

ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026

SPRING TERM

This Week's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have welcomed our external visitors back to school to support with our programme of interventions as part of our school's enrichment offer too. Children from across KS1 and KS2 have the opportunity to work with Miss Swift from Verve Martial Arts to support with their perseverance, self-esteem and well-being.

Forest School sessions also started for both Years 4 and 5, and our specific session for those children with a range of SEND needs will resume next Friday.

Today, we welcomed our 'Sport Educator' from RB Gym and Sport who delivered breakfast and after school club sessions, helped children with key fundamental skills in 'Active Maths', supported our Play Makers in Year 5 at lunchtime and also supporting our children in Years 2 and 6.

Our School Choir also had the opportunity today to watch a theatre performance at the Old Rep. Theatre in Birmingham. Many thanks to the staff who organised and supported the children.

You will also have noticed on the school website, that we have announced the final additional INSET day for the school year which will take place on Friday 17th July 2026. This will mean that our last day for pupils will be Thursday 16th July 2026 this school year.

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 return to the beginning of Jesus' mission. The humble witness of John the Baptist gave people a sense that something exciting was about to happen. John the Baptist is one of the best known saints. He never pushed himself forward. He encouraged his own followers to leave him and become followers of Jesus. His life (and death) witnessed to the truth about Jesus and, because of him, many people came to know and follow Jesus.

Our schools and parishes are founded in the name of Jesus and they continue to share Jesus' message, giving witness to God's love for all people. Today, we too can be great witnesses.

PAX CHRISTI

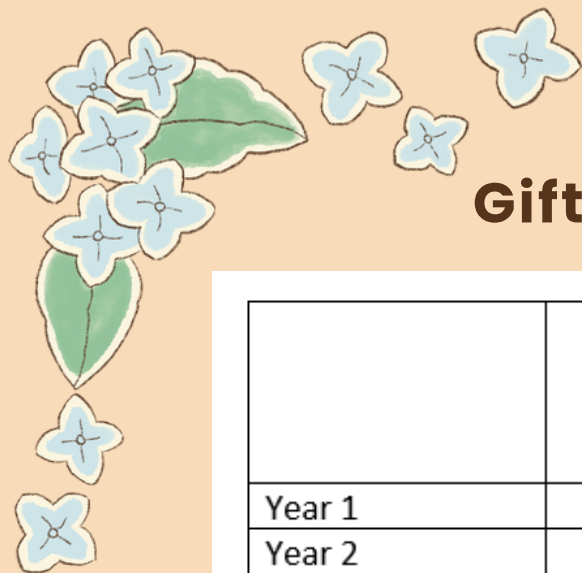
Peace Sunday will be held on Sunday 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourages us all to use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January.

Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. On Peace Sunday, we will be taking a collection to support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting non-violence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools.

If you are unable to give on the day at Sacred Heart, then you can also donate via their website:

www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/

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Gifts of God Awards

	Discipleship	I Am A Clever Writer	Catholic Social Teaching – Family and Community
Year 1	Jovina	Autumn	Lilith
Year 2	Mason	Edward	Stesha
Year 3	Archie	Ojaswi	Albie
Year 4	George K	Lily	Oscar
Year 5	Mollie	Jacob	Bobby
Year 6	Thea B	Matthew	Mutsa

Weekly Attendance Trophy

Well done to **Year 3** for the best attendance this week at **99.46%**.

House Points Weekly Winner

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



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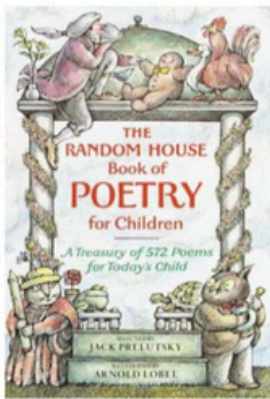


POEMS ABOUT READING

Each week we will focus on a poem about reading.

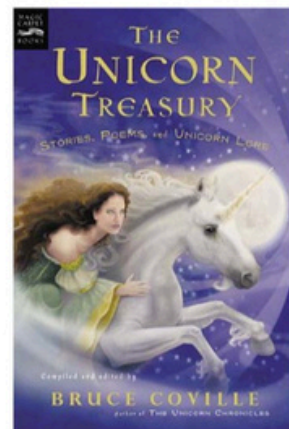
Pass The Poems, Please

Jane Baskwill

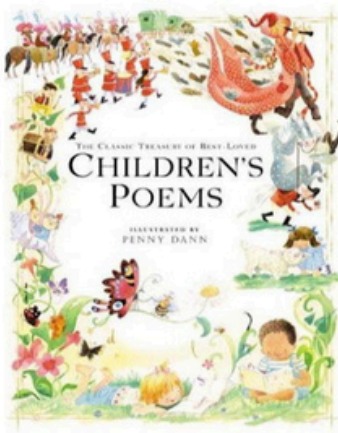


Pass the poems please
Pile them on my plate
Put them right in front of me
For I can hardly wait

To take each tangy word
To try each tasty rhyme
And when I've tried them once
or twice
I'll try them one more time:



So pass the poems please
They just won't leave my
head
I have to have more poems
Before I go to bed.





Break Time Snacks



SNACKS WELCOMED IN SCHOOL



PLEASE LEAVE THESE AT HOME



Mini Vinnies' Fundraising

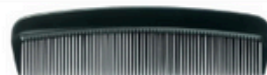


Winter 2026 – Please donate **one** item. Thank you!

The Mini Vinnies will be collecting hygiene items to make toiletry packs for the homeless.

We need the following:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer gel
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Comb/brush
- Lip balm
- Hand wipes
- Hand cream



Thank you for your support!

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STEAMFEST '26

Science|Technology|Engineering|Art|Mathematics



01 What is STEAMFEST?

A celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics at

The **Hive**

02 How to attend

Free entry, with paid ticketed activities available:



03 When is STEAMFEST?

Saturday 24th
January 2026
From 10am



04 What's On

VR Human Body Scans
Three Little Pigs Building Challenge
Lego Club
Puppet Theatre Workshop
Ratatat Story Time
Make and Take Rockets
Fizz Pop Science Show

05 Featuring



DISCOVER **MATERIALS**



The **Hive**

a partnership between



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Worcestershire
County Council

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

SUNDAY 18TH – SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY

Octave of Christian Unity – One Body, One Spirit

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY

Feast Day of St. Sebastian – children can wear red to school on this day

WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY

SEND Parents' Meeting Session 2

THURSDAY 22ND JANUARY

Mass of the Day at Sacred Heart Church – Years 4 to 6

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)

UPCOMING EVENT IN FEBRUARY – PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February 2026

FINAL MAC-WIDE INSET DAY

FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026

**THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TO ALL PUPILS WILL BE THURSDAY 16TH
JULY 2026**



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