



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

Friday 23rd January 2026

Headteacher Message

Headteacher Awards

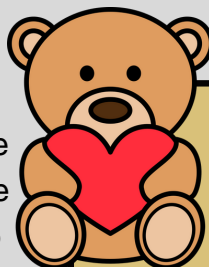
Aurelia (Year 1) for being kind to others when playing. **Thea (Year 4)** for being a good friend.

This week, we have welcomed two trainee teachers who will be working in Year 1 and Years 3 & 4; as providing teacher training is an important part of our school ethos. On Wednesday, Year 5 enjoyed a science lesson taught by Mr Mason at William De Ferrers School as part of our partnership with the local schools, I know the children really enjoyed the different type of science learning this provided. On Thursday after school, we welcomed teachers from the other local primary schools, where teachers discussed maths learning and learning. This enables teachers to share good practice and to discuss the different ways maths is taught. Some of our children went to the South Woodham Community Hub this week, to attend the Concrete Mural meeting. They behaved perfectly and made a huge contributing to the choice of professional who will be the artist for this project.



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children discussed St John the Baptist as he sees Jesus walking towards him. He says "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" He is pointing people towards Jesus. The children reflected upon how they could point people to Jesus and also how he is always moving towards us.



Terrific Teddy

Pre-School - Olsen

for showing very good name writing skills and for showing kindness towards others.

Reception - Tommy

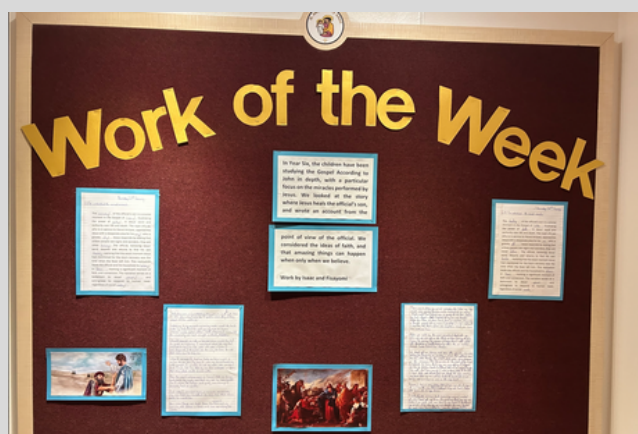
for showing great maturity during our 'Come and Celebrate' this week. He participated fully and joined in with all our activities.
Mrs Huish says - Well Done!

Reminders



Toast Tuesday 50p

KS2 & Year 1 Come and Celebrate
9:15am - 9:30am



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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Adem, for working well with his peers this week learning to take turns whilst playing games. Well done, Adem!

Year 2: Arabella, showing very pleasing focus during her lessons this week, listening so carefully and putting excellent effort into her recorded work. What great progress, Arabella!

Year 3: Taylor, for his hard work and focus in our English lessons this week and for his excellent swimming this week!

Year 4 - Florence, for her positive attitude to learning and for always making excellent contributions to our lessons. Well done!

Year 5: Harry, for really pushing himself on Mathletics this week. Keep it up!

Year 6: Jack, for challenging himself, not only with his work, but in motivating others to have high aspirations. A great example - well done.

Attendance

Reception - 90%

Year 1 - 90%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 91%

Year 4 - 97%

Year 5 - 93%

Year 6 - 89%

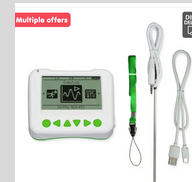
Well done Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 who have the highest attendance this week, they will receive extra playtime.

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 School Sports Partnership – Netball Tournament

On Tuesday, a team of Year 6 pupils participated in their first ever competitive netball tournament, when they represented the school at the William de Ferrers School Sports Partnership Woodham Family Netball Event. The team of; Joey, Isaac, Buddy, Jack, Gabby, Alicja and Isabella played brilliantly against pupils from other local schools. The team played fantastically, improving with every game they played! There was some very impressive shooting on display and they all worked extremely well together as a team. The team played three matches and finished in third place overall, very well done!

We wish them the best of luck in the next round of the competition, later this year. Thank you to Mrs Young and all the parents that came to support the team, thank you.

Mrs Hillier





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Well
done

Well done to Gabby (Year 6) who had a big success at the recent gymnastics County Squad trials. She will be joining the junior squad for the Essex County Squad!

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 3rd February - after school - Year 5 boys and girls football

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

Tuesday 10th February - after school - KS2 Cross Country

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

Wednesday 11th February (pm) - Gymnastics for selected children.

13th February All day INSET Day



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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

Friday 20th March, Year 6 to attend Mass
& Swimming Gala



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.