



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

Friday 27th February 2026

Headteacher Message

Headteacher Awards: **Rosie (Year 5)** for being kind and caring to younger children. **Tommi (Pre-School)** for sharing well with a child from year 2.



It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school from the half term, they have demonstrated good behaviours for learning straight away. On Monday, the children welcomed Fr Angelus to school, the children asked him questions and discussed their RE learning with him. Thank you to Isaac (Headboy) for showing Fr Angelus around. A huge thank you to Mrs Akyol, Mrs Goodman, Mr John and Ms Ludderman who all responded to our plea for wood chips and tree logs. These items will really help us to develop and maintain our Forest School area. Have a lovely weekend, Miss North.

Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children thought about Lent, which started last Wednesday. They heard how Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into a wild place called the wilderness, where he faced three temptations. Jesus is so strong in his love and he beats the temptations! This Gospel helped the children to begin the season of Lent and to learn about the three pillars of the season: prayer, fasting and giving. We discussed how we can do a kind act each day, which I have seen in abundance around school - well done!



Terrific Teddy

Pre-School - River
for settling in well and making new friends.

Reception - Alara
for working hard to develop her phonic knowledge and is joining in with our class lessons.

Reminders



Toast Tuesday 50p

Wednesday 4th



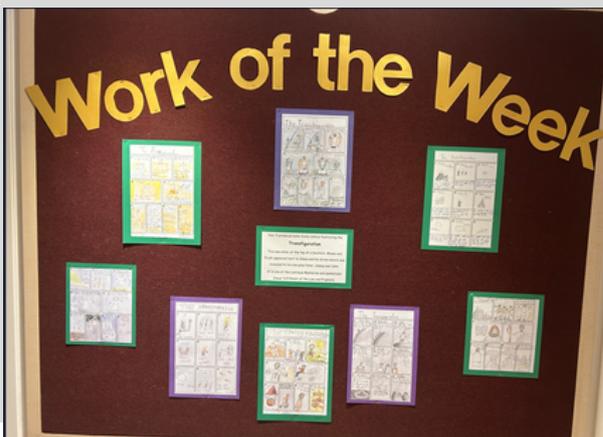
Year 6 - Visit to the Imperial War Museum



Year 3 & 4 football

Thursday 5th

World Book Day



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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Scarlett, for using her previous learning to work out inverse number sentences.

Year 2: Elijah, for contributing with confidence and maturity during History lessons exploring the Great Fire of London. He has been able to explain or order events and accurately recall key dates. Good boy, Elijah!

Year 3: Jasmine, for taking greater ownership of her learning and for working very hard to improve her joined handwriting. Well done!

Year 4: Finley, for his excellent contributions in lessons this week and for completing independent tasks with increased focus. Well done!

Year 5: Jacob P, for hard work and engagement in our Maths lessons.

Year 6: Isaac, for consistently being a model of great behaviour and attitude, who is constantly looks for advice and feedback to keep on improving. Well done - you are a credit to your class and school.

Attendance

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 93%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 95%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 99%

Year 6 - 92%

Well done Years 2 and Year 5 who have the highest attendance this week, they will receive extra playtime.

PTA Events



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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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

25th March, Easter Play (Years 3 & 4) - parents welcome.

Thursday 23rd April, 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.