



# 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
5/3/25	Ash Wednesday Service - pupils only
6/3/25	Preloved Uniform Sale
7/3/25	World Book Day Character Dress Up
10/3/25	British Science Week Night Owls Visit
13/3/25	KS2 Reconciliation Service - Pupils only
14/3/25	World Sleep Day - Pjs & loungewear
17/3/25	Diversity Day - cultural dress

### HOUSE POINTS

1st - St Mary's

2nd - St Joseph's

2nd - St Angela's

4th - St Ursula's

### AWARDS

Congratulations to Bella, Laurel and Karissa who have had their WOW Badge Design Competition entries chosen to go forward to represent our school.

Good luck girls!

## Luke 6: 39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. 'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor

are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

How can a person have good treasure in their heart?

Why do you think Jesus uses fruit in his parable?

## Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Sunflower - 94.4%
KS2	Cobalt - 98.5%

## Punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Amber - 100% Well done!
KS2	Fuchsia - 100% Well done!

### Parent Consultation Day

Remember that if you have not yet met with your child's class teacher to talk about their progress this half term, then please speak to the teacher or write a message in the Communication Book to arrange a time to meet with them.

### Year 2 Service

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Year 2 Service on the theme of Baptism. The pupils did brilliantly and had so much knowledge to share!

### Amber Assembly

Well done to Amber class on a lovely assembly today on the seaside - what a lovely treat for us. We could see that a lot of hard work went in to preparing it.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ms Kufel on the birth of her baby boy - both mother and baby are doing well.

### Prayers needed

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Holden and her family - her mother sadly died recently. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

### World Book Day

We will be dressing up for **World Book Day on Friday 7th March 2025**. You will have received a separate letter detailing all the activities that are going on - please read it carefully.

### Pancake Competition

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday, a traditional time for people to make and enjoy pancakes filled with all the goodies that they are usually giving up for Lent. This year we are holding a competition for the best pancake creation. Pupils have been given a pancake sheet which they must complete and return on Monday. They must draw, colour and write about their chosen pancake ingredients. The most exciting combinations will win a prize - with one winner being chosen from EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

### Preloved Uniform

There will be a sale of preloved uniform before and after school on Thursday 6th March 2025. All items are 50p each.



Scarlet	Venus	Ruby	Immanuel
Sunflower	Precious	Amber	Whole Class
Pumpkin	Vee		
Sage	Helen	Emerald	Chukwuemeka
Cobalt	Theodore	Sapphire	Christabel
Lavender	Kerene	Amethyst	Grace
Fuchsia	Ferdinand	Magenta	Malakai

### Reading Raffle

Congratulations to Onkaar, Anabelle, Isabel, Olumide, Mary and Malakai who are the Reading Raffle Winners for February. They all win themselves a new book. Remember that every time you read and get your reading record signed, you earn a raffle ticket for the draw - keep up the good work everyone!

### British Science Week

From Monday 10th - Friday 14th March 2025 we will be participating in British Science Week. There will be more information coming out in a separate letter, but please note that pupils are allowed to come to school in their pyjamas or loungewear on Friday 14th to celebrate World Sleep Day!

### WOW Badge Design Competition 2025

Well done to all of those pupils who participated in the competition - we have some budding artists amongst the pupils of St Joseph's. As well as our winners mentioned at the start of our newsletter we also have some runners-up: Joshua, Elisa, Hallie-Marie and Laura. Well done!

### Diversity Day Competition

We had over 30 entries for this competition, which were all sent off to Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club - so fingers crossed. Just a reminder that our Diversity Day will take place on Monday 17th March 2025 and pupils should wear cultural dress or the colours of their flag.

### St Joseph's Day

To celebrate our feast day we will be having a whole school mass at 9.30am on Wednesday 19th March in the Holy Family Church. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

### Save the date!

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is turning 90 on Tuesday 29th April 2025. We will be hosting a day of celebration for pupils, staff and families past and present, so please make a note in your diary.

### Word of the Week

Having the correct vocabulary to explain something or ask for what you need is so very important, and it is something that many children struggle with. A rich vocabulary comes from reading a variety of books and also from having a diverse range of life experiences. This is why we are constantly trying to find new ways to encourage our pupils to read, and try to host as many visitors and trips as we can. We also have our 'Word of the Week' in each year group and teachers encourage pupils to use these words as often as they can. But we want to take this one step further and get parents and friends to help us as well. So each week in the newsletter we will share with you the words for the coming week. Pupils will also have these words included in their spellings. Talk to your child about what their year group word means, practice putting it into a sentence or using it correctly at home. In school, every time a pupil uses their 'word of the week' either verbally when answering a question or written down in their book, they will earn themselves 5 house points (Yr1-6) or a sticker (EYFS) - and there is no limit to how many they can earn each week. So let's go!

<u>EYFS</u> - dance	<u>Yr1</u> - wicked	<u>Yr2</u> - shrink	<u>Yr3</u> - vapour
<u>Yr4</u> - courageous	<u>Yr5</u> - impeccable	<u>Yr6</u> - chortle	

# St David's Day - 1st March - Patron Saint of Wales



## Welsh Cakes

### Ingredients

100g mixed butter and lard  
225g plain flour  
85g caster sugar  
50g currants  
a pinch of salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. of baking powder  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. of mixed spice  
1 medium egg, beaten  
splash of milk

### Equipment

large wooden spoon  
large bowl  
electric whisk  
griddle pan  
cooling rack  
sieve  
6cm cutter

### Method

1. In a bowl, rub the fats into the flour and salt until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
2. Stir in the sugar, currants, and mixed spice.
3. Add the beaten egg and mix in to form a firm dough.
4. On a floured board, roll or pat the mixture until about 5-10mm thick.
5. Cut into discs using a 6cm cutter. Grease a flat griddle pan with lard and heat over a medium heat. Cook in batches, for about 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown on both sides.
6. Dust the Welsh Cakes with caster sugar and eat immediately. Some people like to split them and have them with cream and preserves.

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