

St Joseph's School

28th March 2025 Newsletter



Trust Writing Competition

We are very proud of all of our writers but are exceptionally proud to announce we achieved two, **first place awards** across the Trust. A year 6 pupil won overall in the upper key stage two category and a year 4 pupil won overall in the lower key stage two category. The competition was open to all schools within the trust, so this is a big achievement! Well done to everyone involved!

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of another busy and joyful term, this important time of year offers us a moment to pause, reflect, and share. Just as Jesus rose again, we too can renew our faith and love for one another.

This past week has been filled with wonderful events. I had the privilege of accompanying a group of children to the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday for the 30th Hertfordshire Music Gala. It was a truly special experience—one that the children will cherish forever.

In the past few days, all classes have participated in the Stations of the Cross around the field, beautifully led by our chaplaincy team.

Looking ahead, next week will be equally eventful with the Year 3-4 Easter production, Ks2 Choir Concert, Rocksteady Concert, and Cross-country races. Calling it a busy last week would be an understatement! However, it is fantastic to see such a rich and varied school curriculum in action.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported the school in making these events possible. It is very much appreciated.

Martin Maloney
Headteacher

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

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Upcoming date for the diary!

March

31st – Charity Toy Sale! – **Don't forget to bring in your small toy donation and £1 to purchase a new toy.**

April

2nd – Rocksteady concert 9:30am
2nd – Easter production yrs. 3&4 – 2:00pm
3rd – Easter production yrs. 3&4 – 9:30am
3rd – KS2 Choir concert – 2:30pm
Don't forget your Easter bonnet, KS2!
4th – End of term. Collection at 1:15pm
7th – **21st Easter Holidays**
22nd – Return to school
23rd – LFT session. Maths focus.
29th – Yr 2 scootability

May

2nd – Reading picnic

An online talk by Jane Keyworth

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

Thursday 3rd April 10 -11:30am

Tuesday 29th April 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



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on the **Homepage**



PINS Survey

Dear Parents / Carers

Your child's school has been participating in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project which aims to improve the school experience and outcomes for children who are neurodiverse and attending mainstream primary school.

Through participation in the project school staff have received training and support from Hertfordshire County Council's Specialist Advisory Services and Herts Parent Carer Involvement has been working with the school to help families and the school work together to improve support for children.

I am writing to ask you to please complete the second version of the PINS parent carer survey which will enable us to determine if parents /carers have seen a change following the school's participation in the project.

The survey should take less than five minutes to complete and you can find it here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HertsPINS2> or by scanning the QR code.



Notes from the SENCO

Happy Friday 😊

It has been a busy couple of weeks for SEN at St Joseph's:

We had our final PINS coffee morning with the lovely Elaine and one of the key things that came out was parents and carers are keen to meet but mornings are not necessarily easy. For the next coffee and chat after Easter, I am proposing an afterschool time with the potential for children to be in the year 2 classroom supervised by myself. Please could you contact me at senco@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk or if you are part of the parent WhatsApp group, let Georgia know if this would be of interest.

Our speech and Language therapy students Imrana and Tanner are now well established and the children are really enjoying the sessions.

I am including some links to websites that you may find potentially useful;

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/the-hertfordshire-local-offer.aspx>

<https://spaceherts.org.uk/>

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>

<https://adhduk.co.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Rachel Mayes 😊



JH FOOTBALLING CAMP

THREE DAY CAMP in which the days will be
Tues 8th, Weds 9th & Thurs 10th April
The camps will run from 9-3pm on each day
and will be held at...

St Joseph's Primary School
North Rd, Hertford
SG14 2BU



JH FOOTBALL COACHING

The Camps are for children ages (5-12)

£25 (One Day)
£45 (Two Days)
£60 (Three Days)

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FACE Easter Timetable	
all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Facing Defiance	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	8 April 10am
Understanding Anger	8 April 7PM
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm
What is ACT	15 April 10am
Introduction to OCD	15 April 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	22 April 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	22 April 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	24 April 7pm
Improving Family Communication	28 April 10am
Autism Improving Communication	28 April 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	29 April 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	29 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	6 May 7pm



How can you get your family to get more steps in a day?

