



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

Friday 13th February 2026

Headteacher Message



This week, Year 4 enjoyed a visit to Sarah's Creative Kitchen, where they made their own chocolate - the children were very excited to do this. The children have enjoyed the Chinese Dance Workshop, it was lovely to see such team work and enjoyment in the sessions.

Have a lovely half term, Miss North



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children thought about how Jesus loves them and they were invited to shine the light of his love into the world. The children thought about how Jesus especially encourages them, in the passage from Matthew's Gospel, to never hide your light. The children discussed how they could enrich the lives of everyone around them.



Terrific Teddy

Pre-School - Bleu

for being more independent and showing good concentration during our carpet times.

Reception - The Whole Class

for demonstrating the gospel values by collecting food and taking it to the Church foodbank.

Reminders



Toast Tuesday 50p

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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Gift, for actively taken part in all of our lessons this week. She has been able to recall information from previous lessons well. Well done, Gift!

Year 2: Bow-Lei, for making very pleasing progress with her writing skills, steadily adding length and depth to her compositions. She has diligently worked to form and present her handwriting with care - good girl, Bow-Lei!

Year 3: Finley P, for working so well with a partner and as part of a small group during lessons this week. He has also made some excellent contributions to class discussions. Well done!

Year 4: Messiah, for his excellent and insightful contributions during our RE lessons this week. Well done!

Year 5: Vinny, for thoughtful and inciteful contributions in RE.

Year 6: Violet, for consistently working at a high standard, and seeking advice on how she can make her work even better. Well done for being a great example!

Attendance

Reception - 77%

Year 1 - 97%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 90%

Year 4 - 100%

Year 5 - 92%

Year 6 - 91%

Well done Years 1,2 and Year 4 who have the highest attendance this week, they will receive extra playtime.

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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William de Ferrers South Woodham Ferrers Family Cross Country Competition

On Tuesday, a team of 43 pupils from across KS2 represented our school at the William de Ferrers South Woodham Ferrers Family Cross Country Competition. The team of; Danielle, Valentina, Bella, Lola, Ara, Finley P, Finley W, Jonah, Jack, Laz, Lewis, Mia, Tia, Gracie, Sofia, Sena, Finley, Luke, Sonny, Freddie, Messiah, Alfie, Ellis, Harry, Freddie, Vinny, Amelie, Mila, Bonnie, Jessica, Isla Mi, Sienna, Isabelle, Gaby, Sophie, Milana, Amelia, Benjamin, Ethan, Jack, Brody, Isaac and Harrison, ran thrilling races against other pupils from local schools.

There was excellent running on display from all our runners, with some impressive placings being achieved. It was also fantastic to see everybody cheering on their peers and supporting each other throughout the event.

Congratulations go to our Year 6 boys team who came first after impressively finishing sweeping first, second and third in their race, our Year 6 girls team who came second, with Sienna winning her race, our Year 5 boys and girls teams who both came third, our Year 4 boys team who came second, our Year 4 girls team who came third, and our Year 3 boys and girls team who both came second.

Very well done to our Year 6 teams, our Year 4 boys team, and our Year 3 teams who have all qualified for the Partnership Finals that will be held in March. Congratulations also go to the following individual runners; Freddie, Harry, Mila, Bonnie, Jessica, Mia and Gracie who all finished in the top 15 and have also qualified for the Partnership Finals as individual runners. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Thank you to Mrs Taylor, Ms Minton and Mr London who accompanied the teams and to all the parents who came to watch and support the children, thank you.

Mrs Hillier

'Swallows Gymnastics' Recreational Gymnastics Session

On Wednesday, 8 pupils from across KS2 took part in a recreational gymnastics session at 'Swallows Gymnastics Club.' Joanna, Tommie, Tia, Luhan, Ronnie, Messiah, Taylor and Danielle enjoyed taking part in a range of gymnastic activities alongside pupils from other local primary schools. They enjoyed their warm-up, followed by a session of floor work before then spending time on the vault, bars and beam under the expert tuition of the Swallows coaches. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the session and showed great progress as the session went on.

Ms Minton and Mrs Hillier



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Diary Dates

Friday 27th February, Year 4 to attend Mass.

Wednesday 4th March, Year 6 trip to The Imperial War Museum
& Year 3 & 4 Girls Shooting Stars Football.

Friday 6th March, Year 3 to attend Mass

Friday 13th March, Year 2 to attend Mass

Tuesday 17th March, Years 5 & 6 League Netball

Wednesday 18th March, Year 2 at the Music Festival

Thursday 19th March, Year 6 to attend Mass
& Swimming Gala



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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.

K - POP GENESIS THEATRE workshop



TUES 17TH FEBRUARY

St Joseph's primary school, SWF. Cm3 5jx

10AM-3PM

A DAY OF DANCE, DRAMA, SINGING AND ART FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS
ONLY £29 FOR THE DAY AND £27 FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS
PLEASE BOOK VIA THE LINK: WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/GENESISTHEATRE



SWF VILLAGE HALL FAMILY NIGHT

The Village Hall are very pleased to be bringing back our Family Nights filled with exciting activities, children's entertainment and quality time with the family.

Doors Open : 7pm / Event : 7:30pm - 10pm

**28 FEB
2026**

- ☑ Fun & Games
- ☑ Live entertainment from professional local entertainer "Mr Happy"
- ☑ Fully licensed bar

 TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE, ON THE DOOR OR AT THE BAR
£10 PER FAMILY

swfvillagehall.org/events
Charity Reg : 301405