



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

Friday 21st November 2025

Headteacher Awards and Message

This week, I have seen **Alicja (Year 6)** and **Laz (Year 3)** be very kind and encouraging to younger pupils.

This week, Year 6 continued with their Bikeability sessions, well done to all the proficient riders! Year 3 have had a fantastic trip to Barleylands, their activities sounded very exciting. Thank you to the parent helpers. I hope you all are happy with the new way of getting individual and sibling photographs, you should have much more choice about the types of background that you would like. On Thursday, Mrs Huish held a phonics workshop for parents of children in Reception class, I hope you found this helpful. Today is the Jubilee Celebration Day, where the children have been thinking about this year of hope. The children have completed some art activities to share in school and they have been planning events for the school community. Thank you for all adhering to the new pick up arrangements. We have noticed that there has been an influx of birthday gifts coming into school for the whole class. Please can you only send in a small packet of sweets such as Haribo if you wish for the class. We will not be giving out party bags or gifts from next week. Have a lovely weekend. Miss North

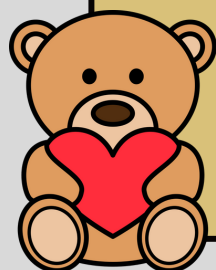


Catholic Life and Mission

This week the children have been learning that Jesus is the King of the Universe! We celebrated the Solemnity of Christ the King together. In the Christ the King Gospel, we hear the beautiful words of Jesus from the cross. The children then reflected upon the type of king Jesus is. We prayed and welcomed King Jesus to sit on the throne of our hearts.

Year 6 attended the parish Mass today.

This week we pray for all the families in our school community.



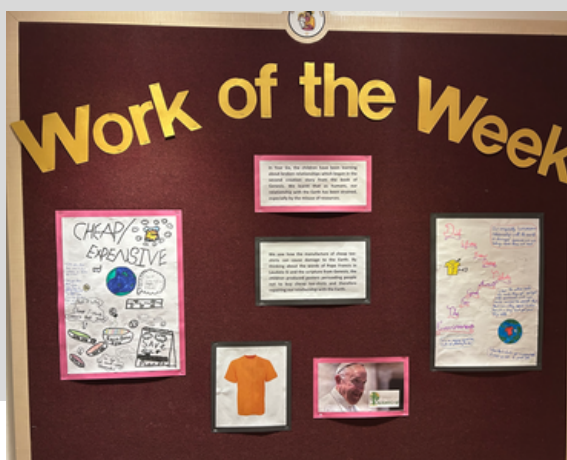
Terrific Teddy

Pre-School - Josiah

for joining in well with all of our Maths activities.

Reception - Henry

for listening carefully and trying his very best in our lessons. He has been sharing his games with his friends and remembering his good manners.



Year 6 have been learning about the broken relationships which began in the second creation story from the book of Genesis.

Reminders This Week:

Christmas Fayre Saturday

50p for Toast Tuesday

Friday - Pantomime



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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Rosa, for being a positive playtime role model.

Year 2: Max, for working very hard and showing maturity during our lessons and Nativity play rehearsals this week - well done, Max!

Year 3: Isla, for excellent focus in class and for contributing more readily during lessons, well done!

Year 4: Sonny, for improved concentration in class and for being a good friend to everyone. Well done!

Year 5: Charlie, for being thoughtful and always offering to help in the classroom.

Year 6: Milana, for her efforts to improve at maths; well done and keep up this positive attitude!



PTA Events

Saturday 22nd November
Christmas Stall during Light Switch On stalls in the school hall.

Friday 28th November
Pantomime for the whole school - see poster on this newsletter.

Friday 5th December (all day)
Non School Uniform Day - £1 per child.
Elfridges: Christmas wrap - all items £5 per child - this is for 3 gifts for loved ones.

Like all other schools, the Government are tracking children's attendance. Our attendance is affected significantly by children staying at home with minor illnesses. Please see this link that tells you when to send your child in school and when to keep them at home - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We will therefore be unable to authorise repetitive absences for minor illnesses (which is in line with other schools in South Woodham). We appreciate that there may be some times when your child does need to stay at home with these minor illnesses, however, this shouldn't be on a regular basis.



Attendance

Reception - 95%
Year 1 - 95%
Year 2 - 97%
Year 3 - 95%
Year 4 - 95%
Year 5 - 93%
Year 6 - 91%

Well done Year 2, you had the best attendance this week!



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William de Ferrers School Sports Partnership Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday, a team of 19 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the William de Ferrers School Sports Partnership Woodham Family Sports Hall Athletics event. The team of; Amelia, Gaby, Sienna, Maya, Isabella, Bella, Izzy, Pandora, Mila, Joey, Brody, Jack, Benjamin, Micah, Ellis, Vinny, Jacob C, Jacob P and Freddie competed in a range of throwing, jumping and running events against other local primary schools. Everyone completed their events brilliantly, with many of the children competing in events for the first time. There were many impressive placings with lots of second and third places being achieved, well done! A special well done to Jack who came first in the standing triple jump event. Overall the team finished in fourth position, very well done to you all.

Thank you to Ms Minton for accompanying the team and to all the parents who came to watch, thank you.

Mrs Hillier





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Your paragraph text

Diary Dates

Saturday 22nd November:

Tuesday 25th November

Wednesday 26th November

Friday 28th November

Tuesday 2nd December

Friday 5th December

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December:

Thursday 11th December:

Friday 12th December:

South Woodham Light Switch On -

PTA Event & St Joseph's singing

Years 3 & 4 Tag Rugby

KS2 Sports Event for specific groups of children

Pantomime

Years 5 & 6 Dodgeball

PTA Elfridges & Non School Uniform Day

Years 5 & 6 Netball

9:30am EYFS Nativity Play in the school hall

1:30pm KS1 Nativity in the school hall

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National Jumper Day £1 for Save the Children &

Christmas Dinner Day

10:45am KS1 Nativity in the school hall.



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 contact the school office..