



# Friday Flyer

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2024

## Headteacher Awards

**Kindness:** Barney (Yr6) for showing kindness to his friends.

**Perseverance:** Theo (Reception) for using a knife and fork independently.



## Headteacher Weekly Message

This week has been a real community, which has created a caring and supportive atmosphere across the school. Mrs Izzard, ably helped by Mrs Chalmers and Mrs House, has taken photographs of all the staff so we can have a professional bank of staff photos in the foyer. In addition to this, with children, they decorated the school Christmas tree. Throughout the week, I have heard children reading beautifully and excitedly with the parents who regularly come into school to listen to children read. This gift of time from parents is invaluable – thank you! We have also been blown away by the generosity from parents, Mr & Mrs Taylor have gifted us a new PE shed! Watch this space for photos. There is a new section to the newsletter this week – a spotlight on learning. Each week, we will give you information on different subjects. Have a lovely weekend. Miss North

## Catholic Life and Mission

During this first week of advent, the children have been busy thinking about the different ways in which they can prepare for Christmas Day. This week was celebrated in Church with a Mass led by Year 5 – well done!



Please pray for the areas of the world where there is conflict – help them to have **Hope** that they will experience peace, during this week advent.

## MISSION

Make an Advent promise and get to know Jesus better this Advent. Promise to spend time with him each day. Choose when and for how long this will be. Imagine how much better you will know Jesus if you spend an extra ten minutes with him each day. This could be in silence, sharing what has happened in your day. It could be reading from your Bible if you have one at home. Promise to spend time talking to Jesus and make sure to listen to what he says to your heart too.

## Wonder Questions

What will it be like to stand before Jesus?

What would you say to him?

## ADVENT PROMISE

Advent is a time of waiting, but it is also a time to grow closer to Jesus and know him better. Make a simple promise to spend more time with him this Advent.

How much time will you give each day just for you and Jesus to be together?

\_\_\_\_\_ minutes

What is your hope for Advent and how would you like to grow closer to Jesus?



# Terrific Teddy Awards

## Preschool - Tommy

For becoming more independent when it is time to get ready to go home and for working really hard to learn the songs and actions for our Nativity.

## Reception – Scarlett, Olive and Evangeline

Who have shown great kindness and consideration when supporting another child in Reception Class.

Mrs Huish says well done and thank you.



# Pot of Gold Awards

**Year 1 – Finley** - he has really shown great strength and determination this week to work towards overcoming things he finds tricky. I have been so impressed with how quickly he has settled in to completing his work, especially our Science work looking at the weather, Well done, Finley!

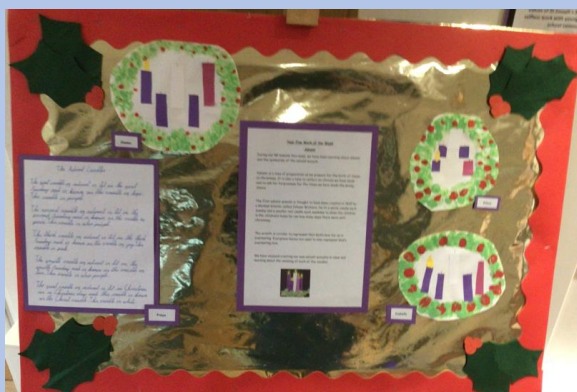
**Year 2 – Danielle** – for working hard in all her lessons. She has listened to her teachers and joined in with group discussion.

**Year 3 – Finley** - he has been working very hard this week. He has taken on feedback and applied it into his learning and his tests. Well done!

**Year 4 – Vinny** - he has shown resilience and has used his growth mindset this week when completing some challenging tests. We are very proud of his attitude to his learning. Well done Vinny.

**Year 5 – Year 5 Class** - for their sustained concentration and focus while completing all of their end of term assessments.

**Year 6 - Amelia** - who has shown a fabulous attitude towards her practice SAT's this week. She has demonstrated a big desire to build on her scores from last time. She had been a role model in terms of



Year 5 learning – Freya has written all about the candles used during Advent.



# Spotlight on Learning

**This week we would like to tell you about learning in Maths.**

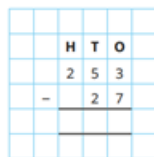
Across the country, Maths is a subject with a focus on basic skills as these skills are needed for lifelong learning. Mr London, as Subject Leader for Maths, has reviewed and assessed how we teach Maths at St Joseph's. Through this process, we decided as a school, to move to teaching Maths through White Rose Maths and NCTEM. This is so that the children are taught Maths at Mastery level.

Mr London has delivered CPD for teachers on this throughout the term as well as working with other local schools to ensure we have good practice in the teaching and learning of Maths. He has also attended some training from a range of different providers to ensure that we are always up to date with what research shows.

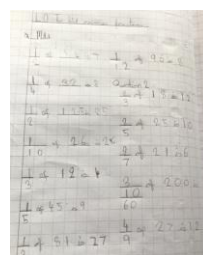
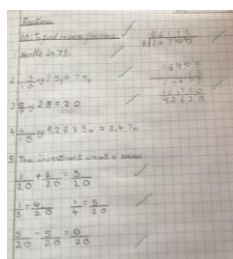
This term, the children across the school have been learning about the place value of numbers e.g how many hundreds, tens, ones (Note here how the word units has been replaced with the word 'ones'). After this, the children moved on to adding and subtracting numbers – see below for how this is represented.

