



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Headteacher Message

Headteacher Awards

Jenson (Year 1) for showing kindness to others. **Freddie (Year 5)** for showing kindness to others.

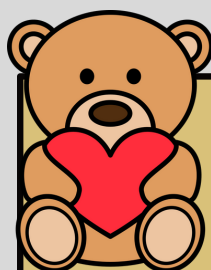
It has been a great start to the new year and new school term. On Tuesday, the children attended Mass celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, where they behaved beautifully and sang with gusto! We have welcomed some new pupils this term and it is lovely see everyone being so welcoming to our new friends. Thank you to Mrs izzard, Mrs House and Ms Ludderman for taking down the Christmas trees, we appreciate your time.

Thank you for all your kind wishes. Have a lovely weekend.
Miss North



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children listened to the Epiphany Gospel, they were invited to journey with the Wise Men from the East as they follow the star to Bethlehem. The children learnt that at the end of their journey, they discovered the greatest treasure of all, Jesus, the King of Kings who has come for all people.



Terrific Teddy

Pre-School - Grace

for enjoying all of our phonics activities and showing kindness towards the younger children.

Reception - Harry

for settling into our class routine so well. He has made lots of new friends and has joined in with all of outclass learning activities.



This week Reception Class celebrated the winter weather and thanked God for the changing seasons.



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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Fletcher, for fantastic attention and focus in phonics lessons this week.

Year 2: Louisa, for contributing many thoughtful and well explained answers during lessons this week, confidently applying new vocabulary. Good girl, Louisa!

Year 3: Lola, for completing a successful first week at St. Joseph's. She has been working very hard in all our lessons. Well done!

Year 4: Luke, for his insightful contributions to lessons this week. Well done!

Year 5: Rosie, for playing the piano so wonderfully during the assembly at the end of last term. Thank you Rosie!

Year 6: Isabelle, for showing such a positive attitude to her work, even when she finds it challenging. She shows a big determination to success. Well done!

Attendance

Reception - 86%

Year 1 - 92%

Year 2 - 92%

Year 3 - 92%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 92%

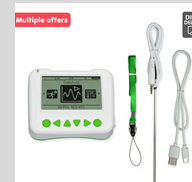
Year 6 - 92%

PTA Events

Thank you for all your support with the different events.

The PTA have raised £2000 in just one term - thank you!

They will use some of this money for new ipads and some for Computing equipment - Crumble Kits and Data Loggers.



Attendance

How does attendance affect outcomes for pupils?

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. [Evidence](#) shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Our research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and [secondary school](#) missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.

The data also shows that in 2019, [primary school](#) children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.

Similarly, in the same year, secondary school pupils who didn't achieve grade 9 to 4 in English and maths missed on 10 more days on average over the key stage than those who achieved grade 9 to 5 in both English and maths.



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Diary Dates

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School Diary Dates 2026

Monday 12th January 9:00am -9:30am Assembly with Mr Blackman and guide dog Theo.

Thursday 15th January (am) South Woodham Partnership Maths Morning
KS2 selected pupils

Friday 16th January 10:00am Year 2 to attend Parish Mass

Wednesday 21st January 9:15am – 9:30am EYFS & KS1 Come and Celebrate

Friday 23rd January 10:00am Year 6 to attend Parish Mass

Wednesday 28th January 9:15am – 9:30am KS2 Come and Celebrate

Friday 30th January 10:00am Year 5 to attend Parish Mass

Monday 2nd February 1:30pm Year 5 to lead Mass
(Reception & KS1 to attend)

(am) Nurses completing national height and weight check for pupils in Reception and Year 6

Friday 6th February All day NSPCC Numbers Day – Whole School
(Parents to be invited in for a Maths workshop)

Wednesday 11th February All day Chinese New Year workshop for the whole school.

13th February All day INSET Day

St Joseph's After School Club



Children will be able to access a range of age appropriate activities and crafts.

A healthy snack and drink will also be offered.

Session timings and cost



3:20 -4:15pm - £5.00

3:20-5:00pm – £7.00

3:20-5:30pm - £9.00

3:20-6:00pm - £12.00

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the Microsoft Form.