



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

Friday 30th January 2026

Headteacher Message

Headteacher Awards

Wonderful (Reception) for being kind and caring to others. This week, the children have been model pupils, managing lots of wet mornings and playtimes. Today, it was lovely to see so many parents attend the parent/child session as part of celebrating the NSPCC Numbers Day - thank you to everyone who made the donation.

The week has been rounded off with a Movie Night experience, provided by the PTA - a big thank you to all who have helped with this.

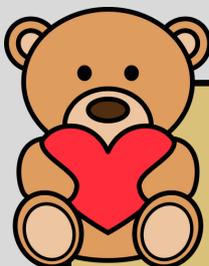
Have a lovely weekend, Miss North



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children thought about how Jesus loves us and invites us to shine the light of his love into the world.

The children listened to Matthew's Gospel, where he described to never hide your light and to enrich the lives of everyone around them.



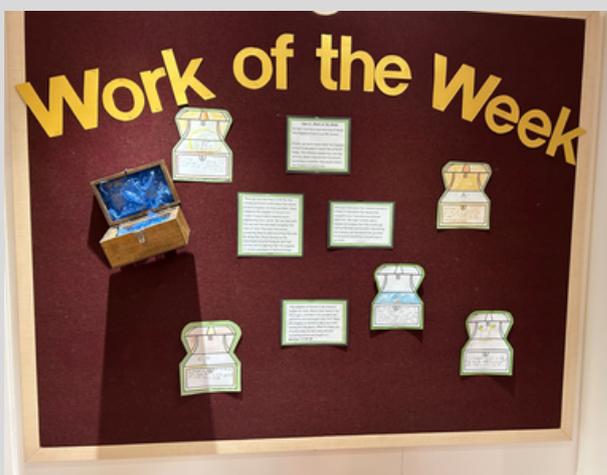
Terrific Teddy

Pre-School - Summer

for settling into Pre-School so well and making new friends.

Reception - Phoebe

for showing kindness and consideration throughout the week as she has helped her friends and the adults in Reception Class. Thank you Phoebe!



Reminders



Toast Tuesday 50p



Year 4 Trip (Tuesday)
Cross Country Trials (Tuesday)



Chinese Dance Workshop (Wednesday)

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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Primrose, for working very hard to improve her handwriting in class. She has written great sentences in her RE work as well!

Year 2: Abbie, worked very hard to develop her letter formation and learn to write her surname - she is so proud of herself! Good girl, Abbie!

Year 3: Josaiah, for his excellent learning in our English lessons this week. He has really enjoyed our work on the Iron Man, particularly the hot seating activities we completed. Well done!

Year 4: Sofia, for excellent listening in lessons this week and for contributing more readily to discussions, well done!

Year 5: Jessica, for exemplary classroom behaviour and great attitude towards her work. She is wonderful role-model to all.

Year 6: Ayla, for showing excellent effort in maths - her confidence in tackling problems has improved so much, Well done Ayla

Attendance

Reception - 92%

Year 1 - 91%

Year 2 - 94%

Year 3 - 89%

Year 4 - 95%

Year 5 - 98%

Year 6 - 92%

Well done Year 4 and Year 5 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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Year 5 Football Tournament – William de Ferrers School

On Tuesday, two teams of Year 5 pupils braved awful weather to represent our school at a William de Ferrers Football tournament. The tournament was for pupils who hadn't yet represented their school at a football event this year.

The teams of; Ellis, Vinny, Micah, Harry, Charlie, Freddie, Isaac, Jacob P, Jacob C, Theo, Tommie, Bella, Izzy, Amelie and Jessica played fantastically against teams from other local primary schools.

All of the children demonstrated great skill and excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Both teams displayed great teamwork and were extremely supportive of each other. One team finished in eighth place and one team finished in fourth place, well done to both teams.

Thank you to Mr London for accompanying the children and managing one of the teams. A huge thank you also goes to all the parents who endured the weather to watch and support the team.

Mrs Hillier



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Diary Dates

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

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

Thursday 19th March, Year 6 to attend Mass
& 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.

K-POP GENESIS THEATRE workshop



TUES 17TH FEBRUARY

St Joseph's primary school, SWF. Cm3 5jx

10AM-3PM

A DAY OF DANCE, DRAMA, SINGING AND ART FOR 4-12 YEAR OLDS
ONLY £29 FOR THE DAY AND £27 FOR ADDITIONAL SIBLINGS
PLEASE BOOK VIA THE LINK: WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/GENESISTHEATRE

SWF VILLAGE HALL
FAMILY NIGHT

The Village Hall are very pleased to be bringing back our Family Nights filled with exciting activities, children's entertainment and quality time with the family.

Doors Open : 7pm / Event : 7:30pm - 10pm

**28 FEB
2026**

- ☑ Fun & Games
- ☑ Live entertainment from professional local entertainer "Mr Happy"
- ☑ Fully licensed bar

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE, ON THE DOOR OR AT THE BAR
£10 PER FAMILY

swfvillagehall.org/events
Charity Reg : 301405