



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, grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus.



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Diary Dates

Date	Event
24/3/25 - 4/4/25	Big Walk & Wheel
28/3/25	Year 2 trip to Eastbrookend
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
2/4/25	Rock Steady Concert - invite only

HOUSE POINTS

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

AWARDS

Well done to all our Best Dressed Winners from World Book Day - we had some amazing costumes!

We hope you enjoy your prize.

Luke 13: 6-9

Jesus told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'



Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Amber - 97%
KS2	Cobalt - 99.6%

Punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Pumpkin - 100% Well done!
KS2	Sage, Cobalt & Fuchsia - 100%

Book Donations

Thank you to all those pupils who have already brought in their book donations. We are getting stickers put inside the front cover to say who donated them and they will be in the School Library shortly. It is not too late to donate if you have any books at home that you no longer read and who like others to continue to enjoy them.

Best dressed for World Book Day

Congratulations to the following pupils who received their certificates and prizes today - Roman, Michael, Luke, Grace, Riyanne, Andreja, Osinachi, Viktorija, Jessica, Nicole, Bernadine, Cherish and Odera.

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**.

Diversity Day

Thank you to all of those who helped us to celebrate Diversity Day on Monday - the school was filled with a great variety of colour and cultural outfits. Pupils also enjoyed the opportunity to share knowledge about their home country with their peers.

Chick Project

Ruby class have embarked on the chick hatching project again this year, and saw the birth of 10 lively chicks over these last two days. If you would like a look, then I'm sure that Miss Pritchard wouldn't mind you visiting after school one evening next week. You will be pleased to know that the chicks that were hatched last year are thriving well and producing lots of lovely eggs!

St Joseph's Day

On Wednesday we celebrated the feast of our patron saint with a Mass at the Holy Family Church and then two discos in the afternoon. A great time was had by all and I got to witness some very interesting dance moves. I clearly need to up my game before the next disco!

Big Walk & Wheel

On Monday we start the Big Walk & Wheel challenge which goes on for these last 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.



Scarlet	Roman	Ruby	Malachi
Sunflower	Esomchi	Amber	Katie
Pumpkin	Zayyan		
Sage	Mikhael	Emerald	Ali
Cobalt	Zion	Sapphire	Olivia
Lavender	Bianca	Amethyst	Bernadine & Laura
Fuchsia	Rachael	Magenta	Kendra

Reading Champions

So congratulations this week to Harley, Maryam, Tian'nique, Candice, Ellen-Rose, Divine, Tyree, Jeremiah, Gloria, Diya, Westley, Kosi, Zion, Zakiyah, Elisa, Kairi, Amanda, Lora, Jaysiah, Precious, Kai, Harold, Vaishnavi, Esther, Benjamin, Anethea, Anais, Asafo, Zita, Dara, Cheryl, Jessica, Tochi, Juwon, Adelise, Leandro and Amanda for Bronze; Emma, Esomchi, Awesome, Tiana, Elsa, Katie, Elijah, Nana, Tiana, Precious, Sarah, Ariell, Ayla, Onkaar, Ethan, Amra, Callum, Sumayyah, Luke, Olumide, Hailey, Andreja, Mehtab, Tatiana, Emilia, Logan, Micah, Valentine, Emmanuel, Christabel, Olivia, Nathaniel, Jessica, Emmanuela, Pico, Theodore, Shaun, Viktorija, Tyrell, Elly, Gwenevera, Diana, Cherish, Sultan, Damilola and Margaret for Silver; and Charles, Amaris, Bezawit, Chimdi, David, Emmanuel, Gabriel, Grace, Helena, Inaya, Jordan, Katie, Mason, Melissa, Noel, Raphael and Micah.

We have been so impressed with the response to these reading challenges in class, that we have added another tier for pupils to work towards - so pupils can now achieve Platinum for reading 100 books.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Back by popular demand, we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade on Tuesday 1st April 2025. There will be prizes awarded in each year group, so let's get creative!

The BIG Lent Walk for CAFOD

Each year we raise money for CAFOD during Lent and this year is no exception. Sponsor forms will be going out next week for The BIG Lent Walk and pupils are asked to raise as much money as they can. This will also form part of our activities for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

St Joseph's 90th Anniversary

Plans are in motion and you will be receiving your invites shortly. In the meantime, if you have any old photographs or memorabilia from years gone by that will help us to tell the history of St Joseph's, then please drop it into the School Office by Friday 4th April 2025. We will return them to you after the event.

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> - flow	<u>Yr1</u> - boasting	<u>Yr2</u> - minerals	<u>Yr3</u> - aquatic
<u>Yr4</u> - empathy	<u>Yr5</u> - retaliate	<u>Yr6</u> - concur	

Certificates and Awards

It was my pleasure to give out a plethora of certificates in assembly this week for Reading and Maths. To see the pupils working so hard to achieve these is absolutely amazing. Just a quick reminder in case you aren't aware:

- Reading - every time they read at home make sure that the Reading Log is signed, as they will receive a raffle ticket for each entry. Anything they read - newspaper, magazine, library book - can be recorded. Raffle tickets are drawn monthly and prizes awarded.
- Maths - pupils should be logging onto Times Tables Rock Stars or Numbots for at least 15 minutes each day and completing a range of activities. The more you do the more chances you have to win.