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Rabbits	Daisy patches	Horses
Convertible car	Bird of prey	Someone wearing flip flops
Lake or pond	Butterflies	Someone having a picnic

Remember to stay safe while you walk! Carefully check roads before you cross them and don't get too close to the edge of water.

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*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.



Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday 24th April 19:00 - 20:00 FREE		Responding to Angry Behaviour What can we do in the moment?
Tuesday 18th March 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Anxiety Explained Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.
Thursday 3rd April 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.
Tuesday 3rd April 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Improving Family Communication How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

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Sporting News



Well done to the Y5&6 girls football team, they played brilliantly at the district football competition on the **20th March**.



24th March 2025

Today the netball team played a tournament at Chauncy School. We played 4 pool matches and won them all! We then had to play the winners of Pool A which was Sacred Heart! Unfortunately, we lost the final and finished in 2nd place overall. We are very proud of all the girls, it was a real team effort from them all. Well done to Amelie, Cara, Emily, Emily, Laura, Rosa, Sophia, Veronica, Verity and Victoria.

Mrs Moffett



The year 6 boys football team played brilliantly at a district football tournament against Hertford and Ware schools this morning and came 5th overall - well done!

Gold Book Winners

Well done to all our Gold book winners this week:

R: Chester
Y1: Meghan
Y2: Louis
Y3: Olivia
Y4: Cian
Y5: Sebastian S
Y6: Aron

Prayer

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I end this Lenten journey with you.

Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you.

Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love.

Amen



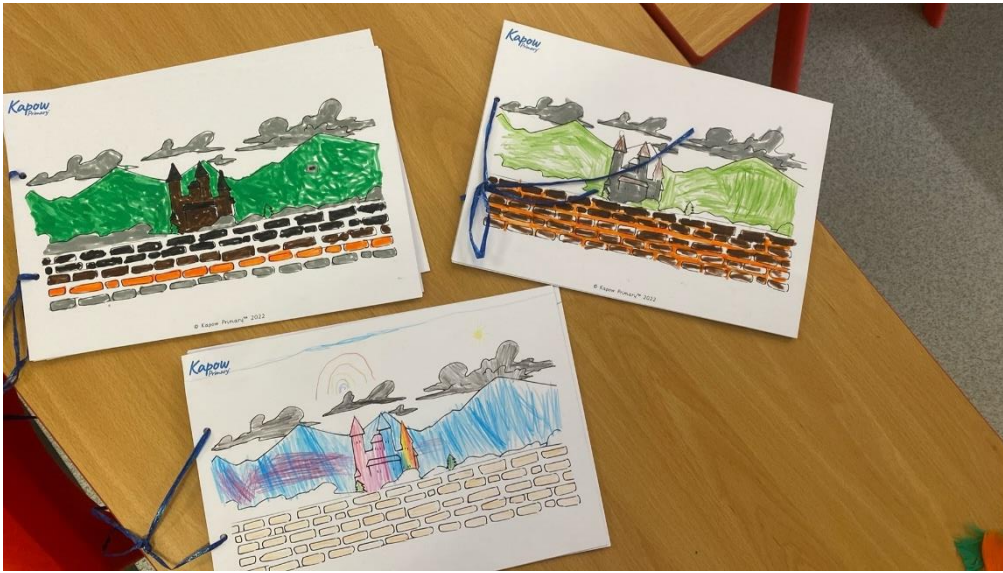
Hertfordshire Music Gala at the Royal Albert Hall!



Stations of the cross

This week, years 1-6 have been out on the school field to participate in stations of the cross. All children were incredibly reflective and respectful.





Year 1 News

Year 1 have been working hard on their moving story books. We have assembled our books and will be creating our moving mechanisms next week in DT. They have all worked really hard and our very excited to share our finished books next week with everyone!



Year 2 News

As part of our current art topic studying artist, Susan Stockwell, year 2 have been experimenting with block printing using polystyrene tiles.



Have a great weekend!