



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

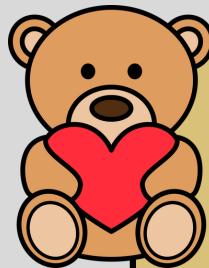
& Pre-School Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children thought about the parable of the Good Shepherd and how Jesus tells us that his sheep listen to his voice. They thought about listening to Jesus' voice when they pray, opening the Bible and visiting him at Mass. The children then talked about how this helps them at school, home and in the parish using the guiding love of their Good Shepherd.



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Headteacher Awards

Kindness: Gabriella (Year 6) for being very kind to another child at the gate in the morning.

Justice: Freddie L (Year 6) for ensuring fairness.

The Year 5 children have had a fantastic time at Bradwell this week on their residential. It was lovely to see the children learn new skills and develop their independence. Thank you to Mrs Huish, Mr Minton, Mrs Young and Mrs Cheyne who all gave up their time to ensure that this residential could take place. Year 6 enjoyed their science learning at William de Ferrers school on Wednesday, they came back to school excited to tell us all about it! Year 2 confidently led the Mass for St George's Day yesterday, supported by some children in Year 3 - well done! Thank you to all the parents who have sent children in with the correct school uniform - the children should be wearing the St Joseph's summer school uniform now. We have 25 children running in the London Mini Marathon tomorrow - please wish them luck! Have a lovely weekend. Miss North

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REMINDERS

Toast Tuesday

Saturday 25th - London Mini Marathon

Monday 27th April - Parent Forum

28th and 30th April - Parent Evenings

28th April - Rocksteady Concert

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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Poppy, for working really hard learning all her phonics sounds and blending words accurately.

Year 2: Freddie, for impressing us with his sustained focus in lessons this term. He is always so enthusiastic and keen to master new learning. Good boy, Freddie!

Year 3: Jasmine, for answering questions in class this week and for asking for help when needed. Well done!

Year 4: Mia, for increased contributions and focus in lessons. Well done!

Year 5: All Year 5, for demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and an openness to new experiences on the trip to Bradwell and to being great additional class members for those who stayed in school.

Year 6: Freddie L, for making a big effort to develop and improve the sentence structure of his written work. He is now much more consistent. Well done.

On Wednesday 22nd April, the year six pupil visited William de Ferrers School to take part in science lesson on light. The children were able to use equipment such as ray boxes to show that white light is in fact made up of all of the colours of the rainbow.

The children's behaviour was exemplary, and it gave them a good preview of what science will be like at secondary school





William de Ferrers School Sports Partnership Swimming Gala

On Thursday, a team of 32 KS2 pupils took part in the William de Ferrers School Sports Partnership Woodham Family Swimming Gala. The team of; Lola, Valentina, Jasmine, Eliza, Finley W, Finley P, Jonah, Lewis, Florence, Sofia, Tilly, Sena, Sonny, Ronnie, Alfie, Luke, Mila, Sophia, Isla, Jessica, Isaac, Jacob P, Vinny, Ellis, Sienna, Isabelle, Gaby, Amelia, Isaac, Freddie B, William and Harrison took part in a range of races and relays against other local schools.

The children all swam brilliantly, with some very impressive racing on show. It was also fantastic to see how the Year 3 pupils swam so confidently in their very first gala. Well done to our Year 6 girls relay team for coming first, our Year 5 boys relay team for coming first, our Year 3 boys relay team for coming first, Jessica for winning the Year 5 backstroke, Ellis for winning the Year 5 breaststroke, Gaby for winning the Year 6 freestyle, Lewis for winning the Year 3 breaststroke, Mila for winning the Year 5 breaststroke, Sienna for winning the Year 6 breaststroke, Isabelle for winning the Year 6 backstroke, Harrison for winning the Year 6 backstroke, Sienna for winning the girls butterfly Very well done everybody!

Our Year 3 and 4 team came third overall and our Year 5 and 6 came first! Congratulations to both teams. Our Year 5 and 6 team will now compete again at the Partnership Finals. We wish them the very best of luck.

A big thank you to Mrs Spooner for accompanying the team and helping to manage the swimmers, thank you.

Mrs Hillier

Attendance

Reception -98%

Year 1 - 92%

Year 2- 96%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 4 - 93%

Year 5 - 97%

Year 6 - 94%

Well done Reception, Year 2 and Year 5, you have extra playtime next week!.



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Your paragraph text

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 28th April - Parents Evening
- Rocksteady Concert
- 30th April - Parents Evening
- 5th May - Year 2 at Teddy Bears Picnic at WdF
- Red Ball Tennis for Years 3 & 4
- 8th May - PTA Boot Sale 3:30pm
- 11th - 14th May Year 6 SATS
- 18th May - Parent meeting for Year 6 - Isle of Wight trip
- Year 5 at the Junior Music Festival practice (am)
- 19th May - St Thomas Moore School, Westcliff, visiting Year 5 boys and parents
- 5th June - Year 6 at Crucial Crew
- 9th June - District Sports for KS2
- 17th June - Year 5 at the Junior Music Festival
- 26th June - Year 6 Leavers Mass 5pm
- 29th June - Year 3 leading Mass
- 1st July 1:30pm Year 6 Production
- 3rd July 6:00pm Year 6 Production
- 6th - 10th July Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential
- 7th July - Year 2 Mini Olympics



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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.

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