
3PM – 6PM

MUSICAL LASER SHOW

LASER LIGHT SHOW: 5PM

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON