

St Joseph's School

7th February 2025 Newsletter



Jubilee Year

We have begun our Jubilee journey. There will be lots more updates to come throughout this year. We have watched an animation about Jubilee year during our key stage assemblies and children are already showing a very good understanding of its importance and focus. We have been hard at work transforming our entrance display to reflect this.

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learning to be the
best we can be.**

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Dear parents and carers,

This week at St Joseph's, we came together to celebrate the Jubilee Launch Day! Teachers spoke to the children about the Jubilee Year and how each of them will embark on a journey as 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

The Jubilee Year is a special time focused on forgiveness and reconciliation, inviting people to restore their relationship with God. This sacred year is only celebrated every 25 years, a tradition that dates back to 1470 when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. The theme for this Jubilee is 'Pilgrims of Hope', and Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to rediscover a deeper spirituality in God's creation.

Throughout the coming year, there will be many opportunities for the pupils to take part in pilgrimages and activities to renew their faith. We have already begun this journey, with our Year 5 class attending a spiritual retreat at Kintbury. Early next week, our Chaplaincy Team will join other teams from across the Trust for a special retreat, further deepening their spiritual connection.

We look forward to an inspiring year ahead, filled with reflection, growth, and faith.

For more information please follow: <https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee-schools/jubilee-info-and-faqs>

In other news, we will be saying goodbye to a valued member of our team at the end of the Spring term. Ms. Baignet will be leaving St. Joseph's at Easter to take on a new role as an EHCP Coordinator. We would like to extend a huge thank you for all the dedication and hard work she has put into supporting the youngest members of our school community. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the best in her new role!

Martin Maloney
Headteacher

Upcoming date for the diary!

February

12th & 13th – Parents consultations

17th-21st – Half term

24th – Return to school

March

5th – Ash Wednesday Mass
time TBC

6th – World book day – *more information to follow.*

w/c 17th – Book fair. - *more information to follow.*

19th – St Joseph's day mass
time TBC

26th LIFT session. Reading focus.

April

4th – End of term. Collection at 1:15pm

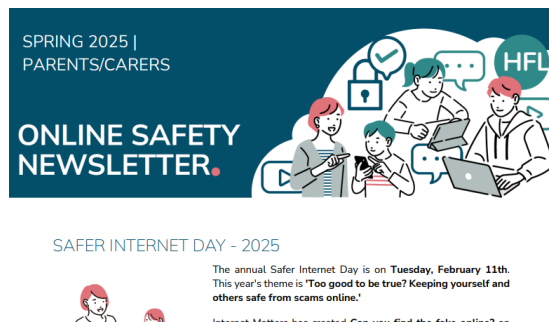
7th – 21st Easter Holidays

22nd – Return to school

23rd – LIFT session. Maths focus.

Online Safety Newsletter

Visit this link for the spring 2025 online safety newsletter for parents. It has important information about Roblox, Instagram, and a digital literacy guide from INHOPE. Please do take time to read the newsletter and stay up to date on the latest guidance and support. <https://www.stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk/online-safety/>



Notes from the SENCo

Updates

- Adaptive Teaching- Staff had training from Alison Lindsell (Specialist Teacher- Amwell View) and good ideas moving forward to support adaptive teaching.
- Sensory Environment- Sensory toolkit boxes will be up and running at the beginning of March and I will post list of the resources in my note from the SENCo when this happens.
- Emotional Wellbeing- Through PINS, we have further staff training on supporting the emotional wellbeing of our pupils. I will post further details of what this support will look like after the training.
- Year 4 took part in a Workshop run by Alison Lindsell about Neurodiversity, this is the third workshop that we have run and both children and parents have said that they were informative, interesting and gave the children a different perspective.
- Charley Crowe from the Communication and Autism team visited on Wednesday 5th February and took a learning walk around the school to identify the provision that is already in place and suggestions for further things we can do. She was very complimentary on what she saw within the classes.
- We also discussed that a number of children mask during the school day, which can lead to sometimes very challenging behaviour at home, with this in mind Charley will be coming in to school to carry out staff training around Masking and how to identify when a child is masking during the school day.
- If your child has an Individual Support Plan, reviews are in the first two weeks after half term and you will have received an email with a date and time. Please let me know by 14th February whether you are able to attend.

Dates

Friday 14th February: 9am -10am - Coffee morning around SEN at St Joseph's

I am holding a coffee morning next Friday for anyone who would like to find out more about additional support offered at St Joseph's and how to access support

Friday 14th February; Last day to respond regarding Individual Support Plans

Any questions please contact me at senco@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Rachel Mayes



A message from Jessica Ennis-Hill

Take a look at our personalized message from Jessica Ennis-Hill, due to our participation in the Tesco Stronger Starts campaign. Again, thank you to Tesco shoppers who have voted for us! Watch the video here: <https://strongerstarts.tesco.com/video/9e11ee4b-b75e-4d06-ba00-fabd0f8f7334>



Thank you

Thank you to Mrs. Campbell for her generous donation of felt and fabric to support the year 2 DT curriculum. We will be sure to put it to very good use.

Year 5 residential trip

Year 5 have been having an absolutely amazing time at the St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. The children have had time for reflections, prayers with Brother Bernard, made Lasallian stars for the next guests, played team building games and generally enjoyed being in each other's company, and that of the members of the St Cassian's household. The children have behaved impeccably and represented the school superbly.



Gold Book Winners

Well done to all our Gold book winners this week:

R: Alistair

Y1: Marcus

Y2: Isla

Y3: Isabelle

Y4: *Visiting the library*

Y5: *Away on a residential*

Y6: Gabriella

Prayer

A prayer of hope God, our loving Father, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to love creation. Help us to work together to replant, repair, and renew. Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Jesus, our light, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to love our neighbours and to set free those who suffer. Help us to treat everyone with dignity; to be fair, forgiving and kind. Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Holy Spirit, our inspiration, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love. Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others, and to be united as God's global family. Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope. Amen Amen.

Year 2 Sewing continues!

This week we have continued with our textiles work. The children have used a template and pinned it carefully to their chosen fabric. They have also cut their fabric, ready to begin sewing next week!



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Year 1 3D sculptures

In Year 1, we have been making 3D sculptures. We folded and rolled strips of paper to create 3D shapes. We then chose how we would arrange these shapes to make our 3D drawing. We also added patterns using pens and used scissors to cut out shapes. Year 1 worked very hard on their 3D art pieces- well done Year 1!



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Trunki

Trunki is still very loved across EYFS, KS1 and lower KS2. It was wonderful to hear that the cuddly toy from a KS1 trunki enjoyed park run and a trip to the supermarket! Do send us your photos and let us know if you are enjoying your class trunki.



Have a great weekend!