



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

Friday 23rd October 2026



Headteacher Awards

Harrison (Year 4) & Finley W (Year 4)

for being kind and considerate class members.



Catholic Social Teaching Award - Rae (Pre-School) for taking care of the environment.

This week, the children in Year 6 have been learning cycling skills with Bikeability - you have all shown impeccable behaviours whilst learning in school and out on the road - well done! Thank you to the PTA who have put on two uniform sales as an economical way of purchasing school uniform. Thank you to all the parents who met with the teachers this week, our parent evenings are an important part of the home/school partnership. I hope that many of you were able to sample some of our new catering company's foods - I hear the homemade sausage rolls were delicious! Their new winter menu has a good variety of meal choices, so please consider if your child would like to have school dinners. **As the weather is now much more changeable, please ensure that from Monday 2nd November, your child brings a coat to school.** Thank you for your continued support with items for the foodbank - we will be continuing to collect items after the half term.

I hope that you all have a lovely week.

Miss North

This week, the children thought about what it really means to love like Jesus loves. In the Holy Gospel, Jesus is challenged with a question about the greatest commandment in the law. Jesus explains that we must love God with all our hearts, minds and soul and love our neighbour as ourselves. The children heard about this teaching and introduces us to something called agape love. This type of love is difficult to share all the time, however, with Jesus by our side, it is possible to love God and love others with every part of who we are. To do this, our prayer life needs to be strong and that's why we enter into a time of guided prayer together, asking Jesus to help us love like him.!





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Terrific Teddy

Pre-School - Luca

for his fantastic contribution to phonics! Luca showed great listening and attention skills.



Reception - Rory

for always being kind and caring towards others and playing beautifully with his friends. He is a great helper in our classroom, always willing to tidy up and take care of our learning environment.

Well done, Rory. We are very proud of you!



Pot of Gold

Year 1: Hunter, for putting in 100% effort when he is reading. Well done!

Year 2: Evangeline, for being so helpful, always offering to do jobs in class and around school. Well done!

Year 3: Max, for creating a wonderful song of praise about Creation.

Year 4: Jack, for excellent focus in lessons. He always listens to instructions and challenges himself in his learning.

Year 5: Freddie, for consistently demonstrating a good attitude to his learning and confidently contributing to our class discussions. Well done!

Year 6: The whole class - It has been a big step-up to the demands of year six, but I am now seeing a much more determined attitude to improve, based on having a growth mindset. We have laid great foundations for the rest of the year. Well done.

