

# Friday Flyer

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
January 2025

## Headteacher Awards



**Kindness: Year 6 Play Leaders: Finley, Barney, Sophia, Gracie & Annabelle.**  
For providing small play groups for children at lunchtimes in the library.

## Headteacher Weekly Message

This week, the children have enjoyed the range of play opportunities at lunchtimes – Year 6 have been very proactive in thinking about the different play opportunities that the other children would enjoy. Our After School Club is a joy to run and hopefully helpful to all working parents. Children can attend on a regular or ad hoc basis. In After School Club, the children have played and enjoyed other's company demonstrating all the values we hold at St Joseph's. Have a lovely weekend. Miss North

## Catholic Life and Mission

This week in school, the children heard the story of The Wedding at Cana. The children asked interesting questions about the miracle that occurred.

**MISSION**

Imagine you were one of the servants at the wedding. Write a short account of what happened or draw a picture of a moment in the Gospel. Maybe you can imagine other words spoken. What about if Jesus had something to say to you? Before you begin, pray and ask Jesus to show you what it was like that day.

**Wonder Questions**

How did Jesus feel when his mother asked him to help people?

What did the servants think when they poured out the wine?

**PRAYER**

Our Lady is always ready to take your prayers to Jesus. Is there something you or someone you know needs help with? Write a prayer asking Our Lady to help and pray with you.

In Science, Year 1 have been learning about different materials and their properties.





## **Terrific Teddy Awards**



### **Pre-School: Nyla-Rose**

For settling in well to Pre-School and making lots of new friends. Well done!

### **Reception – Florence**

Florence has shown great confidence and recall as she shared her memories of her recent visit to India. Thank you, Florence, for telling Reception Class about your favourite foods and showing us your beautiful traditional wedding guest outfit.

Mrs Huish says well done!



## **Pot of Gold Awards**

**Year 1: Aria**, for working really hard in our Phonics lessons this week and remembering a lot of the alternative sounds that we have been learning, which are very tricky at first. Well done, Aria!

**Year 2: Taylor-James**, for impressing his teachers this week with such good focus and careful work. He has shown pleasing determination to master new spellings and number skills. Good boy, Taylor!

**Year 3: Gracie**, for working very hard in her writing this week. She has been challenging herself and apply feedback. Well done Gracie.

**Year 4: Isaac**, for showing a wonderful attitude to his learning this week. He has been taking on challenges in both Maths and English.

**Year 5: Sienna**, for listening carefully in class and for being a good friend to others.

## Sporting News

### Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Partnership Finals

On Thursday, a team of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils represented our school at the William de Ferrers Tag Rugby Partnership Finals. The team of: Nathaniel, Joe, Charlie B, Elliott, Jack, Matthew, William, Jessica, Sophia, Freya and Amelia played seven games against teams from across the partnership, which includes schools in Wickford, Billericay and the Dengie. They played fantastically, demonstrated great skill and teamwork as well as scoring some brilliant tries. The team won four of their seven games and came fourth overall, very well done everyone!

A big thank you goes to Ms Minton for accompanying and managing the team. Thank you also to Mrs Banks for accompanying the team and to all of the parents who braved the rain to support and encourage the team, thank you!





# Forest School



## Forest School Fun!

The children in Reception Class and Pre School are having a wonderful time in their Forest School Sessions. This week we found out about animals that hibernate and migrate in the winter. The children made clay hedgehogs and dens for foxes.

Mrs Huish and Mrs Collins

## PTA News

Total raised this academic year: **£1915.22**

We appreciate all your support. Thank you!

We are currently fundraising for:

- 1) A bank of 6 ipads for each class. £329 per ipad, £1,316 per class.
- 2) A greater range of books for more able readers - £500

## Attendance

Reception Class	94%
Year 1 Class	93%
Year 2 Class	94%
Year 3 Class	96%
Year 4 Class	96%
Year 5 Class	95%
Year 6 Class	95%

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.



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## St Joseph's After School Club

We are excited to be launching After School Club for pupils including pre-school children from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January.



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 contact the school office, thank you. Miss North, Mrs Hillier and Mrs Huish will be running the club.