

Newsletter 12th June 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Work hard, love tenderly, walk humbly: trusting in God

Dear parents, grandparents and parishioners,

We began the week with a wonderful whole-school celebration of the Word, reflecting on the feast of Corpus Christi. Together, we listened, prayed and rejoiced in the message that Christ is always with us. *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever."* (John 6:51)

It has been a wonderfully busy week, full of fun and learning across the school. A huge well done to our fantastic Year 1 children who have completed their Phonics Screening Check, and to our amazing Year 4 children who have completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). We are incredibly proud of you all—your hard work and resilience have really shone through! ✨ You thoroughly deserved your special treat outside today. 😊

Our Father's Day Breakfasts on Thursday and Friday morning were simply lovely. The atmosphere was so relaxed—what a wonderful way to celebrate together! Thank you so

much to our dedicated staff, our supportive PTA, and a special mention to Donna in the kitchen for all her hard work in making these events so successful. 🤝

We also wish our Year 6 children and staff a fantastic time as they head off on their residential on Monday. We hope you create lasting memories, grow in confidence and enjoy every moment of this special experience! 🏕️

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our children remains our highest priority. Please remember:

- If you have any concerns about a child, however small, please report them to the school.
- Ensure contact details are kept up to date.
- Speak to children regularly about staying safe, both online and offline.

Attendance

Good attendance is vital for children's learning and progress. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day, on time.

- Our target is **97% attendance for all pupils**.
- Please avoid taking holidays during term time.
- If your child is unwell, notify the school as early as possible.

Our parish Sunday Mass continues at 11am, and it is always a pleasure to see some of our children taking part through readings—thank you for sharing your gifts in this way. 🙏

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend. 🌸

Reminders

Arbor Payments

Please ensure that all outstanding payments on Arbor—including school meals, breakfast club, and wraparound care—are cleared as soon as possible and that accounts remain in credit. **As we approach the end of the academic year, the Trust are closely monitoring all balances.** Any outstanding debt may result in your child needing to bring a packed lunch to school and being unable to access breakfast club or wraparound care services.

We kindly ask all families to check their Arbor accounts regularly and settle any balances promptly. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

- School meals: £2.95 per day/ £14.75 per week

- Breakfast club: £4.00 per day
- Wraparound care: £6.00 per day

If you require any assistance with payments, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help or arrange a payment plan.

Cut-Off Dates for School Uniform 2026

- Order before 21st June – Delivery to school or home before school closes for the summer.
- Order before 19th July – Delivery to school or Home before school returns in September.



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 95.29%. Our target is 97%

Nursery: 98.98%

Reception: 93.64%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 92.76%

Year 4: 95.83%

Year 5: 92%

Year 6: 96.43%

Well done to Year 2 who won this week's attendance award!

Head Teachers Award

The following children have received a Head Teachers Award this week:

Nursery: Maeve for being an exceptional role model.

Reception: Sienna for always putting a smile on my face.

Year 1: Ivie for working so hard in all lessons.

Year 2: Jesse for exceptional behaviour and attitude.

Year 5: Aidan for excellent manners around school and to staff.

Star of the Week

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

Nursery: Jensen for super sound work in phonics

Reception: Alfie S for lots of lovely listening during carpet time

Year 1: Harvey for an excellent retell of the Tale of the Whale

Year 2: Edith for excellent work in RE this week

Year 3: Noah for excellent contributions in lessons

Year 4: Year 4 for working so hard and showing resilience and determination during the MTC tests

Year 5: Rio for excellent answers in English

Year 6: Isla for some excellent descriptive writing

Awards of the week

Captain's Table: Tillie, Imogen, Charlotte, Ruby, Jacob, Izzy A, John, Ella B

Mission Statement: Maeve, Zeke, Eva, Emily, Ruby, Ella, Louie, Cade

British Values: Isaac, Cora, Phoebe, Hugo, Arabella, Karan, Jude, Sophie

Writer of the week: Ethan, Cora, Joey, Isla, India, Harry, Shyla

Please see below what our children have been getting up to this week in school

Early Years children have enjoyed taking part in a range of World Ocean Day activities. They discussed ways they can help protect our oceans and made their own pledges, such as putting rubbish in the bin and recycling. The children worked together to pick up litter, created colourful jellyfish and turtles using recycled materials, and explored a water tray where sea animals were trapped by rubbish and fishing nets. They carefully rescued the animals and talked about how pollution affects marine life, helping them develop an understanding of the importance of caring for our oceans.









