



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

& Pre-School Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

Headteacher Message

**Headteacher Awards: Ara (Year 3) for being kind to others.
Luhan (Year 4) for being kind to a range of other children.**



Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children continued to think about being kind each day as part of their Lenten promises. On Monday, the children learnt about when Jesus took his three friends up a high mountain. At the top, his face and his clothes shone like the sun. The children then thought about how Jesus shines in our hearts. St Peter loved being on the mountain with Jesus, he felt love, happiness and peace. Together, as we meet Jesus, we can feel just like St Peter.

This week, we hosted the EYFS Network meeting in school, where EYFS Leaders from other schools came to meet and discuss best practice. On Wednesday, Year 6 gained further knowledge of their history learning, when they visited The Imperial War Museum. It was a joy to celebrate World Book Day yesterday, the children looked amazing in their outfits! Thank you to all the parents who were also able to come and read in the afternoon, there was a lovely buzz around the school! Today, Mr Blackman brought his guide dog puppy, Jaggy into school so the children could read to Jaggy. The children are reading on a rota basis, starting today with the older children. Please see the message below which shares the news that Mrs Huish will be retiring at the end of this academic year. So many children have benefitted from all her dedication and care. We wish Mrs Huish a long and happy retirement. Have a lovely weekend, Miss North.

Terrific Teddy



Pre-School - The Whole of Pre-School,
for being very helpful this week.

Reception - Sophia
for remembering her good listening in our class lessons. She has been a positive role model to her peers and has shared her games and activities enthusiastically!
Mrs Huish says very well done!



Reminders
Toast Tuesday 50p

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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Fletcher, for completing some great phonics learning and being a team player in science when house building.

Year 2: Frankie, for her learning focus and diligence this term - she is keen to meet new challenges and always presents her recording so beautifully. Good girl, Frankie!

Year 3: Zachary, for completing a successful first week at St. Joseph's. He has settled in really well. Well done!

Year 4: Nathan, for an excellent first week at St. Joseph's. He also did extremely well at swimming! Well done!

Year 5: Sophia, for the wonderful story she wrote and shared on World Book Day.

Year 6: The Whole Class, for their excellent behaviour and attitude on our visit to the Imperial War Museum. You are a credit to yourselves and to your school.

Dear parents,

I am resigning from my teaching role and senior leadership position at the end of the Summer Term, 2026.

This decision has been made following twenty years of service at St Joseph's Primary School. I qualified as a teacher in 1986 and have loved every minute with the children whom I have taught and nurtured.

I hold the St Joseph's School community very dear to my heart and have worked with so many wonderful and dedicated members of staff.

It is time now for me to focus on my family and friends, with an evolving role as a daughter, daughter -in-law, wife, mother and carer.

With heartfelt best wishes,
Mrs Huish.





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William de Ferrers School Sports Partnership Cross Country Partnership Finals

On Tuesday, a team of 34 pupils took part in the William de Ferrers School Sports Partnership Cross Country Finals against pupils from other schools from across the partnership.

Following on from their successes in the earlier South Woodham Ferrers Family round, several teams and some individual runners represented our school. The teams of; Laz, Finley P, Jonah, Finley W, Jack, Lewis, Lola, Danielle, Bella, Ara, Luke, Sonny, Freddie, Alfie, Finley, Messiah, Gracie, Mia, Jessica, Mila, Bonnie, Harry, Freddie, Vinny, Sienna, Gaby, Amelia, Isabelle, Sophie, Jack, Ethan, Benjamin, Brody and Isaac run fantastically well in some very competitive races at this much larger event. Well done to the Year 3 Boys and Year 3 Girls teams that both came sixth, the Year 4 Boys team that came eighth, the Year 6 Girls team that came seventh and the Year 6 Boys team that came fourth! Our individual runners also did fantastically well. Very well done everybody!

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Taylor for accompanying us to the event and helping me manage the teams, thank you. I would also like to thank all the parents that come to watch and support the children, thank you.

Mrs Hillier

'Shooting Stars' Girls Football Event – William de Ferrers

On Wednesday, girls from Year 3 and Year 4 represented our school at the 'Shooting Stars' girls football event at William de Ferrers. The event was run in conjunction with the FA and Active Essex and aimed to introduce girls to a range of football activities and skills themed around Disney's the 'Lion King,'

The team of; Ara, Lola, Bella, Jasmine, Thea, Sena, Mia, Tia and Sofia enjoyed taking part in a range of football-based activities and games. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm and watch them grow in confidence at each different



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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

Attendance

Reception -98%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2- 97%

Year 3 - 96%

Year 4 - 97%

Year 5 - 96%

Year 6 - 92%

Well done to Reception, Years 2,3,4 & 5, who all have 96%
or more attendance this week they will receive extra
playtime.





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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.