



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Pre-School

Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Headteacher Awards and Message

Isaac (Yr6) and Amelia (Yr6) for smoothly running all the music for the nativities this week.

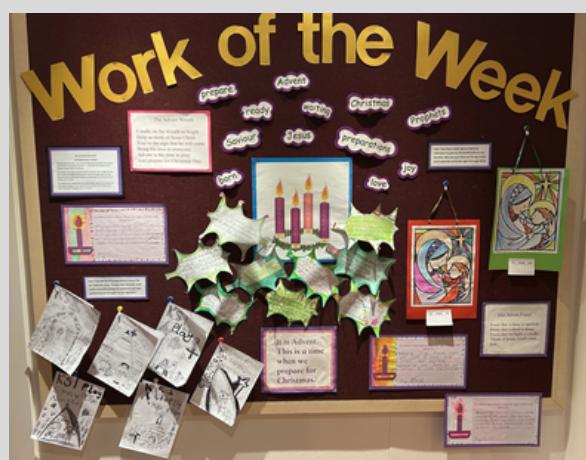


It has been a delightful and busy week, this week in school. We have enjoyed all the nativity performances from EYFS and KS1. It was a fabulous addition having our two year olds take part and the children being their unique selves. KS2 delivered a fantastic carol service this afternoon, which was a lovely way to finish this week in school. In addition to this, we had our development day from New Vision English Hub, where we looked at how phonics is being taught at St Joseph's and the impact of support to close the gaps for children who are not quite at age related expectations. We also looked at the bespoke provision for children with SEND needs and how they are progressing. Yesterday, the children thoroughly enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner day, where Year 6 children entertained the younger children with their dancing! Today, the whole of KS2 has been to church for Mass, as part of their preparation during Advent. Thank you to those parents who completed the form about views on the new home time arrangements. We will take these views into consideration and come back to you. Next Friday, we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Bush and Mrs Jobson, both of whom have worked at the school for a considerable amount of time.

Have a lovely weekend. Miss North

Catholic Life and Mission

This week, the children thought about the second Sunday of Advent and how the words of St John the Baptist, who told people to, 'Prepare the way of the Lord.' The children thought about how they pray about how they can make a beautiful straight path for the Lord Jesus to come into our hearts and fill us with his love.



Year 2 have been learning about the customs and meaning of Advent.

Terrific Teddy Pre-School - All of Pre-School

for their brilliant performances in the EYFS Nativity.



Reception - All of Reception Class
for being fabulous this week, as they have presented the Nativity in song, drama and narrative. The children looked amazing and sounded fantastic!



Reminders This Week:

50p for Toast Tuesday



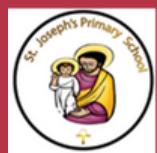
Reception parents Christmas Phonics Workshop - Tuesday & Wednesday - places need to be booked.

Town Council Carol Service - Thursday 18th December, selected pupils.



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Pot of Gold

Year 1: The Whole Class, for their fantastic singing and acting whilst remembering the Nativity story.

Year 2: The Whole Class, for working so hard on our Nativity Play and performing with great confidence and enthusiasm this week. We are so proud of you!

Year 3: Jack, for having such a positive attitude to learning and for making excellent contributions in lessons this week. Well done!

Year 4: Thurston, for positive interactions in class and at lunchtimes this week. Well done!

Year 5: Jessica, for settling so well into St Joseph's. Its lovely to have her!

Year 6: Alicja, for showing determination to keep on improving, especially with maths. Alicja deals with difficulties in a positive way. Well done.



PTA Events

Thank you for all your support with the different events.

The PTA will be letting you know how much money you have raised and what they will be spending it on.

Friday 19th December
Non school uniform day - £1 per child.

Attendance

Please use the link below to help you decide if your child is well enough for school.

Reception - 85%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 91%

Year 4 - 94%

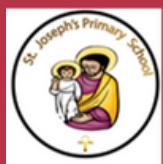
Year 5 - 97%

Year 6 - 91%

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**Well done Years, 2 and 5
you have extra playtime
next week for the second
week in a row!!!**





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Nativities





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Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th January - Whole School attending Epiphany Mass 10:00am in the Church

Monday 12th January - Dentist visiting Reception and Year 3 pupils.

16th January - Year 2 to attend Mass 10:00am in the Church.

21st January EYFS & KS1 Come and Celebrate 9:15am

23rd January Year 6 to attend Mass 10:00am in the Church

28th January KS2 Come and Celebrate 9:15am

30th January Year 5 to attend Mass 10:00am in the Church

Message from Mrs Bush

Dear Parents/carers,

After 20 years working at St Joseph's, it is my time to move on and help other children. I no longer live close to the school, so the commute has forced my hand.

I have absolutely cherished my time working with your children and I have every faith they will all grow up to be kind, caring and ambassadors of us all.

My last day is Friday 19th December, this will be a very sad day, but I will remember you all with fondness.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your endless support over the years.

All the best
Mrs Bush

Christmas Services 2025
Holy Trinity Church, South Woodham Ferrers

Sunday 7th December at 3pm
Nine Lessons & Carols

Thursday 18th December at 5:30pm
Town Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 3pm
Crib service

Christmas Eve
7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day
8:45 Christmas Day Mass
10:15 Christmas Morning Worship

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.