

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026

SUMMER TERM

This Week's News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. I do hope that all our children and their families enjoyed the Easter break. We will still continue to celebrate the season of Eastertide for 50 days from Jesus' resurrection to the feast of Pentecost.

It was wonderful to see so many children in school on Monday dressed as a 'word' as part of National Scrabble Day. Thank you to the parents who were able to join in with the class activities after drop-off too.

This week, we also started our Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programme with our Year 3 children both from the school and parish. The session with Fr. George and Mrs Freitas was well attended on Tuesday evening.

Wednesday marked the start of the term with a Mass celebrated by Fr. George.

Finally, today we started our 'Balance ability' programme for our Reception children which is led by a Sport Educator from RB Gym and Sport. This programme will support the children in the prime area of learning - Physical Development - to help them with the core skills of balance and coordination, as well as developing their skills to ride a balance and/or pedal bike.

Here's to a positive Summer term of learning ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Carry
Principal



Celebration of the Word of God



Our lives are enriched when we know Jesus. He is with us at all times and in all places. Our lives are enriched when we know Jesus. He is with us at all times and in all places. We can encounter him in prayer and in one another. The more we know about Jesus through reading the gospels, the easier it is for us to recognise him. Knowing and following Jesus helps happiness and love to grow in our families.

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus first helped his disciples understand the scriptures before breaking and sharing the bread with them – which is what happens at Mass each time we receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

As part of Emmaus Catholic Multi Academy Company, we can grow and develop collectively together as a community of schools on a journey with the Diocesan Mission at the heart of all that we do:

Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

*Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for always being there for us. Help us to recognise you as we journey through life together.
Amen.*

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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship Grateful & Generous	I Am a Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching Dignity	Promoting Reading for Pleasure
Year 1	Olivia	Patrick	Jlynn	Ava-Mae
Year 2	Rocco	Kaiden	Isla	-
Year 3	Ivan	Logan	Cece	Bertie
Year 4	Finn	Annabelle	Emily	Pippa
Year 5	Lena	Ellie	Bobby	Annabelle
Year 6	Jude	Mutsa	Ian	Finn

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Congratulations to **Years 1 and 6** for the best class attendance this week at **100%**!
What an excellent start to the term!

House Points Weekly Winner

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



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Our school is proud to have earned the Picture News 1-Year Badge, recognising its commitment to engaging pupils with current events.

Through PSHE, children have explored topics like respect, wellbeing, and protected characteristics, building understanding and empathy.

This achievement reflects the school's focus on inclusion, curiosity, and developing thoughtful, informed learners.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you! Starting this June, we will be launching a **Bike Bus supported by Droitwich Cycling, Walking and Wheeling for Year 5 and 6.**

A Bike Bus is a fun, safe, and active way for children to travel to school together by bike, accompanied by parents and adult volunteers along a planned route. The benefits of a Bike Bus are:

- ♥ Promoting well-being for children and parents 🧠 Boost focus and productivity
- 🌍 Cleaner air, safer streets 💰 Saves money 👥 Social and community spirited
- 🚦 Calm and traffic free routes 🛠️ Free bike checks and repairs

To make this initiative a success, we are looking for enthusiastic **Bike Bus Leaders** to help map, guide and support the rides. Whether you can commit regularly or occasionally, your involvement would make a real difference.

If you are interested in becoming a Bike Bus Leader, we would love to hear from you. Please scan the QR code provided below and complete the short registration form.



Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to see our school community come together for this positive and engaging initiative!

If you have any queries or would like to buy a refurbished bike for a reasonable price, you're more than welcome to email us at: office@droitwichcyclinggroup.co.uk

Warm regards,

Droitwich Cycling, Walking and Wheeling



Join the Droitwich Spa Reading Pledge.



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Only 1 in 5 children read every day and many grown-ups haven't opened a single book in the last year.

Reading is a vital, lifelong skill and the foundation for learning. We want Droitwich Spa to be recognised as a place that celebrates reading. You can be part of our story by taking the Droitwich Spa Reading Pledge. All you need to do is:

1. Host a book swap

Have a small, clearly labelled space for free book swaps – take a book, leave a book! Keep books tidy and refreshed regularly.

2. Offer comfortable seating

Provide a few inviting seats or a quiet corner where visitors can sit and enjoy a book or magazine.

3. Be welcoming to all

We promise to provide an accessible and welcoming space for everyone to pause, read, share, and connect through books.

Could your place be part of the story?

Contact Library Manager, Nicki, at NHitchcock1@worcestershires.gov.uk or **01905 844481** to take the pledge and we will send you a social media kit to demonstrate your support.

Once upon a time, a community joined together to promote reading...



As part of the National Year of Reading we're bringing people together to share the joy of reading. We're looking for businesses and community spaces to take the Droitwich Spa Reading Pledge by creating a dedicated reading space.



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WYCHAVON

As a big thank you for taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel, we are providing a free Dr Bike service at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.



FREE Bike Checks and
Minor Repairs
and Adjustments



Date: Thursday 30th April 2026

Bring your bike to school and our qualified mechanic will check it over to make sure it's safe to ride for the summer!

If you would like to purchase a bike, Westlands Bike Repair Hub have refurbished bicycles available for reasonable prices. Email office@droitwichcyclinggroup.co.uk to check what's in stock!



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UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

MONDAYS

Year 4 Multi Sports Club at 8am

Year 3 Gymnastics Club at 3pm

Both breakfast and after school clubs are led by our Sport Educator Mr Hughes

Places are still available for both activities. Please contact the school office for further information.

WEDNESDAY 22ND APRIL

World Earth Day – children can wear green and blue to school (no donation)

THURSDAY 23RD APRIL

Feast Day of St. George

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

World Day of Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday

w/c MONDAY 27TH APRIL

Vocations Week

THURSDAY 30TH APRIL

Dr Bike Event – free health check of children's adults bikes between 12.30pm and 2.30pm led by Mr Pottinger from the local Active Travel team

Year 4 Bell Boating

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Children to come into school dressed as their future 'vocation'

