

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

SPRING TERM

This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been celebrating National Storytelling Week as part of the Year of Reading and welcomed parents to read together with children in classrooms on Tuesday morning. A mystery reader also visited Pre School each day this week. The children also met 'Ted' our Dog Mentor too.

Our Year 1 class attended a Gymnastics Festival at Westacre school on Wednesday morning as part of our local School Games offer.

Thank you to the parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. If any parents were unable to attend, then please contact the school office to arrange either a face-to-face meeting or phone call. The Parent Questionnaires are still open until the end of next week. This is available to access via the school website within the 'News and Events' tab. Parent feedback is so important in evaluating what we are doing well and also what we need to do to improve. Thank you for your continued support.

As we prepare to start our last week before the half term break, we will be celebrating a number of events next week as a school community. On Monday, we will be marking the start of Children's Mental Health Week. The children are invited to wear yellow to school and to bring a donation of £1 in the support of the charity Place2Be. Tuesday is 'Safer Internet Day' in which the children will take part in a whole-school assembly followed by activities in classrooms. Finally, as we will not be together for the start of the season of Lent, Fr George has kindly agreed to lead an Ash Wednesday Service on Thursday at 10.30am.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Carry
Principal

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Celebration of the Word of God



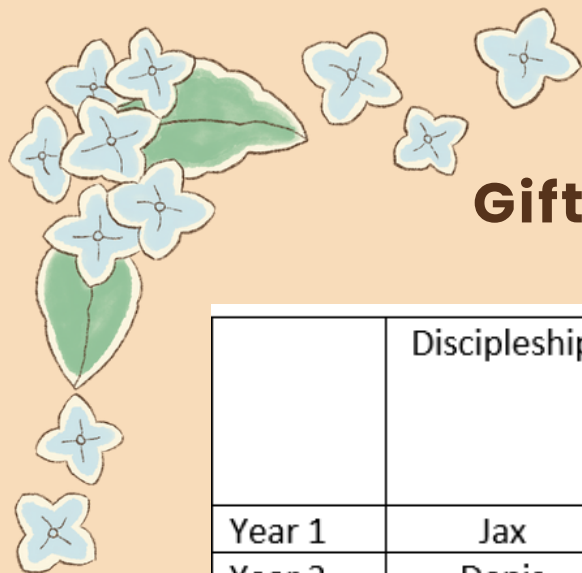
This Sunday's Gospel shows how the message of Jesus can change everything in the world. Jesus reminds us that we are not here only for ourselves – we're here for others: to improve the lives of those around us with love, care and goodness.

Whenever we perform an act of goodness, even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others to see and to follow.

So this Gospel reminds us of the importance of our role in life: to bring God's light to others and to be 'the salt of the earth'. Now let's go and bring that taste and that light of Jesus to everyone we meet.

*"How good God is! In His goodness He seeks only our happiness."
St. Alphonsus Liguori*

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through our hard work, perseverance and kindness.***



Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching – Family and Community	Promoting Reading for Pleasure
Year 1	Jax	Casey	Gwachim	Patrick
Year 2	Denis	AJ	Tala	Polly
Year 3	Olivia	Henry	Cece	Bertie
Year 4	Emily	Jess	Jonathan	Lydia
Year 5	Imogen	Jacob	Kaia	Lena
Year 6	Roman	Thea W	Jude	Jack

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Well done to **Year 2** for the best attendance this week at **97.77%**.

House Points Weekly Winner

Congratulations to **St. Cecilia** for gaining the most points this week.



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**Monday 9th February
Wear Yellow
For Children's Mental
Health Week**



**St Joseph's School will be raising money for Place2be
to support children's mental health.**

**Please donate £1 towards this great charity.
Either bring the money into school or a donation can be
made via the school shop on Arbor.**





St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Pre-School



AVAILABILITY
FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL
OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION
FORM OR TO BOOK TO HAVE A
LOOK AROUND OUR LOVELY
PRE-SCHOOL



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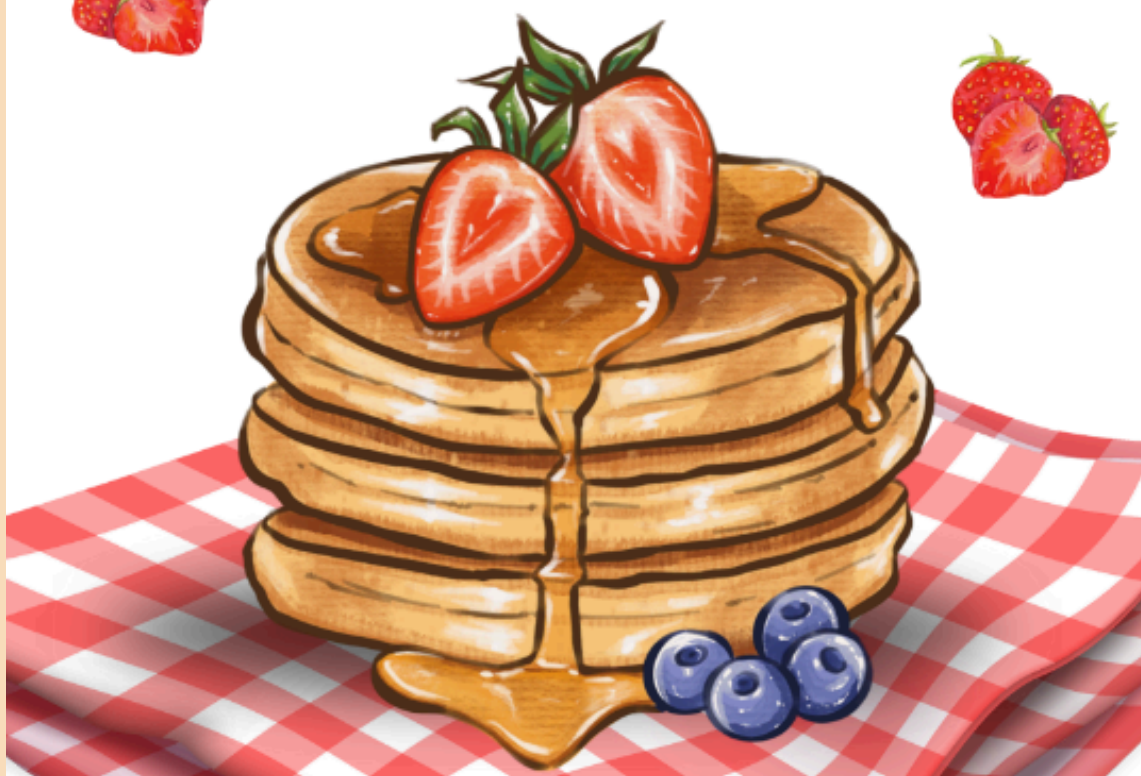
SAINT JOSEPH'S Pancake Day

