

Newsletter 19th June 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Dear parents, grandparents and parishioners,

What a wonderful week we have had in school! 😊

We started the week with our whole-school celebration of the Word, where we reflected on our Catholic Social Teaching principles and discussed how we are all commissioned by God to make a difference in the world, just as the disciples were commissioned to spread His message. 🕊️❤️ Together, we thought about how our actions, words and choices impact those around us and how we can live out our faith through kindness, service and respect for others. 🌍🤝

🏕️ Year 6 Residential

Today, our amazing Year 6 children returned from their residential visit. They have enjoyed an unforgettable experience filled with challenge, adventure, teamwork and fun!

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huge thank you must go to Mr Haveron, Mrs Forbes and Miss Glendenning, who accompanied the children and generously gave up time away from their own families to make this opportunity possible. 🙌❤️ I am sure our Year 6 families will join me in expressing sincere gratitude for their dedication and commitment. Experiences such as these simply would not be possible without the willingness and support of our staff.

Learning and Fun Across School

While Year 6 were away, school remained a hive of activity! The sunny weather has certainly helped us make the most of our outdoor spaces, allowing children to enjoy learning, play and enrichment opportunities in the fresh air. ☀️🌳 Classrooms have been full of enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent learning throughout the week, and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and motivated.

Music Concert

Our talented young musicians performed in a wonderful concert for their parents and families this week. 🎵🎹🎸 The children showcased the skills and confidence they have developed through their music lessons, and it was a joy to see them perform with such pride. Thank you to our music teacher for providing this valuable enrichment opportunity and for inspiring our children to develop their musical talents. 🎧🙌

Attendance Matters

Thank you for your continued support with attendance. Recently, our whole-school attendance has dipped, and it is important that we work together to improve this. Every day in school matters, and regular attendance has a significant impact on children's learning, progress and wellbeing. If your child requires leave during term time, please ensure that you complete a **Leave of Absence Request Form** and are open and honest about the reason for the request. Working together helps us support families while ensuring that attendance remains a priority. 🏠✅

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility. If you ever have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact the school so that we can provide support and guidance where needed.

Key Reminders for Next Week

 **Tuesday 23rd June – Eco Council Beach Trip**

 **Thursday 25th June – Year 6 Primary Youth Festival**

 **Parish Mass**

We warmly invite families to join our parish community at Mass each Sunday at 11:00am.
We would love to see you there. 🙏🏠

🌻 Finally...

As we move towards the final weeks of the school year, there is still so much to look forward to. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

Have a wonderful weekend with your families, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

God bless,

Mrs Urwin

Important Reminders

Update on Free School Meals Eligibility Checking (*Nursery-Year 5 pupils*)

A reminder The Department for Education has announced new arrangements around this and, as a result, it is now necessary for these checks to be undertaken **on an annual basis**. **Therefore if your child is currently entitled to FSM we need you to complete the form with the relevant information so we can recheck your eligibility.**

A link was sent out to you via Arbor (8th June), **if you haven't already, please complete the forms** with the relevant information so the checks can be carried out **before the end of the academic year**. [Free School Meals Eligibility Checking by School – Fill in form](#)

Arbor Payments

As we approach the end of the academic year, the Trust are closely monitoring all balances.

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 93.95%. Our target is 97%

Nursery: 97%

Reception: 97.73%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 91.33%

Year 3: 86.9%

Year 4: 97.92%

Year 5: 94.4%

Year 6: 96.43%

Well done to Year 4 who won this week's attendance award!

Head Teachers Award

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

Nursery: Isabella for always being so kind and caring.

Reception: Oslo for always being so sensible around school

Year 3: Nori for being super polite around school.

Year 5: Aria for always following the St Joseph's Way.

Year 5: Jude for having a very mature attitude.

Star of the Week

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

Nursery: Charlie for amazing work in Maths this week using positional language and applying it in his play.

Reception: Ewan for always showing he is ready to learn and being an amazing role model.