Attendance

Reception - 98%

Year 1 - 87%

Year 2 - 92%

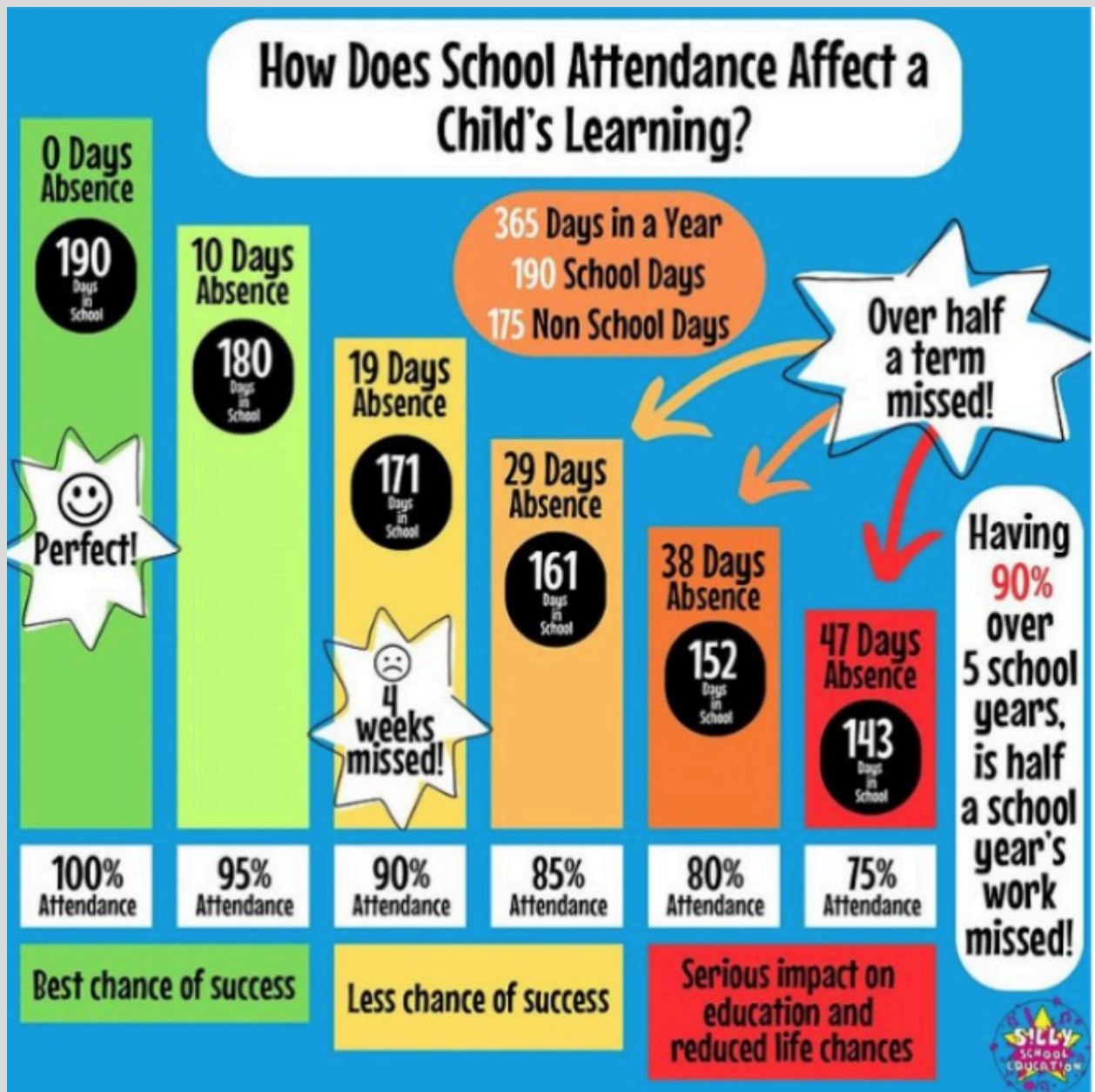
Year 3 - 96%

Year 4 - 94%

Year 5 - 90%

Year 6 - 98%

Well done to Reception, 3 & 6 - you have extra playtime next week!



Message from our violin teacher - Mrs Maxwell

I just wanted to say what a pleasure it's been coming into your school to deliver the violin Playlt. Everyone has been so helpful and welcoming and your pupils are a credit to their school: they are polite, keen to learn and I'm particularly impressed with how they help each other in class. Add on the fact that they are confident with elements of music (well done to the former music teacher) so we have been able to progress through my lessons at an impressive rate. Looking forward to the rest of the term



On Wednesday, some Year 5 and Year 6 boys went to William De Ferrers school to play a few football matches. They played three other schools and came second overall. In the first round they tied 0-0-0. In the second round they tied 0-0-0. But in the third round they won 8-1! The team of Tommie, Freddie H, Vinny, Isaac, Ronnie, Owen, Ellis, Messiah, Sonny, Freddie N and Alfie played beautifully.

Written by Izzy





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HALF TERM WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Build confidence • Make new friends • Have fun!

DANCE **DRAMA** **SINGING** **ART**

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Time: 9am-3pm £35
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at
The Book Nut
24 Heralds Way, SWF

Sat 24th Oct	The Green Child Storytime and Craft Activities with Hollie Hughes Free to attend
Sun 25th Oct	Storytime with the Glass Slipper Princess - 11am & 2pm Book your tickets on our website
Fri 30th Oct	Witchy Boo Storytime with Arden Jones Free to attend

For more information and to book tickets, visit our events page at www.thebooknut.co.uk

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For Parents, Carers and Guardians

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6.30pm-7.30pm
Online Session, FREE to attend

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