Mini Vinnies are celebrating Pancake Day on
Friday 13 February. One pancake per child.

All funds raised will be donated to a charity selected by
the Mini Vinnies.



Thank you for your support!



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ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

SEND Coffee and Cake Morning



Friday 13th
February
8:30-9:30

If you have any new or
existing SEND concerns,
pop in for a coffee, cake
and a chat with Miss
Evans our SENDCo!



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POEMS ABOUT READING

Each week we will focus on a poem about reading.

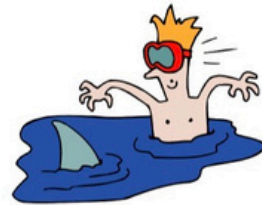
I MET A DRAGON FACE TO FACE

Jack Prelutsky



I met a dragon face to face
the year when I was ten,
I took a trip to outer space,
I braved a pirate's den,

I wrestled with a wicked troll,
and fought a great white shark,
I trailed a rabbit down a hole,
I hunted for a snark.



I stowed aboard a submarine,
I opened magic doors,
I travelled in a time machine,
and searched for dinosaurs,

I climbed atop a giant's head,
I found a pot of gold,
I did all this in books I read
when I was twelve years old.



**GO
ALL
IN.**

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

During the national year of reading one child from each class each week will be getting a certificate. It will be given to a super reading role model!



This certificate is awarded to:

For promoting reading for pleasure, sharing books that they have read and being a super reading role model.

Well done!



Teacher _____

Mr Carry _____



Wilder Schools

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (WWT) are championing outdoor learning, with a goal to see one in four schools take positive action for wildlife by 2030.

We are pleased to announce that St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Droitwich will be working in collaboration with WWT as part of a network of six schools across the authority in an exciting new project.

We commissioned an external report in 2024 into the outdoor learning already taking place in some schools across Worcestershire. From the findings, the recommendations for increasing and developing outdoor learning included nurturing staff confidence, supporting curriculum planning and developing a whole school approach.

Photo credit: Brian Taylor



Our project aims

Our new 'Wilder Schools' project aims to develop whole-school confidence and capacity to embed outdoor learning within the everyday curriculum, increasing children's connection to nature as a result. Significant focus is placed on developing the skills and confidence of teaching staff to deliver their lessons outside.

Professional development

The wilder learning development officer will work with staff, providing professional development in areas such as wildlife identification, outdoor mindfulness and wellbeing exercises and bushcraft/forest school skills. There will be dedicated teacher training sessions (without pupils present) that will provide support in adapting the curriculum to include more time outdoors and to promote nature awareness, as well as eight on-site coaching and lesson delivery sessions (with pupils present).

Impact

Our research-based approach suggests the key impacts for pupils will be an increase in active learning and knowledge retention, an improvement in children's ability to self-regulate and articulate feelings and an embedded confidence outdoors and a respect for nature.



Professional learning community – "the network"

An online platform has been created for members of the network to ask questions, share best practice, make recommendations and generally stay in touch.

We are looking forward to opportunities this project will bring in enabling greater outdoor learning opportunities for our children. The 12-month programme was launched earlier this week with the children in a whole-school assembly led by the development officer Lucy Thirkell.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY

Every Monday –Board Game Club KS2

12pm-12.40pm Year 4 Classroom

Every Tuesday – Book and Biscuit

3pm School Hall

Every Friday this half term with our Sport Educator

Years 5 and 6 Mixed Netball Sessions (8am)

Years 1 and 2 Multi-skills Sessions (3pm-4pm)

W/C MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Children's Mental Health Week – wear yellow to school on Monday in support of Place2Be charity

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

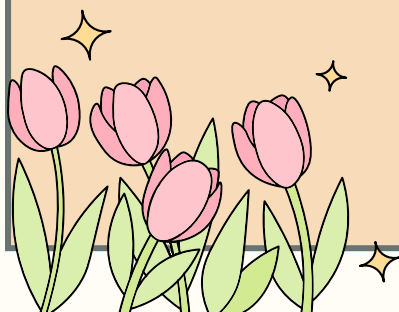
School Ash Wednesday Service with Fr. George – children wear purple to school

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Pancake Sale with Mini Vinnies – 50p a pancake

Parents of children with SEND are invited to a coffee morning at 8.30am in the Bungalow

End of Spring term 1



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