



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

Friday 28th November 2025

Headteacher Awards and Message

This week, I have seen **Owen** (Year 4) being very kind to his peers and **Max** (Year 2) being kind and polite.

Thank you to everybody who supported the PTA at the Light Switch On, it was lovely to see so many of you and it was delightful to listen to our children sing outside and make others aware of what we do. This afternoon has been full of fun with the pantomime that the PTA have arranged - thank you PTA!

Lots of you have been asking about the restrictions on certain foods for children in Pre-School and Reception class. On 1st September, there was new guidance from the government about foods that are suitable for children in this age group. It has meant that Dolce (our catering company) have needed to make some changes to the menus. We are continuing to work with Dolce in providing a good offer to children, especially when some choices cannot be served to the children.

We have been monitoring the drinks that children have in their water bottles, as some children appear to be having juice in their water bottle instead of water. Children will not be allowed to drink juice throughout the school day as this is harmful to their health, teeth as juice will contain sugar.

We thank you for your co-operation on this. Have a lovely weekend. Miss North



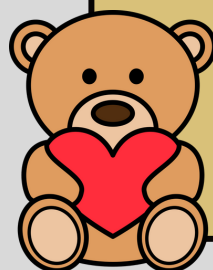
Catholic Life and Mission

This week the children have been thinking about the Jubilee year of hope and what continuous activities they can do to carry on the work that we started.

Year 6 RE leaders have been fantastic at encouraging children to attend Lunchtime Liturgy Club and this is proving very popular. Thank you Year 6!



This week we pray for Bishop Thomas McMahon, who died peacefully on 24th November. He was the longest serving Bishop of Brentwood.



Terrific Teddy

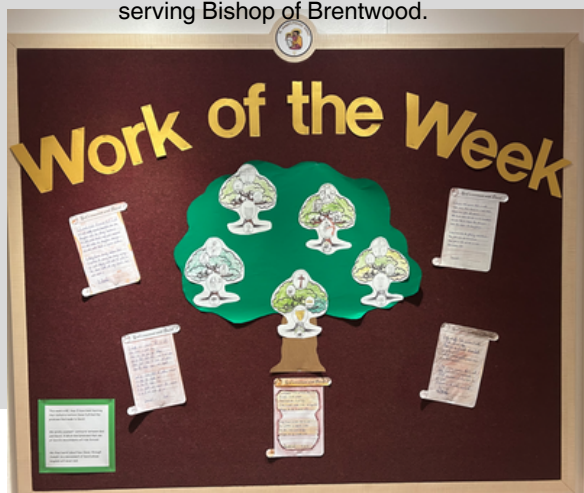
Pre-School - Petra,

For settling in so well to Pre-School and making new friends.

Reception - Amber

showing good listening and has been joining in enthusiastically with our class learning and phonics this week.

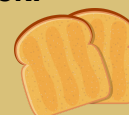
Mrs Huish says - Well done!



Year 5 have been learning about God's covenant with David and how Jesus fulfilled this promise.

Reminders This Week:

50p for Toast Tuesday



Years 5 & 6 Dodgeball Competition - 2nd December.

Elfridges - Friday 5th December

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Pot of Gold

Year 1: Nellie, for listening hard and improving her phonics. She also got full marks in her spelling test - well done.

Year 2: Melisa, for showing pleasing maturity and supported other children so well during Nativity play rehearsals this week. Very well done, Melisa!

Year 3: Harrison, for his eagerness to learn and the effort he puts into his work every lesson. Well done!

Year 4: Alfie, for improved focus and concentration in class which has enabled him to complete more of his work. Well done and keep it up!

Year 5: Izzy, for great Maths, especially her work on fractions.

Year 6: Freddie, for really stepping up in the past few weeks; he is now extending himself to complete work of a higher standard, doing so with increased self-discipline. Well done Freddie!

Like all other schools, the Government are tracking children's attendance. Our attendance is affected significantly by children staying at home with minor illnesses. Please see this link that tells you when to send your child in school and when to keep them at home - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We will therefore be unable to authorise repetitive absences for minor illnesses (which is in line with other schools in South Woodham). We appreciate that there may be some times when your child does need to stay at home with these minor illnesses, however, this shouldn't be on a regular basis.



PTA Events

Friday 5th December (all day)

Elfridges: Christmas wrap - all items £5 per child - this is for 3 gifts for loved ones. Cash only please.

The PTA will be providing a cracker gift for children at the Christmas dinner on 11th December.