We have had a wonderful and busy time in **Year 1** and would like to share some of the exciting learning taking place this term. In PE, the children have been developing their skills in indoor athletics. They have been practising running, jumping and throwing activities, focusing on improving their coordination, balance and teamwork. The children have shown great enthusiasm and have worked hard to challenge themselves while supporting each other. In History, we have been learning about how coastlines have changed over time. The children have explored how natural processes such as waves and weather can shape the land, particularly around St Mary's Island. They have enjoyed looking at pictures of beaches from the past and comparing them to today, developing their understanding of how places can change. In Geography, we have been identifying and outlining the coastline of the United Kingdom. The children have been learning about the different seas surrounding the UK and beginning to understand what makes a coastline. In Science, our focus has been on seasonal changes. The children have been observing and discussing how the weather and environment change across the seasons. We have talked about how days become longer, the temperature changes, and what happens to plants and animals throughout the year. Well done for an excellent week Year 1!





Year 2 have had another lovely week! In English, the children have been writing formal letters based on the text 'Dragon Post'. They read a variety of letters and discussed the differences between formal and informal writing before creating their own. In maths, the children have continued their learning about time. This week, they focused on telling the time to quarter past and quarter to the hour, as well as reading and understanding minutes past the hour. In science, the class explored what animals need to survive, learning about the importance of food, water and air. In RE, the children looked at the story of Noah. They sequenced and retold the story before considering how Noah might have felt at different points throughout the events. In history, Year 2 continued their work on the Bronze Age by

comparing life in the Palaeolithic Stone Age with life in the Neolithic period. Great work, Year 2! Keep it up! 🌟



Year 3 have worked really hard all week and should be very proud of their efforts. In English, they have continued reading *The Sheep-Pig* and have been delving deeper into the characters, discussing Babe's personality and how traits such as kindness, determination, and intelligence are shown through his actions. They have also been planning a detailed description of Babe using evidence from the text. In history, the class has been learning about King Philip of Macedon and his ambition to unite all of the Greek city-states. The children were excited to learn that, at Corinth, the Greek city-states agreed to unite and formed a league called the League of Corinth. In RE, the class has been exploring the story of

Creation, learning how the first three days mirror the last three days. They have also been reflecting on the Holy Trinity and discussing how all three (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) were present at the beginning during creation.

Year 4 have worked so hard this week and have all now completed their MTC test, they have practised and perfected their quick recall of times tables facts and were full of confidence going into the test. Well done Year 4! This week we have also continued to read our class text Varjak Paw, looking at the techniques used by the author to create suspense. In history, we looked at the early life of Muhammed and what it would have been like for him growing up in the desert. In RE we looked at the call of Abraham and the journey he took to Canaan at 75 years old, thinking about the difficulties he would have faced. In maths, we looked at angles as turns and identified different types of angle, and in geography we continued to look at earthquakes and how the direction of movement in tectonic plates affects the likelihood of earthquakes occurring.

A busy week building bridges in DT! **Year 5** thoroughly enjoyed investigating structures and then constructed designs to withhold different weights. We learnt about Shakespearean language and read scenes from The Tempest alongside the BBC Bitesize version. It was great to practise new (but old!) words. In RE we explored Moses and the messages he delivered from God. A great week!

Another great week for **Year 6**! They have enjoyed swimming and circuit training sessions in PE- putting in some training before their residential next week. In English, they have continued to produce some excellent writing while working their way through our class novel. They have enjoyed working through some Lego projects after some work on Lego robotics with Steve from Royal Grammar School earlier in the week. They followed complicated instructions to build their Lego creations on the 'Masterpiece' project. They are, of course, looking forward to our trip away next week!



