

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026

SPRING TERM

This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another half term, I want to thank parent/carers for your continued support and faith in the school. We have received a great deal of positive feedback from our recent Parents' Evening sessions with over 100 responses - thank you.

It has been another busy week with the focus being around Children's Mental Health and Safer Internet. On the subject of the latter, many of our children have been engaging with games on the playground based on the popular series 'Stranger Things'.

As you may be aware, 'Stranger Things' includes scenes of violence, horror, and darker themes that may be unsettling or inappropriate for younger audiences. Due to its mature content, this series is not recommended for children under the age of 14. We strongly encourage you to review both the age ratings and content descriptions of the show and any related games your child may be interested in. Thank you for being proactive in guiding your child's media choices.

Thank you for all your support with fundraising this week, Monday we raised money Place2be for children's mental health week and today we had Mini Vinnies selling pancakes for a charity of their choice.

A huge thank you to all our school staff as well as the members of our local governing body for your support, care and guidance to all our children

Have a wonderful half term break.

Take care and God bless.

Mr Carry
Principal

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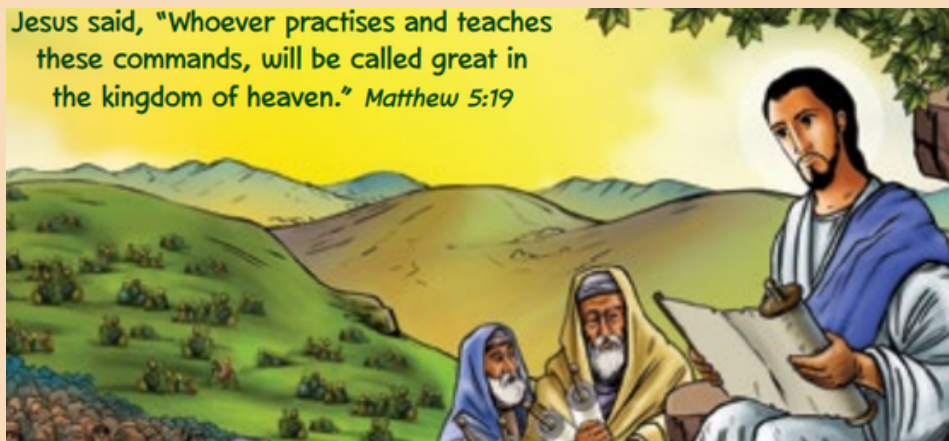
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Celebration of the Word of God



In this Sunday's Gospel (taken from the Sermon on the Mount), Jesus teaches us how important it is to follow God's laws; our Catholic schools and parishes try very hard to do the same.

It is important to have great teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children – others can also teach us so much about what really matters in life.

We give thanks to all those who teach and guide our children so that they are able to develop and grow to be the best that they can be in all aspects of life.

Next Wednesday also marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It was wonderful that Fr. George was able to offer a Mass in school as a community to mark this occasion together.

We are reminded about the three key areas for us all to focus upon during this time to become closer to God, namely: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

"The family is where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith. The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

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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	Jaden	Esme	Kylo	Dominik
Year 2	Mhinduroyashe	Reign	Jakob	Isla
Year 3	Roux	Kyah	Ojaswi	Ivan
Year 4	Izabella	Enzo	Victoria	Annabelle
Year 5	Dorian	Mollie	Annabelle	Imogen
Year 6	Antosh	Aaron	Sophie	Clara

Weekly Attendance Trophy

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

House Points Weekly Winner

Congratulations to St. Teresa's house for gaining the most points this week.



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Pre-School



AVAILABILITY
FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



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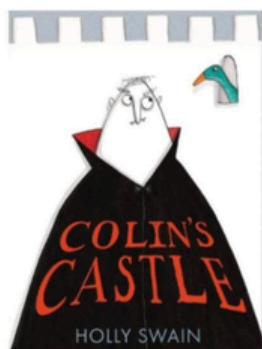
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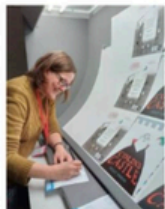
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Donations can be paid via Arbor School Shop

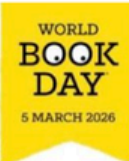


MEET THE AUTHOR

<https://hollyswain.co.uk/work>



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We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March with an author visit – Holly Swain – and a celebration of books through a home project. To facilitate the author visit, we are kindly asking for a £2 donation per family. Holly's book, Colin's Castle, won the Picture Book Award last year for fiction!

Children are invited to create their favourite book in a box of any size but no greater than a shoe box!

Happy reading!



Choose your favourite family children's book to make into a Book in a Box ready for World Book Day. Boxes can be of any size but no larger than a shoe box. Have fun 🎨📖

Lunchtime Superpowers



Stay in Your Spot:

We keep our seats until our trays or lunchboxes are empty.

Walking Feet & Kind Hands:

We move quietly and safely!
We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

Whispering Voices

We eat our food quietly.

Clear the Way:

We tidy our trays and crumbs so the next person has a clean seat.

The Signal:

When the hand goes up,
we Stop, Look, and Listen.

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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 2026

Year 2 Chinese New Year Assembly Invitation

We are delighted to let you know that Year 2 will be delivering a special assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year.

Year 2 parents are warmly welcome to join us on Friday 27 February at 2:30pm to watch the children share their learning and performances.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating together!



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY

Half term break

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent

Monday 23rd February

Spring term 2 begins – gates open for pupils at
8.30am.

Wednesday 25th February

Little Litter Warriors

Friday 27th February

Lent Fast Day

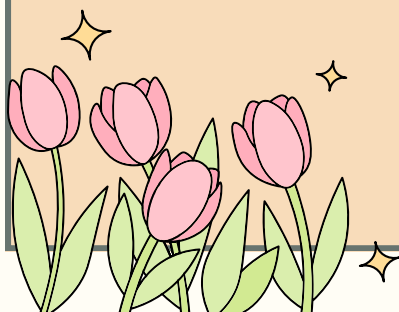
Year 2 Parents invited to attend Chinese New Year
Celebrations

Sunday 1st March

St. David's Day / Second Sunday of Lent

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day



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