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

Attendance

Reception - 91%

Year 1 - 97%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 97%

Year 6 - 93%

Well done Years, 1,2, and 5, you have extra playtime next week.



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William de Ferrers Year 4 Tag Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday, some of our Year 4 pupils were in action at the Year 3-4 tag rugby tournament at William de Ferrers. The team of; Luke, Owen, Messiah, Sonny, Finley, Alfie, Mia, Tia, Tilly and Gracie played fantastically despite only playing a limited amount of tag rugby prior to the tournament. It was fantastic to see the level of skill, determination and excellent teamwork displayed by the entire team, well done! There were some amazing tries scored and excellent tagging of the opposition took place. The team played brilliantly throughout and finished the competition in fifth place, well done!

Thank you to all the parents who braved the freezing temperatures to watch and support the team, thank you.

William de Ferrers Boccia, New Age Kurling and Sitting Volleyball Event

On Wednesday, a team of pupils from across KS2 represented our school at the boccia, new age kurling and sitting volleyball event at William de Ferrers. The team of; Theo, Harry, Rosie, Thurston and Sophia thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in these new sports against pupils from other local schools. They listened carefully as rules were explained and took part competitively in all events. It was fantastic to see them trying new things and building in confidence and skill as the event went on. Well done everybody!

Thank you to Mrs Bean and Miss North for accompanying the team to the event.

Mrs Hillier

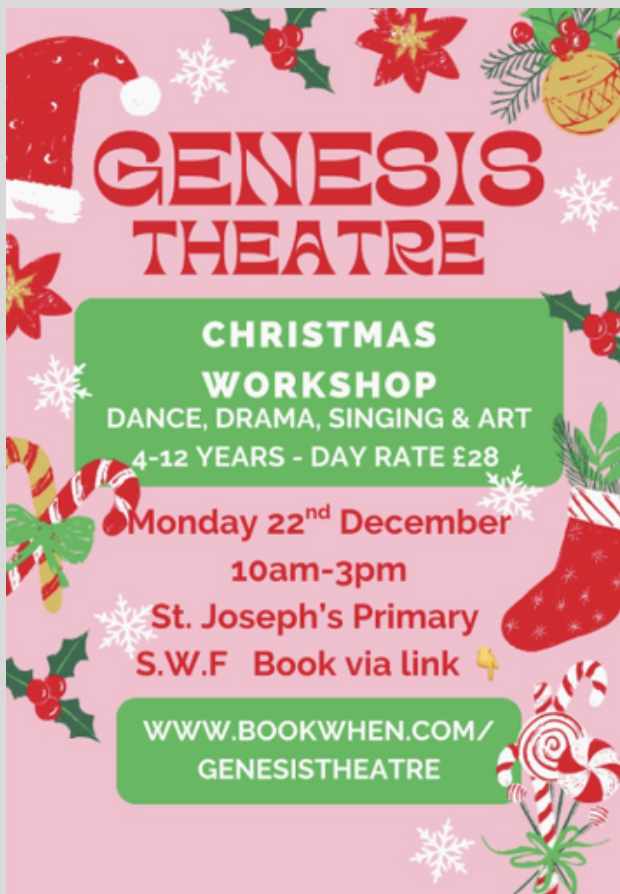


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Diary Dates

Event	Who	When & Where
Sports Partnership Dodgeball competition	Years 5 & 6 – selected pupils	2nd December WdF School
Sports Partnership Netball competition	Years 5 & 6 – selected pupils	9th December WdF School
PTA Elfridges	All children who parents would like to participate	5th December School Hall 9:30am – 11:30am
Parish Mass	Year 3 pupils	5 th December Church 10:00am – 11:00am
EYFS Nativity	Year 1 and 2 children and parents	10 th December 1:30pm School Hall
KS1 Nativity	Pre-School & Reception children and parents	11 th December 9:30am School Hall
EYFS Nativity	Year 1 and 2 children and parents	10 th December 1:30pm School Hall
Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper day £1 for Save the Children	Whole school	11 th December All day
Parish Mass	KS2	12 th December Church 10:00am – 11:00am
KS1 Nativity	Pre-School & Reception children and parents	12 th December 10:45am School Hall
KS2 Carol Service	Whole school & parents	12 th December Church/School Hall 2:15pm – 3pm
Christmas Phonics Workshop	Reception Class parents	16 th December 9:15am Reception Class
Christmas Phonics Workshop	Reception Class parents	17 th December 9:15am Reception Class
Non School Uniform Day £1 - PTA	Whole School	Friday 19 th December



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.