

St Joseph's School

14th March 2025 Newsletter



Netball Superstars

Our incredible netball team played an excellent match against Millmead on Thursday. They showed excellent skill, team work and sportsmanship and ended the match with an amazing victory of 4-1. Well done to all of our netball players!

Dear parents and carers,

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It has been a fantastic couple of weeks at St. Joseph's! Early last week, our Reception and Nursery classes had a special visit from the Police. The children were thrilled to learn all about the important work the Police do and how they help keep our school and community safe.

This week, we also launched our Reading Challenge, and it was wonderful to see so many children eager to take part—kicking off with a bang on World Book Day! It was fantastic to see so many students engaged in their love of reading, dressed up as their favourite characters. The Reading Challenge is a brilliant way to encourage your children to explore a wider variety of books and genres.

Additionally, as you are aware, Miss House will soon be going on maternity leave, which we anticipate will begin within the first few weeks after the Easter holidays. We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Cooper, an experienced Year 2 teacher, has been appointed as the class teacher for Year 2 on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Mrs. Cooper is a highly skilled practitioner with over six years of experience at St. Joseph's as both a teacher and a teaching assistant. We are confident she will integrate seamlessly into the Year 2 team alongside Ms. Mayes and Mrs. Rojas.

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

18th – Book fair
20th – Book fair
19th – St Joseph's day mass
11:00am – all are welcome!
26th **LIFT session** –
Nursery at 9:00am
Yrs. R – 6 at 2:50pm

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
4th – End of term. Collection at
1:15pm
7th – **21st Easter Holidays**
22nd – Return to school
23rd – LFT session. Maths focus.



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Notes from the SENCO

PINS- Wednesday 12th March was the final input from the wonderful PINS team for the time being and I was really fortunate to come away with a huge amount of resources that will be fantastic to support children's sensory needs. It also included books around topics such as Dyslexia, ADHD, ASD which will be part of a display area in the Dining room that celebrates neurodiversity.

The third PINS parent carers coffee morning run by the lovely Elaine will take place in the Dining room from 9am -10am on Friday 21st March.

SALT- Our two speech students, Imrana and Tanner have embedded their groups in Nursery and Reception and the children are really enjoying being part of them. The two girls are now going to be focussing on specific children enabling us to give more children bespoke SALT support.

Masking- Training is being carried out with staff on 21st March so that we develop an even greater awareness of the signs of masking and how to support.

Have a restful weekend

Rachel Mayes 😊

Reception News

Our topic in Reception this half term is all about life cycles! The children have been painting pictures in the style of Eric Carle, playing in our Garden Centre role play area and looking for signs of Spring and new growth around our classroom and in Forest School. We have also set up an experiment by putting some beans inside a jar with some damp paper to see if they will grow, the children were very excited to see a shoot from one of the beans this week!



Gold Book Winners

Well done to all our Gold book winners this week:

R: Meredyth
Y1: Helen
Y2: Ferne
Y3: Isabelle
Y4: Cian
Y5: Rory
Y6: Arthur

Prayer

Christ is before me,
Behind me,
He's over me
And under me
Christ is within me,
With me
All around
He lives in me
Overshadows me,
Morning, day and night

Thanks be to the Lord
of all creation

Amen

St Patrick Prayer for us



Reception News

Spring has sprung in the Early Years garden and we have spotted catkins, crocuses and daffodils. The children are also noticing Spring on their way to school and talking about what they have seen, which shows they are looking at the world around them. We were busy planting carrots and wild flowers this week and the children have been learning about what plants need to grow.

On Tuesday we were lucky to be invited by playgroup to their Police visit. The children met the community officers and learned that 999 is a number to be called for emergencies only and we talked about all the other services that might be needed. The children loved dressing up in real life police uniform and also got to sit in the police car.



Have a great weekend!