

St Joseph's School

16th May 2025 Newsletter



The children were able to experience a visit from a group of owls this morning. The children were absolutely thrilled to meet the owls, and it's been all they've been talking about!

Experiences like this go a long way in sparking a love for nature, animals, and learning in general. It was not only educational but also memorable for so many of the children.

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Year 6 who completed their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, perseverance, and resilience shown by each and every one of you. You approached the week with maturity and determination, and we hope you feel proud of all you have achieved.

Next week, we will be sharing our reflections preparation on Pentecost during our Gospel assembly. I am always struck by the strength of character shown by the disciples as they waited in a small upstairs room, uncertain and afraid, yet holding fast to their faith. Their courage and patience, even in the most difficult circumstances, continue to serve as a powerful reminder of how we, too, can persevere and carry on with hope.

As we approach the half-term break, we will also be saying goodbye to Ms Natali, who will be starting her maternity leave. We send her our warmest wishes as she begins this exciting new chapter and look forward to hearing her joyful news in the months to come.

After half term, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Grahame back from her own maternity leave. She will be taking over the majority of teaching in Year 1, and we are delighted to have her returning to St Josephs.

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Together we grow
in God's love,
learning to be the
best we can be.

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Upcoming dates for the diary!

May

20th Taster Cricket day Y1-6
22nd LIFT session -Reading
22nd Y5-6 Girls football
26th -30th Half term -3:15pm collection

June

5th Nursing team visiting
Reception
9th Science week
10th Class photos
18th Year1 Hertford Zoo
20th Inset day
23rd Spirituality Week
27th Sports day KS1 – AM
27th Sports day KS2 – PM

July

1st Liturgy 9.30 am
8th Open evening
9th Rock steady concert
10th Transition day
15th Year2 Capel Manor
18th End of term

Year 4 Art

Year 4 have been learning about using tint and shade when painting. They drew and painted 3D objects onto a grid. They mixed tints and shades carefully to paint each square a slightly different colour. Their aim was to show light and shadow on their painted object.



Mary Month of May



During this special month of May, each class has contributed to a beautiful project by recreating images of Mary as she is represented in different cultures around the world. These stunning artworks have come together to form a vibrant and inspiring display in our school hall, reminding us of Mary's presence and love.

In addition, our Chaplaincy Team has been leading the Rosary each lunchtime in the Prayer Garden. It has been wonderful to see so many children choosing to take part; in fact, the team has been inundated with enthusiastic participants! This quiet and prayerful time has provided a special way for the children to keep Mary close to our hearts throughout this holy month. We are so proud of the children's reverence, and we thank the Chaplaincy Team for helping us all grow in faith.



Year 6 Art

Year 6 have been busy preparing for SATs, however this has not stopped the children from being imaginative, creative and enthusiastic about all the other areas of curriculum. The art looks great so far!



Pope Leo XIV



It was wonderful to see Pope Leo step out on the Vatican balcony. His leadership is expected to focus on unity, care for the poor, and guiding the Church through the challenges of our modern world, all while staying true to the teachings of Christ. In the coming weeks, we will take the opportunity for pupils to learn more about the role of the Pope, and how Catholic leadership continues to inspire people across the globe. Let us keep Pope Leo in our prayers as he begins this important and sacred journey.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,
 You guide us on the path of life
 and your goodness is our constant
 companion.
 Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
 in his service of the Church.
 Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
 the peace of your presence
 and the compassion of Christ.
 May he walk with you,
 in wisdom and humility,
 and lead us, together with all God's
 people,
 to embody your love for the world.
 Amen.

Swimming, PE and Forest school timetable

	Swimming	PE lesson	Forest School
Monday	YR/Y1/Y2/Y6		
Tuesday		Y4/Y6	Y4/Y6
Wednesday	Y5/Y3		
Thursday		YR/Y1/Y5	YR/Y1/Y5
Thursday	Y4	Y5/Y1	Y5/Y2
Friday	Additional swimming	Y2/Y3	Y2/Y3

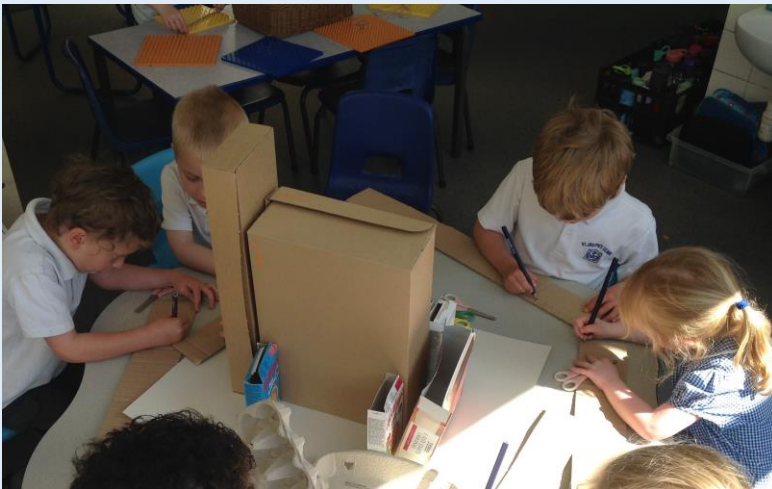
Gold Book Winners

Well done to all our Gold book winners this week:

R: Herby
Y1: Willow
Y2: Alby
Y3: Jack
Y4: Oscar
Y5: Maggie-May
Y6: Whole class

Reception Castles, Dragons and Knights

We have continued our topic of castles, knights and dragons in Reception and this week, the children have been working in groups to create their own castles. The children discussed how they wanted the castles to look, stuck the pieces together and are now in the process of painting and adding the details! The children have also been doing some planting and we now have flowers and strawberry plants to look after in our Reception garden.



Nursery News

This week, the Nursery children have been really creative using their own ideas in the role play area to create imaginative games and stories. They extended their play using the junk modelling and variety of mark making resources to create a 'castle train'.



Have a great weekend!