



St. Joseph's Newsletter

Each one of us has been created by God for a special purpose and is therefore uniquely special. Together, we pray,



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Esther	Gursehaj	Gurbaaz	Nicole
Beau	Tian'nique	Jaysiah	Zina

Date	Event
24/3/25 - 4/4/25	Big Walk & Wheel
31/3/25	Clothes Bank collection
1/4/25	Easter Bonnet Parade
2/4/25	Reception Service - 1.15pm Holy Family Church
3/4/25	Mythical Creatures entries due
3/4/25	Rock Steady Concert - invite only
4/4/25	End of Term Mass - 9.30am

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - St Angela's
- 2nd - St Mary's
- 2nd - St Joseph's
- 4th - St Ursula's

AWARDS

Well done to Pumpkin Class who managed both 100% attendance and 100% punctuality this week!

Luke 15: 11-24

Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. "But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Pumpkin - 100%
KS2	Lavender & Cobalt - 99.2%

Punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Pumpkin - 100%
KS2	Amethyst & Sage - 99.5%

Mythical Madness - Drawing Competition

A reminder about the art competition for Years 1-6 where the children need to draw a Mythical Madness creature. If your child wishes to take part then entries must be in no later than **Thursday 3rd April 2025**.

Big Walk & Wheel

On Monday we started the Big Walk & Wheel challenge which goes on for two weeks leading up to the Easter holidays. The more pupils walk or wheel to school, the more chances they have to win a prize. Remember all cyclists need to be wearing helmets to protect those precious heads.

Easter Bonnet Parade

On Tuesday 1st April we will be hosting our Easter Bonnet Parade for all year groups. Hats can be big or small, they can be shop bought but we do appreciate the homemade ones more, they can follow the more traditional themes of Easter or the more modern traditions. The hats will be judged and prizes will be awarded to one winner from each year group - good luck!

The BIG Lent Walk for CAFOD

Sponsor forms for The BIG Lent Walk went out today and pupils are asked to raise as much money as they can for CAFOD. This will also form part of our activities for the Jubilee Year of Hope. Pupils will be completing a number of laps according to which year group they are in i.e. Year 6 will be doing 6 laps, Year 5 will be doing 5 laps and so on. This will be taking place on Friday 4th April at 11am and parents are very welcome to join us if they are free.

St Joseph's 90th Anniversary

Invites have now gone out for the 90th Birthday celebrations, and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us. We would like to decorate our School Hall with lots of photographs and memorabilia from years gone by that will help us to tell the history of St Joseph's, so if you have any old class photos of either your children currently in the school or those who are past pupils, then please drop them into the School Office by Friday 4th April 2025. We will return them to you after the event.

Clothes Bank Collection

The Clothes Bank just inside the School Gate on the Connor Road side will be emptied next week, so if you have any old clothes that you wish to get rid of then please drop them into the bank on Monday.



Scarlet	Somto	Ruby	Michael
Sunflower	Ayla	Amber	Raphael
Pumpkin	Whole Class		
Sage	Nicol	Emerald	Esmond
Cobalt	Elisa	Sapphire	Precious
Lavender	Nadia	Amethyst	Moses
Fuchsia	Varsha & Whole Class	Magenta	Ethan & Whole Class

Reading Champions

Congratulations this week to Darren, Mya, Bisi, Ellie, Edy, Kimani, Fraya, Chisom, Mary, Ella, Winona-Lee, Chidimma, George, Ohemaa, Jocelyn, Daniel, James, David, Liam, Frederick, Gabriel, Onyekachi, Agnes, Aaliyah, Vanessa, Laura, Keyra, Mary, Karissa, Lucas, Hail, Giovanna, Bianca, Bernard, Faith, Joshua and Danni for Bronze; and Analeigh, Annabelle, David, Glodie, Isaac, Isabel, Michelle, Osi, Riyanne, Vee, Esmond, Ohemaa, Veronica, Emma, Anaya, Rhian, Jocelyn, Jason, Julian, Daniel, Moses, Roberta, Bernadine and Jessica for Silver.

Scarlet Celebration - RE Branch 4 Desert to Garden

Parents of pupils in Scarlet Class (Nursery) are invited to share a celebration of their learning at 9.00am on Thursday 3rd April 2025.

Reception Service

The Reception Service will take place on Wednesday 2nd April at 1.15pm in the Holy Family Church. It would be great to see as many family and friends there as possible, but if you are unable to make it then please try and join us on the Parish live stream.

Year 2 trip to Eastbrookend

Pupils in Year 2 had a great trip to Eastbrookend Country Park today, taking part in lessons, mini-beast hunts and bird watching. Thank you to all the parent helpers who volunteered to support this trip.

Recycling

Due to changes being made by the local authority, we are having to change how we manage our food waste and recycling in school. We already recycle our paper and cardboard, but they are now asking us to separate out our food waste from the general school waste, otherwise we risk being fined for waste contamination. Any fines would have to come out of the school budget, meaning that we would not be able to provide as many of the extra curricular activities for pupils that we have been doing. To avoid this we are asking that pupils only put things that they would eat into the green bins in the School Hall at lunchtime and we are asking all those pupils who have a packed lunch to take their wrappers and packaging home with them to be disposed of at home. This is something that we have always asked them to do, however now it is a must. Thank you for your support with this.

Word of the Week

There have been lots of house points awarded this week for pupils using their word in a sentence verbally or written, so please keep up the good work. Please see the new words for this week:

<u>EYFS</u> - tasty	<u>Yr1</u> - spotless	<u>Yr2</u> - compare	<u>Yr3</u> - gentle
<u>Yr4</u> - integrity	<u>Yr5</u> - contaminate	<u>Yr6</u> - gesticulating	

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mums, aunties, grandmas and nans a Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all that you do to love, care for and support our children.