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## Newsletter: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents, grandparents and parishioners,

The sun has been shining so brightly this week at St. Joseph's. We have been blessed with wonderful weather and the children thoroughly enjoyed playing with their friends at break and lunch time.

On Monday afternoon, we had a special visitor in school – Raffaello Moscardini. Raffaello turned 100 last week and he shared many wonderful stories with us. We wish Raffaello a wonderful year ahead.

We welcomed Year 6 parents into school on Thursday morning. Our Year 6 children led a wonderful Celebration of The Word all about unity. We can do amazing things when we are united! Well done, Year 6! We look forward to welcoming Year 5 parents in next week.

### Open Day

Do you have a child starting Reception next September? We invite you to our open days on Tuesday the 15th October 1 30pm – 3pm or Wednesday 16th October 5pm-6pm.

### British Values

This week's British Value was Democracy. It is important that all children have an opportunity to vote and make their own decisions. Well done to all our winners!

### Catholic Life and Mission

This Harvest, we are collecting tinned food for Pact House. Please leave any donations at the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

### European Day of Languages 2024

On Thursday 26th September, we will celebrate European Day of Languages. It aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone. Children are asked to come to school dressed in the colours of their favourite country. Children will learn about other countries and cultures as well as learn some new words in other languages.

### Snacks – Key Stage 2

I would like to remind you that we are a nut-free school. Please can we ensure that your child's snack is a healthy snack. Chocolate bars or packets of crisps are not appropriate as a snack in the early morning.

### Save the Date

Please see information about our Parish Christmas Craft Fair (23<sup>rd</sup> November at 12.30pm). Our Ethos ambassadors are planning ways of how we, as a school, can support this. We will be in touch in the next few weeks about this.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend with your loved ones.

Best wishes,

Mrs Urwin



### Building Repairs

Due to building repairs in our EYFS outside area, all children in Reception and Nursery need to come into school and collected from the main reception from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September until further notice.

### Reception Phonics Meeting

A reminder Reception class parents are invited into School to see how Phonics is taught here at St. Joseph's. We will begin in the hall where Mrs Burgess will talk you through the scheme we use and share essential information with you. We will then go into the classroom where you will watch a phonics lesson being taught so you can see exactly what we do each day.

There will then be an opportunity for you to 'stay and play' with your child so that you can see how well they have settled in school and chat to staff.

### Flu Immunisation

A reminder that the flu vaccinations are due to take place next Friday (27<sup>th</sup> September) for children in reception – year 6.

### After School Clubs

A reminder the following after school clubs will be available on Arbor on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm, costing £1 per session (total £6 per child) from week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November to week ending 13<sup>th</sup> December:

- Reception Fun Club
- KS2 Quiz club
- KS1 Science Club
- KS2 Book club

Reevo Multi sports will start next week, KS2 on Wednesday and KS1 Thursday. (Children can come to school in their PE kits.)

A reminder booking arrangements for Film Club on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October are available on Arbor, which is £2.50 per child

### St Bede's Open Evening



**SAVE THE DATE**

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening  
Thursday 26th  
September 2024,  
5.30pm - 7.30pm

 **St Bede's**  
Catholic School  
& Sixth Form College

 **Bishop Wilkinson**  
Catholic Education Trust



As you know, attendance is hugely important, and we report attendance on a weekly/ monthly/ termly basis. We monitor attendance/lateness very closely in school and will raise any concerns with parents/carers on an individual basis. If you have any concerns with regards to your child's attendance/lateness, please contact us as soon as possible so we can work together to resolve any issues.

**This week's attendance is 97.2%. Our target is 97%**

Nursery	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	93.3%	94%	98%	99%	98%	99.3%	98.3%

### Star of the Week

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



Nursery	Sienna	For enthusiastically joining in with our songs and rhymes all week.
Reception	Teddy	For amazing effort with his letter formation when learning our new sounds.
Year 1	Daisy	For her hard work in her writing
Year 2	Brody	For his wonderful poem in RE.
Year 3	Imogen	For working very hard to practise her spellings this week.
Year 4	Harry	For fantastic engagement in class discussions.
Year 5	Layla	For an excellent attitude towards reading.
Year 6	Teddy	For some fantastic inference when discussing our class reader.

### Awards of the week

**Captain's Table:** Faith, George, Savannah, Tejiri, Elena, Emily R, Ethan, Noah C

**Mission Statement:** Hallie, Oluwatobi, Jenson, Francesca, Daniel, Maisie, Emie, Bobby

**British Values:** Efetobore, Eva, Noah, Arabella, Karan, Lucas, Grace, David

### House Points

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

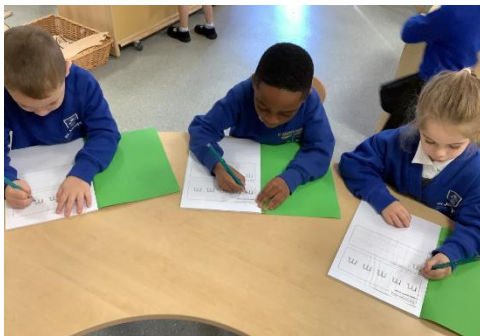
Congratulations to St Oswald who have earned the most house points this week.

**EYFS:**

**Nursery:** This week in Nursery we have had a wonderful week singing lots of number rhymes. Some of our favourites have been 5 little ducks, 10 in the bed and 5 currant buns!



**Reception:** This week in Reception, we have started to learn our sounds in phonics. This is the very beginning of their journey to learn how to read and write and so has been very exciting! The children have all listened so carefully as each sound has been taught and have impressed us with their efforts with their letter formation. Keep it up Reception!



**Year 1:** Year 1 have had another brilliant week. We were fielding superstars in our cricket lesson where we were practicing our catching and teamwork skills. We really enjoyed the opportunity to go to the prayer garden during our RE lesson. It was a beautiful day to be outside and explore which of God's creations we could experience around school. Well done for another great week Year 1.





**Year 2:** This week, Year 2 have produced some beautiful RE poetry linked to a psalm. They also thoroughly enjoyed their first cricket session. In maths, children used a range of equipment to partition numbers in different ways. Well done Year 2!



**Year 3:** It's been another great week in Year 3. The children have enjoyed sharing their new class reader, *The Railway Children*, and have some produced some excellent diary entries. Cricket coaching has also commenced with children practising their throwing and catching skills and working together as a team. We also made the most of the sunshine and prayed together outside, with a lovely celebration of the word around the theme of love and the importance of loving and caring for one another.



**Year 4:** We have had another busy week in Year 4 this week. In RE we enjoyed learning about Joseph and his brothers, this helped us to think carefully about forgiveness and how we can carry this into our own lives. In our English lessons we have been looking at our class text 'wind in the willows' and at the descriptive techniques used by the author, Kenneth Grahame. We have enjoyed learning about ancient Rome in History and looking at how the city grew and became stronger. In PE we have continued to play attacking games, thinking carefully about how we can help our teammates by using our voice and moving into space. In Maths, we have been looking at the place value of each digit in numbers up to 10,000.





**Year 5:** This week, Year 5 are developing their attack and defend skills in PE. Good team work and great attitude to developing the game.

**Year 6:** Year 6 shared a lovely celebration of the word with families on Thursday. They explored the importance of unity, both in our school and in the wider community.

In their English lessons, they have been enjoying reading 'The Girl who Stole an Elephant'. They have explored the feelings of the characters and have discussed the differences between the setting of Sri Lanka in the book and our local environment.

