



NEWSLETTER: 8th March 2024

Dear Families

Careers Week

We have had a brilliant week! Thank you, to all those who were able to give their time so freely to come and talk to our pupils.

We have loved hearing from people working in a wide range of sectors.

We have had a paramedic, a dentist, an optician, a healthcare assistant, a counsellor and a karate instructor.

We have heard about work of universities, flight attendants, local business owners as well as work involved in offshore oil. There was also great excitement when one of our granddads brought his tractor to school.

What a stir that caused!

Thank you, again, for your PowerPoints, your props and, most of all, for your enthusiasm. It is very much appreciated. One parent even said she loved the experience so much she wants to be a teacher!

As usual, our fantastic pupils were extremely polite and asked lots of sensible questions.

We would definitely like to make this an annual event.

Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings

Thank you, to staff and families for such positive discussions during these meetings this week.

When school and home work together, the greatest impact will be evident.

World Book Day

Children had a lovely time celebrating World Book Day and it was great to see our pupils sharing books and stories across different year groups. The school council enjoyed running the book stall to raise funds to purchase new books for school. Thank you, for your donations. I'm sure the school council will keep you posted on the new books selected.

Wilderness Outdoor Education

Over the next couple of weeks, children will be taking part in sessions with staff from Wilderness Outdoor Education. Each class will have a full day or half a day working with outdoor experts on a range of activities. Due to the nature of these activities, children will need to come to school on their allocated day in non-uniform. They should wear things that they don't mind getting dirty. The forecast for next week is for some showers so children should have coats and appropriate warm/waterproof clothing as they will be spending the full day outside. In the event of heavy rain/high winds, we may do some of the activities in the classroom.

Timetable for sessions

11th March- Year 6- Rainforest workshop

12th March- Year 3- Team Challenges

13th March- Year 4- Saxon/Viking workshop

14th March- Year 5- Desert Island workshop

15th March- Year 1- KS1 Crafts

18th March- Year 2- Arctic/Antarctic workshop

19th March am- Nursery- Nature craft workshop

19th March pm- Reception- Nature craft workshop

After School Clubs

After school clubs will run until Thursday 28th March. If you have not booked your child into a club, and they would like to attend, please contact the school office and we will confirm if a place is available.

Star of the Week

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this week:



Nursery	Emelia	For showing a keen interest in our class caterpillars!
Reception	Grace S	For being a caterpillar expert, showing great understanding of how we can take care of our class caterpillars!
Year 1	Ollie	For working so hard to improve his handwriting!
Year 2	Thomas	For his amazing thank you letter to the Life Science Centre.
Year 3	Hunter	For an excellent week settling into his new school and making lots of new friends.
Year 4	Arthur	For an excellent effort in Maths this week, finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes.
Year 5	Davina	For excellent work in English this week.
Year 6	Tyler	For some excellent work on percentages

This week's 'Rockstar of the Week' is Poppy! Well done, for your amazing multiplication and fantastic studio speed! Children can see all our TTRS winners on our 'Times Table Rockstars' display board in school.

The winners of this week's KS2 tournament are Year 4! This puts them straight to the top of our leader board with only 3 weeks of the term to go!

St Joseph's have climbed up to 9th on the TTRS leader board for schools in our area. Well done, everyone.

House Points

Children can earn house points from all staff during the week.

Congratulations to **St Cuthberts** who earned the most house points this week.

Attendance

This week's attendance is 94.28%

Our target is 97%

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
84.9%	92.07%	96.67%	94.07%	98.03%	94.81%	93.06%	96.45%

Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th March	Whole School	British Science Week
Monday 11 th – Tuesday 19 th March	Reception – Year 6	Wilderness Workshop. More information to follow
Tuesday 12 th March	Y4 pupils	First Reconciliation 2.30 St Joseph's – all welcome
Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd March	Whole school	Assessment Week
Tuesday 19 th March	Whole School	St Joseph's Feast day 9.30am Mass - all welcome
Thursday 21 st March	Whole School	World Maths Day
Friday 22 nd March	Years 1 & 2	Palm Sunday Liturgy 9:15am - all welcome 2:30pm School only
Monday 25 th March	Years 3 & 4	Maundy Thursday Liturgy 9:15am - all welcome 2:30pm School only
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 5	Good Friday Liturgy 9:15am - all welcome 2:30pm School only
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 6	Easter Sunday Liturgy 9:15am - all welcome 2:30pm School only
Thursday 28 th March	Whole School	Egg Decorating in School More information to follow (pm)
School closes on Friday 29 th March and re-opens on Monday 15 th April Easter Holidays		