

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at St. Joseph's. Our newly appointed Sports Crew were given an initial training session with our local School Games Organiser on Monday afternoon.

Parents were given the opportunity to come into school for a session on our school's Phonics programme also on Monday and our new SENDCo provided the opportunity for parents to meet too on Tuesday afternoon.

We are now holding twice weekly meetings to review the attendance of children across our school. I have been disappointed by the number of requests for leave of absence so early in an academic year. Absence will only be granted for exceptional circumstances - this does not include holidays at any time. In terms of daily attendance, parents must contact the school office by 9.30am the latest to inform the school why a child is absent. The school will telephone and email if not informed. This may also include a 'home visit' by a senior leader and other personnel if there is a well-being concern. The school's attendance percentage last year was a cause for concern by both the Local Authority and the Diocese. Please support the school to ensure that children are given the legal right to an education. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Wishing all our children and families a happy and relaxing weekend ahead.

Mr Carry
Principal

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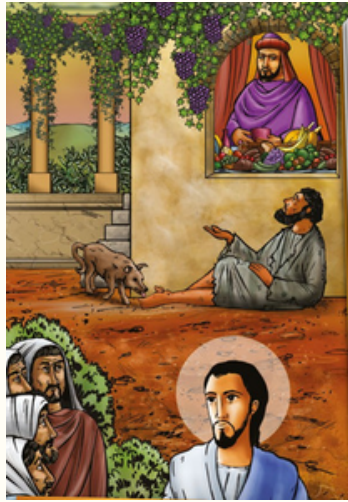
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Weekly Gospel Message



In this Sunday's Gospel we read about poor Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate – and the rich man does nothing to help him. It is easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we do not even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them. But Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly to the poor.

The question of a successful life is not: "How much did I accumulate?" but rather, "How did I use what God had given me to help others?" So, let's not put off until tomorrow the good that we can do today.

Next week is also 'Little Way Week' which Catholic schools celebrate each year to examine how the life of St. Therese of Lisieux can inspire us all to consider small acts of kindness with love each day.

For further information about the life of St. Therese, please click on the following link:

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/st-therese-of-lisieux/>

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Gifts of God Award

The children chosen for the Virtues will have 'Tea with Mr C' next week.

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching - Stewardship
Year 1	Zara		Olivia
Year 2	Jakob	Rosie	Mason
Year 3	Ojaswi	Laney	Archie
Year 4	Elliot	Lily	Pippa
Year 5	Lena	Ariana	Rory
Year 6	Bailey	Teddy	Aaron

Weekly Recognition Points and Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 for gaining the most Recognition Points this week.

Well done to Year 4 for the best attendance at 97.5%



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School Census Day 2nd October



Census Day - What is it?

It's an important day for our school because the Government will use the numbers of children who eat a hot school meal on this day to identify the level of funding our school will receive.

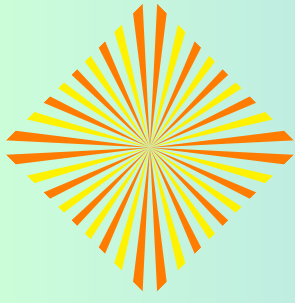
The more children eating a school meal on this day, the more funding our school can access.

How you can help

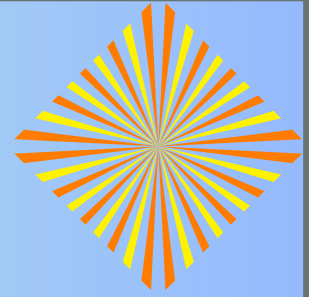
- Choose a School Meal on Census day
- Pizza, jacket potatoes & Sandwiches to choose from with a pudding or fruit
- Ask the school office how to order a school lunch



Everyone Counts



FLUENCY FRIDAY



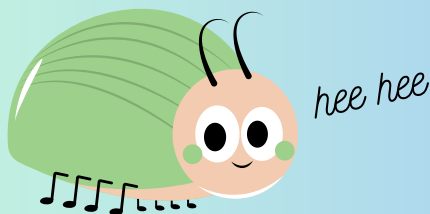
Every Friday we are going to be giving you a fun tongue twister to try
or a short poem to read out loud with maybe a silly voice!

A great fun activity to try at home!

Giggle Bug.

*I caught a little giggle bug,
It tickled me all day.
I laughed so much my tummy hurt,
It wouldn't go away!*

*Fluency Challenge:
Add a "hee hee!" after every line*



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

EVERY TUESDAY – YEAR 4 SWIMMING
LAST SESSION ON 21ST OCTOBER

Every Tuesday – Book And Biscuit (3pm–3.20pm)

You are welcome to collect your child and pop along to the hall to hear them read and share a book.

A member of the SLT and the teaching team will be on hand to welcome you.

SATURDAY 27TH – SCHOOL OPEN MORNING (9AM–11AM)

Do you have a child that will be starting school in September 2026?

Come and join us for fun in Forest school and get a chance to meet the school staff and explore our outdoor learning space.

Please contact the school office to book a place.

Monday 29th – Karen Argent – Author visit to KS2

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st October – Heart Live

Thursday 2nd – School Census Day / Deborah Bertulis – poet in school

Friday 3rd October – School INSET Day 3
School closed to all pupils on this day

Sunday 5th – Harvest Mass – Sacred Heart Church 10.30am



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WHAT'S ON

BOOK AND BISCUIT EVERY TUESDAY AT 3PM

What?

In recent parent comments, you asked for a chance for parents and carers to read with their children at school.

Why?

Sometimes children can be too tired to read their school books by the time they get home.

SO,...

Because we value your experiences, and we prioritise reading at St Joseph's, we have set up a weekly books and biscuits drop in for all year groups.

Every Tuesday, you are welcome to collect your child from class and pop along to the hall to hear them read and share a book!

A member of SLT and the teaching team will be on hand to welcome you in and to share ideas!



YOU SPOKE.

((We listened.))



HARVEST COLLECTION

Help support local food banks this Harvest.

Please donate an item or two from the shopping list below so that we can help people who are facing hardship in our community.

SHOPPING LIST:

- TINNED MEAT/FISH
- TINNED VEG
- TINNED FRUIT
- COOKING SAUCES
- COFFEE & TEA
- MILK (UHT)
- CEREALS
- FRUIT JUICE (LONG-LIFE)
- RICE PUDDING / CUSTARD
- JAM

We will be collecting food from Monday 22nd September to Thursday 2nd October 2025.



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