

# St Joseph's School

## 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Newsletter



### Speak out challenge

Three children from Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 took part in the Trust Speak Out Challenge. They had to demonstrate their oracy skills by delivering a short speech on a topic of their choice in front of an audience. They were then judged on their ability to engage the audience, speak clearly, and confidently express their ideas.

### Dear parents and carers,

It has been very busy start to the final half term. Year 1 and Year 4 have been completing their Phonics and Multiplication tests this week. They have worked very hard all year preparing and we are so proud of each and everyone of them.

There are lots of fantastic events and activities happening in these final weeks of term and we understand that due to work and other commitments parents and carers are not always able to make every event. We have tried to make sure events are spread evenly across mornings, afternoons and evenings to try and accommodate as many people as possible. We will keep working with parents to get the balance just right.

Two large events coming up soon are the Summer Sizzler and our annual Open Evening. I have had several meetings with the FOSJ regarding the Summer Sizzler (12th July); the plan for the day sounds absolutely brilliant! I know everyone in the FOSJ have been working their socks off to make sure the day is a success. We will also be hosting our annual Open Evening on the 8th July between 3.30-5.30. This is always a superb event where parents, carers, grandparents and siblings can celebrate the work the children have done this year

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### Upcoming dates for the diary!

#### June

9<sup>th</sup> Science week  
20<sup>th</sup> Inset day  
23<sup>rd</sup> Spirituality Week  
27<sup>th</sup> Sports day

#### July

1<sup>st</sup> Liturgy 9.30 am  
8<sup>th</sup> Open evening 3.30-5.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> FOSJ summer Sizzler  
14<sup>th</sup> Year 5 & 6 play  
15<sup>th</sup> Year 6 leavers assembly  
15<sup>th</sup> Year 6 leavers party  
17<sup>th</sup> KS2 Choir  
18<sup>th</sup> End of term

## Science week

This week across the school we have been celebrating our Science Week. We kick started the week with a wonderful workshop from Shannon at Fab Science. We learnt all about forces and watched loads of experiments including:

- 1) The 'egg in a bottle' experiment where we witnessed the effect of pressure changes caused by heating the air within the conical flask. We couldn't believe our eyes when we saw the large egg fit through the narrow opening of the flask and then come back out again.
- 2) The 'imploding can' experiment was awesome. Shannon heated a small amount of water in the can and we could steam coming out of the opening. She then cooled it by putting the can in cold water. The pressure caused the can to crush and collapse inward.
- 3) The 'expanded marshmallow' experiment demonstrated Boyle's Law as we saw them expand and fill the container when the surrounding pressure was reduced and they shrunk when the pressure increased. It was amazing to see!
- 4) The 'fill the 3m bag with 1 breath' experiment was next. Based on the number of breaths it took her to inflate the small bag we thought it would take her around 30 breaths to inflate the larger bag. To our surprise it took just 1 breath. Shannon taught us about Bernoulli's principle.
- 5) Our next experiment was 'floating beach ball'. The fast-flowing air from the leaf blower created a zone of low pressure that was able to make the beach ball hover over our head's.
- 6) Finally, we ended with the 'rocket launch'. We went out onto the field and saw the rocket launch across the whole field.





## Nursery News

This week the children have been Scientists! Each day we have explored and investigated different aspects of science. The children used a selection of natural and man-made objects to discover what materials float or sink and using new vocabulary, heavy, heaviest, light, lightest, sink, float and surface. We also explored what materials are magnetic and finished science week by exploring what happens when you mix glue, shaving foam and food colouring – puffy paint!



## Gold Book Winners

Well done to all our Gold book winners this week:

R: Luke  
Y1: Bobby and Helen  
Y2: Louis  
Y3: Lexie  
Y4: George  
Y5: Niamh  
Y6: Ethan

## Year 6 News

Year 6 have started to create art based on their memories in Year 6. They have made a mind map and now started to plan their relief sculpture.

Year 6 enjoyed some investigations that helped them to understand how adaptation might lead to evolution. We were inspired by Charles Darwin's discovery of finches and tested which beak is best for a specific type of food.



## Prayer

Holy Spirit, you are the breath of God, the power of love, and the fire of faith. Fill our hearts with your presence, guide our steps, and empower us to be your instruments of love and peace  
Amen



Have a great weekend!