St. Joseph's Journal

Friday, 4th April 2025 **14th Edition**

Wishing you all a joyful and blessed Easter!

As we celebrate this season of renewal and hope, I would like to take a moment to congratulate all our children on their hard work and dedication throughout the term. Their enthusiasm for learning and growth has been truly inspiring. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our wonderful staff, whose commitment and care continue to support and guide our pupils every day. As we approach the Easter holidays, I hope you have the time to read your child's individual school report (years 1-6), which provides valuable insight into their progress and achievements.

May this Easter bring peace, joy, and many blessings to you and your families.

God Bless

Mrs Walker

Thank You

We would like to take the opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to all of our helpers this term, as always you have stepped in and helped wherever possible. Our Friends Of School team (FOS) have been incredibly busy running various events. Thank you to our fruit distribution team who wash and deliver fruit to our reception, year 1 and year 2 classes! Without parents, grandparents and governors that help with reading, accompanying on trips and all the other help you provide, we really could **not** manage without you, your help is invaluable. We hope you have a lovely break and we and we look forward to welcoming you back after the Easter holidays.

Mass & Service Times for Holy Week - Catholic Churches of Mid-Sussex

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Normal Sunday Masses in all Churches

At St Paul's, all Palm Sunday Masses will start outside or in the porch - weather depending. Please bring branches. Palms will be available.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:30pm at St Paul's, Haywards Heath

During the offertory, there will be a collection of non-perishable food for Emmaus and the Worthing Homeless project - Turning Tides. There will be watching at the altar of repose until 11pm.

GOOD FRIDAY - SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

3pm at St Paul's, Haywards Heath / 3pm at St Wilfrid's, Burgess Hill

HOLY SATURDAY - THE SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER

7:30pm at St Wilfrid's, Burgess Hill

Singers and Musicians from all churches are welcome to support the music at all of the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY

9am and 11am at St Paul's (No 5pm Mass)

9:30am at St Wilfrid's, Burgess Hill

11am St Edward's / 11am St George's

Attendance

St A	97%	St B	88%	St C	94%
St D	96%	St E	92%	St F	97%
St Gen	95%	St Geo	97%	St H	100%
St J	96%	St M	98%	St P	96%
St T	98%	St X	95%		

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Class Assembly - St Patrick

Thank you to all of St Patrick class for such a fabulous end of term class assembly. They took us on a journey of all their learning and many ventures since September. There was plenty of audience participation along with a rousing rendition of Mud, Glorious Mud!!Many thanks to Mrs Clark, Mrs Ismael, Mrs Shifan and Mrs Westby for supporting them alongside Mr Nicholson, who sadly leaves us today - we wish him and his family every success and happiness in Canterbury.

Easyfundraising

Don't forget whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. There are over 7,000 shops and sites ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Sainsbury's. In particular at this time of year if you're looking to escape the cold weather and are booking a holiday then Tui, Thomas Cook and far more are all signed up – it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3… 1. Head to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephscatholicprimaryhaywardsheath/ and join for free, there is also an App which can be downloaded just as easily.

2. Every time you shop online, go to Easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

Fruit Co-Ordinator Needed - URGENT

Our current fruit co-ordinator Mrs Waite, will be stepping down from this role at the end of the school year, we are very grateful for all her hard work. We are therefore looking for a volunteer or several volunteers, to take on this role.

It involves coordinating our wonderful team of parents who currently wash and distribute the fruit. **Without a fruit coordinator and the parents who volunteer, we would need to stop the provision of fruit for our EYFS and KS1 children.** If you would be able to take on this voluntary role, please get in touch with the school office (full training will be given!) —thank you.

It's a Baby!!

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Marnie Watson. Weighing in at approx. 7lb, 6oz baby Marnie made an appearance last Thursday, 20th March. Both mum and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Ellie, James and the family. We can't wait to meet her.

Medical Appointments

Medical appointments - we ask that wherever possible medical appointments are made outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable then the child should be removed from school for the minimum amount of time possible. **You must send in a copy of the appointment letter / text message to the school office.**

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 guidelines are 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. A reminder of the following:

* No extreme haircuts or hair dye
* Long hair must be tied back. Hair accessories should be black, white or royal blue.
* Children can only wear a watch and small plain **earring studs (in pierced ears)**. No other jewellery is allowed, for safety reasons. No make-up, no nail polish and no transfer tattoos. If you have any questions regarding our uniform policy, please speak to Mrs Walker.

Sporting Events

We've had a busy couple of weeks with sporting events, which the children have all enjoyed. Thank you to the parents that helped escort the children to and from the events.

Sporting Events

Easter Raffle

The Talent Show Easter themed raffle was a great success, raising £427 for the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Wright for providing the prizes and selling the tickets with her band of merry helpers!! The lucky winner of the main prize was Carys in St Andrew class—well done! Many thanks to parents, carers and grandparents for supporting the raffle and buying tickets.

Talent Show

Huge congratulations to all the contestants that took part in the Talent Show last Friday organised by our FOS team. What a talented bunch of children we have at this school! The winner was Freya in year 3 who sang beautifully, despite an initial technical hitch, she persevered and the audience enjoyed a rendition of 'Popular' from Wicked. Many thanks to our year 6 comperes who were also very professional in introducing the acts and keeping everyone abreast of the evenings, goings on! As always a BIG thank you to FOS who organise these events, it takes a lot of hard work behind the scenes and we are very grateful. A final thank you to our judging panel of Mrs Dewdney, Mrs Monnery and Mrs Rogers, and to parents who supported the children with their acts and of course bought tickets to watch them.

Easter Bonnet Parade

We were bowled over by the Easter bonnets on parade this morning in the sunshine. Thank you to all who took part and to FOS for providing the prizes. After MUCH deliberation by our year 6 judges, the winners were as follows:

St Andrew: Natasha / St Bernadette: Audrey / St Christopher: Nina / St David: Imogen / St Elizabeth: Sienna / St Francis: Zoe

As always, a big thank you to parents for supporting the children in making their bonnets and for attending the parade this morning.

Happy Easter to you all.

Spiritual Pilgrimage

Summer Term Diary Dates

22nd Apr - INSET DAY - School Closed
23rd Apr - Summer Term Begins
24th Apr - St George Class Swimming Lessons Start
29th Apr - Class Photos
30th Apr - SEN Parents Evening, Years R-6

May

2nd May - FOS Non-Uniform Day, £1.00 donation via ParentPay
5th May - May Day Bank Holiday
7th May - St Margaret Class Assembly, 9am
12th-16th May - National Curriculum Tests Yr 6
14th May - St Joan Class Assembly, 9am
16th May - May Procession, 1.30pm
19th-23rd May - Yr 6 Residential Fairthorne Manor
21st May - 7th May - St Christopher Class Assembly, 9am
22nd May - FOS Cake Sale (St E, St Gen & St H to contribute please)
26th - 30th May - Half Term

June

2nd Jun—Back to school
w/c 9th Jun - Phonics Screening Week
11th Jun - St Genevieve Class Assembly, 9am
11th Jun - Parent Consultations Y1-Y6, 3.30-6pm
18th Jun - St George Class Assembly, 9am
18th Jun - Parent Consultations Y1-Y6, 3.30-6pm
19th Jun - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
20th Jun - KS2 Sports Day
25th Jun - St Elizabeth Class Assembly, 9am
25th Jun - New Parents Evening - Starting School September 2025, 5.45pm
27th Jun - Open Learning Day, 9-10am / 1.45-2.45pm
30th Jun - INSET DAY - School Closed

Please note all dates and events are subject to change. Dates are also available to view on the St Joseph's website calendar.