



St. Joseph's Journal

Free! Friday, 31st March 2023

14th Edition



St Joseph's Day Mass



It was lovely to come together as a school last week to celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St Joseph. This was an uplifting service, with some joyous singing and wonderful readings. We thank Fr Raglan and Deacon Paul for presiding over events and Mrs Dewdney and Mr Wright for pulling it all together.

Easter Message

I am sure you will have taken great pleasure in reading your child's school report earlier this week. We are a strong team here at St Joseph's and the wonderful team of staff are to be congratulated for ensuring the highest possible standards across all year groups and making sure every child progresses towards reaching their full potential. It is such a privilege to work with such an inspirational team. I am frequently in and out of classrooms, visiting lessons and can honestly say your children are incredibly lucky to be taught by such dedicated, talented and gifted teachers. Thank you team! Getting better never stops and we would encourage you to complete the parents' survey over the Easter holidays via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PZ7TFWJ> Remember to tell us what we are doing well alongside suggestions for any further improvements. All feedback only helps ensure we continue to deliver the very best outcomes. We also had our beautiful Stations of the Cross this week. What a wonderful way to finish our term as we approach Holy Week. I wish you all a very blessed Easter and hope you enjoy some quality family time over the next few weeks. Thank you for choosing St Joseph's and making this your school of choice for your child's education.

God Bless, Mrs Walker

St Paul's Church

Easter Triduum Service Times

Maundy Thursday - 8pm

Good Friday - 3pm

Holy Saturday - 8.30pm

Easter Sunday - 8.30am & 10.30am

(There will be no 5pm Mass)

Foodbank

We are very aware that many families are currently under considerable financial pressure and it isn't always easy to ask for help. We have a very good relationship with the local Foodbank team. If there are any families within the school community who would benefit from a Foodbank delivery, please speak to a member of the school office team in the strictest confidence and we can arrange this for you. **Please do get in touch.**



Fortnightly Attendance

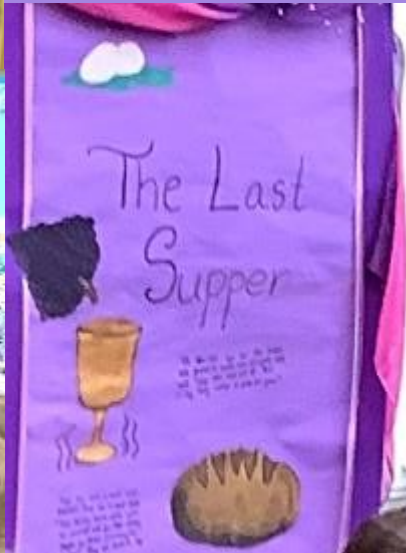
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St C	98%	St D	90%
St E	93%	St F	97%
St Gen	99%	St Geo	93%
St H	95%	St J	94%
St M	96%	St P	94%
St T	97%	St X	96%



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Stations of the Cross

We hope parents who visited us on Wednesday enjoyed viewing our Stations of the Cross. Each class designed their own prayer space with thoughtful readings and scripture references. Throughout the day children went on a special pilgrimage around the school, pausing to reflect on the true meaning of Easter. It was a lovely day.





During the
Season of Lent
contemplate
your heart and
look at our
world with
Hope.

Medicines in School



If we hold medication in school for your child, please remember that it is your responsibility to check expiry dates with the school office. **Particularly Epipens and asthma inhalers.** If your child requires antibiotics or any other medication, we can only administer if your child requires it 4 times or more in a school day. All medication **MUST** come to the school office in its box with the information leaflet enclosed.

NUTS & SESAME

Please remember we have a **NO nut or Sesame** policy in school. This includes sandwich fillings such as Nutella / Peanut Butter and dips such as hummus. We have several children with severe nut and sesame allergies who are at risk of anaphylactic shock.



Easter Bonnets



We were bowled over by the Easter bonnets on parade this morning. Thank you to all who took part and to FOS for providing the prizes. Judging was very tricky for our year 6 team however, after much deliberation, the winners are as follows:
St Andrew: Dolly / St Bernadette: Zadie
St Christopher: Eliza / St David: Freya
St Elizabeth: Emeli-London / St Francis: Dylan
As always, a big thank you to parents for supporting the children with this task - Happy Easter to you all.

Summer Uniform



A reminder that all children should return after the Easter holidays in summer uniform (unless the weather takes a turn for the worse!) - not a mixture of summer and winter. Our uniform leaflet is available on the school website under the 'Parents' tab. We would recommend that during hot weather, children have a sun hat and that sun cream is applied before school. Staff are NOT allowed to apply sun cream. If you have any questions regarding our uniform policy, please speak to Mrs Walker.

St Elizabeth Class Assembly



Last week we were delighted by St Elizabeth's class assembly. Talking about the School Learning Values, the children presented a mix of drama, artwork and writing to show how they use these values everyday in their learning. It was fabulous! Many thanks to Mr Nicholson, Miss Crute, Mrs Hope and Mrs Shifan for supporting the children.



Reporting Absences

Please can we remind parents that **all absence, whether for illness or medical appointments or any other reason, should be reported to the school via Studybugs.** Studybugs is a free app and all reported absence goes directly into the register and keeps class teachers informed of the reason for your child's absence. We have a legal duty to ascertain the whereabouts of all children. By reporting all absences, it prevents office staff from having to ring and email parents to find out the reason for them not being at school and avoids unnecessary home visits. Please remember to report absences daily, your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.



After School Clubs to be released after the Easter Holidays

SummerTerm Diary Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

17th Apr - Return to school

26th Apr - St Margaret Class Assembly, 9am

May

1st May - Bank Holiday

3rd May - Class Photos

3rd May - SEN Parents Evening, 3.30-5.30pm

8th May - Bank Holiday

9-11th - May - National Curriculum Tests, Yr 6

12th May - May Procession, 2.15pm

15th-19th May - KS1 Assessment Week

17th May - St Joan Class Assembly, 9am

18th May - Ascension Day Mass

19th May - Talent Show

22nd-26th May - Fairthorne Manor Residential - Year 6

24th May - St David Class Assembly, 9am

26th May - FOS Cake Sale, St E, St Gen & St J to contribute please

29th May - 2nd Jun - Half Term

June

5th Jun - Back to school

6th Jun - St George Class Assembly, 9am

9th Jun - FOS Non - Uniform (donations)

w/c 12th Jun - Phonics Screening

14th Jun - St Genevieve Class Assembly, 9am

14th Jun - Parent Consultations, Y1-Y6, 3.30-6pm

19th Jun - Open Learning Day, 9-10am / 1.45-2.45pm

21st Jun - St Patrick Class Assembly, 9am

21st Jun - Parent Consultations, Y1-Y6, 3.30-6pm

26th Jun - Inset Day

28th Jun - St Andrew & St Bernadette Class Assembly, 9am

28th Jun - New Parents Reception Evening - Sept starters, 5.45pm

29th Jun - St Peter & St Paul Mass

Please note all dates and events are subject to change.

Dates are also available to view on the St Joseph's website calendar.