1 Use base 10 to work out  $253 - 27$

Complete the column subtraction.



After learning about addition and subtraction, the other units of learning vary from year group to year group. Year six, for example, have a heavy focus on key arithmetical skills such as long multiplication and long division. Below is a snap shot of learning from Year 6 at working towards, at age related expectations and greater depth.



Huge congratulations to Year Six who have set a new school weekly record on Mathletics of 143,200 points. This beats the previous record that the class set last year of 134,000. What a brilliant team effort!

# Achievements

Owen passed his ABRSM Grade 1 piano exam last Friday, obtaining a Merit! Ariel and her partner got 1st place in their dance performance. Well done!



# Sporting News

## Central Venue League Football Tournament – Round 2

On Tuesday, both of the St. Joseph's football teams represented our school in the second round of the Central Venue Football League, organised by William de Ferrers. The teams of; Enoch, Barney, Jack, Finley, Charlie B, Max, Elliott, Lee, Charlie S, Alfie, Matthew, Jessica, Amelia and Annabelle played brilliantly against other local primary schools. Both teams played fantastically, and demonstrated great teamwork, changing positions to accommodate injury and illness. All of the games were thrilling to watch with excellent defensive and attacking skills on show and some fantastic games being scored!

One of our teams finished in fifth place and one of our teams finished in first place, very well done to both teams! These results will be added to the results from the first round. The third and final round will be played in the new year and we wish both teams the best of luck.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Birch and Mr Spires for again giving up their time to manage the teams, particularly Mr Spires who still team managed for us despite Nathaniel being injured and unable to play.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who braved the cold temperatures to support the teams, thank you.

Mrs Hillier



# PTA News

**The PTA School Disco raised £364.00**

**The Boot Sale raised: £279.20**

**ASDA Reward Pot: £672.02**

**Total: £1315.22**

We appreciate all your support with these events.

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

## St Joseph's Christmas Fayre



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

3:00pm onwards

Children will be singing festive songs from 3pm  
in the Reception Garden area.

Stalls, handmade decorations,  
games and Christmas  
refreshments will be available  
from 50p!



Come and join us to share in  
the magic of Christmas.

# Attendance

Reception Class	95%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96%

Well done to Years 3,4 & 6 for achieving 96% attendance this week.

## Diary Dates

<b>December 2024</b>	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Run – children may wear a Christmas hat. Rock Steady Concert 2:30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am Pre-School and Reception Nativity Concert
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day – Children wear a Christmas Jumper and school uniform please.  School Dinner Day – timings of lunchtime will be staggered to enable all children to experience the lunch.  Pre-School & Reception Nativity Concert 9:15am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Bazaar  5pm St Joseph's Choir singing in the SWF Carol Concert
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity in the Church 10:00am  3:30pm Ski Trip Parent Meeting
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity in the Church 2pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 Greek Day Workshop
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 2pm for the Christmas Holidays.
<b>January 2025</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Epiphany Mass in Church – Years R, 2, 4 & 6. Parents welcome



# Opal Play



# Notices

<https://www.puddlemagazine.co.uk/essex/issues/issue-2/read> -

Puddle Magazine is a local family magazine celebrating community life, packed with inspiring ideas, tips, and resources for families. We connect readers with family-friendly activities and businesses to make everyday moments special.



## GENESIS THEATRE ARTS

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<b>Tots Ballet Class</b> 3-5yrs - 9am - 9.30am	<b>Tap class</b> 5-11yrs - 4.50pm - 5.35pm
<b>Tots Musical Theatre Dance/Drama Class</b> 3-5yrs - 9.30am - 10.10am	<b>Musical Theatre class</b> 5-11yrs - 5.35pm - 6.20pm
<b>Dance Class</b> 6-11yrs - 10.15am - 11am	<b>Grade II Tap Class</b> 10+yrs - 6.20pm - 7pm
<b>Drama Class</b> 6-11yrs - 11am - 11.45am	<b>Adult Tap Beginners Class</b> 7.05pm - 7.50pm
<b>Primary Ballet Class</b> 6+yrs - 11.45pm - 12.30pm	<b>Adult Ballet Beginners Class</b> 7.55pm - 8.35pm
<b>Grade I Ballet Class</b> 8+yrs 12.30pm - 1.15pm	
	<u>Thursday</u>
	<b>Poms (Basic Cheer) Class</b> 5+yrs - 4.50pm - 5.30pm
	<b>Conditioning (Kicks, Turns &amp; Leaps)</b> 6+yrs - 5.30pm - 6pm
	<b>Musical Theatre Dance/Drama Class</b> 10+yrs 6pm - 7pm

**Contact Natalie**  
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**NEW BALLET CLASSES**  
**With Miss Lauren**  
South Woodham Ferrers

Imperial Society of  
Teachers of Dancing

**Tuesdays**  
**4:15-5:00pm**  
**Primary Ballet (Age 5+)**  
**5:00-5:45pm**  
**Grade 1 & 2 Ballet (Age 8+)**

**For more information or to book your free trial please email .**  
**Email : [silhouettes.schoolofdance@gmail.com](mailto:silhouettes.schoolofdance@gmail.com)**



The children have had a letter about this, if you would like your child to learn to play the piano, please ask in the school office for more details.