Year 1: Jak for an overall excellent attitude this week

Year 2: Chester for super work learning to tell the time.

Year 3: AJ for some excellent work in maths on statistics

Year 4: Charity for excellent fact recall during our Arabia and early Islam topic in history.

Year 5: Emily L for excellent skills in javelin

Awards of the week

Captain's Table: Rudy, Archie, Romee, Daisy, Isla, Noah, Rio

Mission Statement: Isabella, Brody, Max, Jesse, Cleo, Olivia-Kate, Thomas

British Values: Ellis, Oliver, Freddie, Jack, Emelia, Daniel, Lucas

Writer of the week: Taylor, Arabella, Freddie Ch, Mila, Florence, Rose

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

This week, **Nursery** children had a fantastic time immersing themselves in an exciting pirate theme. They eagerly created their own pirate hats and telescopes, which added to the imaginative play as they took part in their very own 'Pirate School'. The children showed wonderful enthusiasm as they walked the plank, dug for hidden treasure, raised the pirate flag, jumped across stepping stones, climbed the rigging, and rowed the boat like true little pirates. These engaging and energetic activities not only sparked their creativity and teamwork but also supported the development of their gross motor skills, helping to build strength, balance, and coordination in a fun and adventurous way.





This week, children in **Reception** have been enjoying the story 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We created our own 'wild things' and took them on an adventure! We can't wait to see the children's writing about their wild things next week!





Year 1 have had a fantastic week, we have been learning about friendship and our feelings in English while reading our class book 'Leo and the Octopus'. We have found out some fascinating octopus facts!

In computing, we have been on Scratch inputting directions to make him move. They did a wonderful Job. Another good week year 1, Keep it up!





Year 2 have had a busy and productive week. In PE, the children worked hard completing athletics activities, focusing on balancing and jumping, and showed great enthusiasm throughout. In RE, they explored the importance of saying sorry and thought about how they can be a saint by following in God's footsteps. In maths, the children have been learning to tell the time to the nearest five minutes while continuing to practise their number facts, taking pride in the progress they are making. In English, they began their new text, 'Paddington', and thought carefully about how the bear felt as he arrived in London. In science, the children explored different animals and discussed how they change as they grow older. In geography, they created thoughtful questions about how they can improve their school. Finally, in history, they learned about farming during the Neolithic Stone Age. Well done, Year 2 for another wonderful week!









Year 3 have had another wonderful week of learning! In English, the children used their plans from last week to write thoughtful character descriptions about Babe. Their work was rich with adjectives and they were able to support their ideas with evidence from the text. In maths, they have enjoyed interpreting pictograms and bar charts and used these skills to collate and understand data. In geography, they have been revising the continents and taking a closer look at Europe. They enjoyed exploring its surrounding seas and identifying landlocked countries. In computing, the children have been developing their skills in Scratch by learning how to use more than one sprite and programming them to move in different directions such as clockwise and anticlockwise.







In **Year 4** this week, the children wrote their own scene for the class novel Varjak Paw. They created suspense by using adverbial phrases and 'empty' words. They used dialogue to move the action on. In maths they looked at different types of triangle and how to identify them. In history they learned about how Muhammed was able to negotiate a peace treaty to enable Muslims to return to Makkah each year to worship and in geography they looked at how the magnitude of an earthquake can be measured using the richter scale. They also found out what can happen when an earthquake occurs beneath the ocean.











Year 5 have worked hard to create their own playscripts based on their Autumn text, *Holes*. They had great fun creating settings, giving stage directions and using dialogue from the text. Bafta award winning class! In Spanish, we learnt new vocabulary based on 'what I and others do'. In RE, they created their own Ten Commandments - based on creating rules for a fair and kind community. In Maths we continued to multiply and divide decimals - noticing patterns that would help us to learn a particular skill. In Reading Plus we continue to build our words per minute score and fluency skills. We are really seeing our spelling rules at work - we have looked at the rules we have covered all year and can see them in our writing - great to see!