

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026

SPRING TERM

This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we celebrated the Feast of St. Sebastian, one of our new House Saints. It was wonderful to share the joy of movement and physical activity as a collective and to mark this special day.

Years 4, 5 and 6 celebrated Mass together at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday for the first time this calendar year.

Our parents with children with SEND needs, also had the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss and review targets for the term ahead. A reminder to all parents that our Spring term Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February. Time slots will be available for booking via the email sent from Friday 23rd January. In terms of feedback, we only received nine responses from parents to review the school's homework provision. The Google Forms link will be open again for the next fortnight for all parents to complete. We will also be asking parents to provide feedback with regard their child/ren's education at our Parents' Evening session too.

The weather forecast for w/c Monday 26th January has changed during the course of the week to rain rather than sleet or snow. Please be aware that we will notify parents as soon as possible if there are any issues in terms of opening the school site in readiness for the children.

A message will be sent via Marvellous Me as well as being displayed as a 'pop-up' on the landing page of the school website.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Carry
Principal

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Celebration of the Word of God



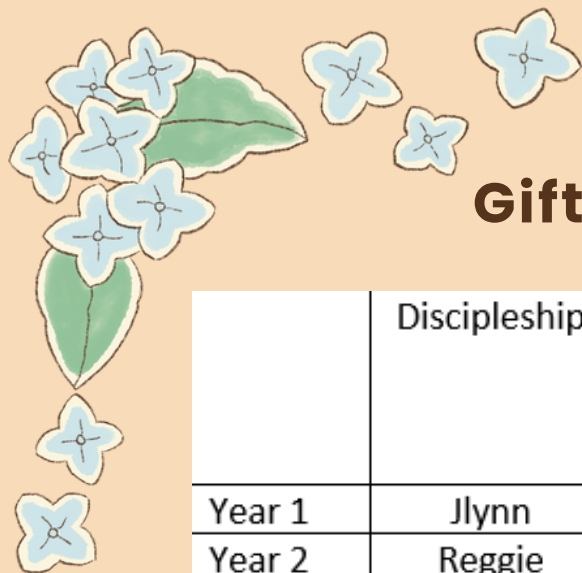
In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. Christian communities (just like families) are never perfect – even Jesus' closest disciples were not always the ideal set of people.

However, everyone works better with others in community. Our schools and parish communities were founded to be places of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness.

People in the past answered Jesus' call to form our Catholic school communities which now welcome and support us and our children. Now it is our turn to continue the work, to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school – together.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for our school and parish communities. Please help me say 'Yes' to you, and enrich the communities to which I belong. Amen.

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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching – Family and Community	Promoting Reading for Pleasure
Year 1	Jlynn	Dominik	Grace	Benjamin
Year 2	Reggie	Aria-Jane	Sophia	AJ
Year 3	Laney	Henry	Ava	Bertie
Year 4	Ivaana	Alfie	Emily	Aiden
Year 5	Lena	Kaia	Lorelai	Bobby
Year 6	Mutsa	Theodora	Gareth	Bailey

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Well done to **Year 1** for the best attendance this week at **96.43%**.

House Points Weekly Winner

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



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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 _____



POEMS ABOUT READING

Each week we will focus on a poem about reading.

GOOD BOOKS, GOOD TIMES!



Good books.
Good times.
Good stories.
Good rhymes.

Good beginnings.
Good ends.
Good people.
Good friends.



Good fiction.
Good facts.
Good adventures.
Good acts.

Good stories.
Good rhymes.
Good books.
Good times.



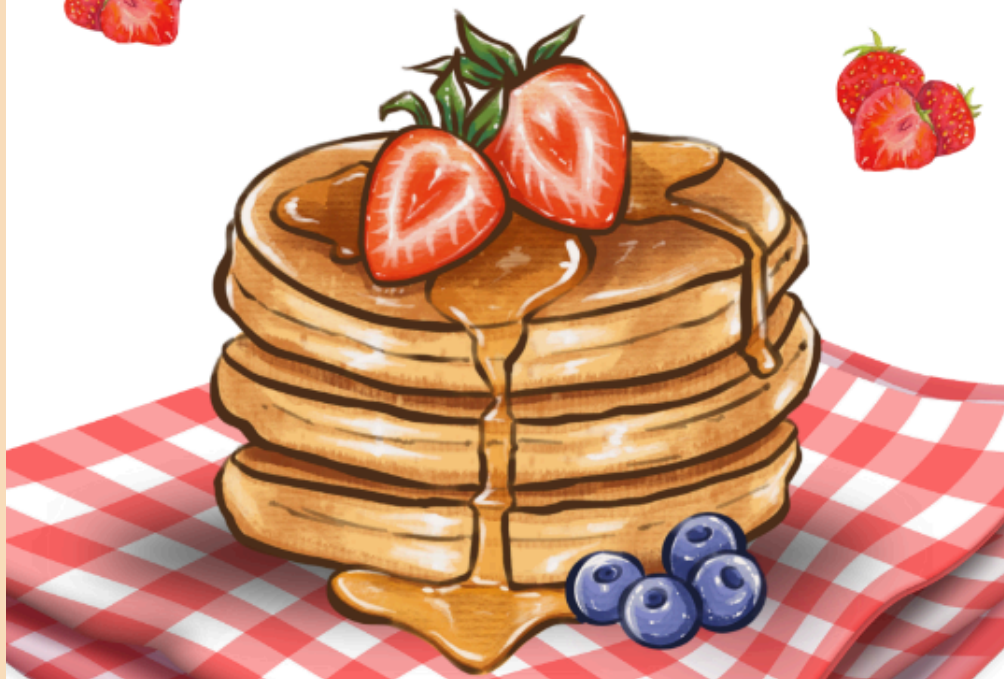
**GO
ALL
IN.**



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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**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.**



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

JANUARY

EVERY MONDAY – BOARD GAME CLUB KS2

12pm–12.40pm Year 4 Classroom

EVERY TUESDAY – BOOK AND BISCUIT

3pm School Hall

EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL 28TH JANUARY

Year 6 top-up swimming

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)

FEBRUARY

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Candlemas

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

Year 1 Gymnastics Festival at Westacre

PARENTS' EVENING (3.20pm–6pm)

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February 2026

Booking opens Friday 23rd January at 3pm

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

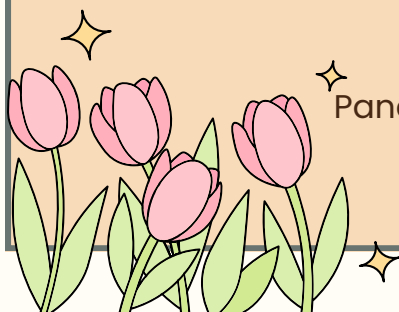
THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

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

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Pancake Sale with Mini Vinnies – 50p a pancake

End of Spring term 1



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