

# St Joseph's School

## 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Newsletter



### Gymnastics competition

Our amazing KS1 gymnastics team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in a recent competition and individually, Lucy came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Floor and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Body Management floor routine. Mrs Moffett was so proud of how all of the children conducted themselves. They did their best and were fantastic ambassadors for St Joseph's. Well done to all the children who participated. What an incredible result!



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learning to be the  
best we can be.

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### Dear parents and carers,

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It was a pleasure to share our Ofsted report with the school community this morning. We are pleased that the Inspector was able to see what a warm inclusive school community we have and that pupils thrive at St Joseph's. As part of our continuous effort to improve, there are areas that require focus, and we have already begun collaborating with the local authority and the Trust to address them.

Next week is our second Lift session of the year. It is a great way for the children to show parents and carers the books they are reading in class and an opportunity to spend some time sharing books and stories. It would be wonderful to see as many parents and carers as possible.

The weather has been changeable to say the least over the last few weeks. I would ask that all children are dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather. We endeavour to learn and play outside in most weather conditions and the correct clothing is key to allowing this to happen.

Martin Maloney  
Headteacher

### Upcoming date for the diary!

#### January

28<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 2 Hertford museum trip  
29<sup>th</sup> – LIFT session, reading focus

#### February

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Parents consultations  
**17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Half term**  
24<sup>th</sup> – Return to school  
27<sup>th</sup> – LIFT session, reading focus

#### March

5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Mass  
*time TBC*  
6<sup>th</sup> – World book day – *more information to follow.*  
w/c 14<sup>th</sup> – Book fair. - *more information to follow.*  
19<sup>th</sup> – St Joseph's day mass  
*time TBC*

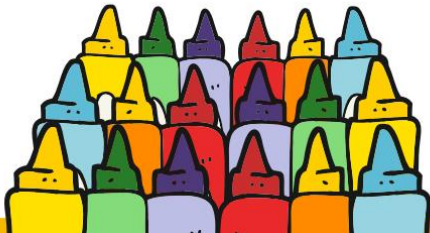
#### April

7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Holidays

**ST. JOSEPHS BABY + TODDLER GROUP**

**EVERY TERM TIME FRIDAY**

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST JOSEPH, HERTFORD  
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## Notes from the SENco

Hello and happy Friday 😊

Thank you to those who attended the PINS coffee morning. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are focusing on supporting sensory needs within school and adaptive teaching. The next step for sensory needs is to create a sensory tool box for each classroom that will have items such as wobble cushions, theraputty, ear defenders, fidgets to name a few. The idea is that these are available for anyone in the class who may need some extra support even if just for a lesson, a day or a week etc.

With SEN being in the news a lot recently, I would also like to hold a series of coffee mornings- the first being on 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10am to share more information about what SEN looks like at St Joseph's.

Our Speech and Language student Imrana started with us on Tuesday and will be with us every week from the 4<sup>th</sup> February until the Easter holiday and then three times a week during the summer term. This will allow us to support even more children with speech and language needs.

Finally, I wanted to share a link that a parent shared with me for a lovely session that the Science museum offer specifically for children with additional needs. Please click on the link for more information.

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/early-birds>

Have a restful weekend

Rachel Mayes



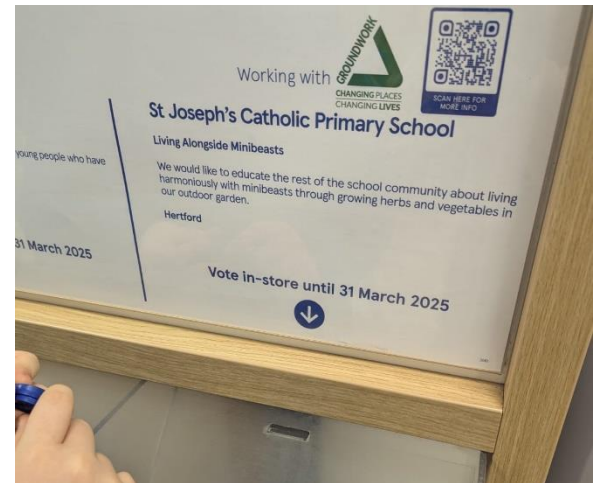
## Interactive science family FUN workshops

Each workshop explores a different area of science:

- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February **Fantastic Friction**
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March **Let there be light!**
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March **Make it fly!**
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April **All afloat!**
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April **On the move**
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May **the Gingerbread Man**

- > all start at 2 pm (apart 19<sup>th</sup> April which starts at 10:30 am)
- > all sessions last about an hour
- > 10 people per session
- > all children must be accompanied by an adult
- > £3 per child – adults go free
- > payments must be taken when booking
- > you can pay online or in Hertford Library

Suitable for children ages 5 - 9



### Vote for us!

We are taking part in Tesco blue token competition.

Last time the funds were spent on (among other smaller items for children): outdoor music equipment, wooden gazebo that all the children love using and chalkboard for drawing. Could you please spread the word to put the tokens for our school if anyone is shopping at Tesco Hertford.

Thank you for your support.



## DSPL3 SEND COFFEE MORNING

We are excited to invite all parents and carers of children with SEND to a relaxed and supportive meeting designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities. This gathering will serve as a welcoming space for you to connect with other parents and carers, share experiences, and gain insights into various topics that matter to you. Whether you're looking for practical advice, emotional support, or simply a chance to meet and chat with others in a similar situation, this event promises to be both informative and enriching with a range of professionals available to you. Light refreshments will be provided, and we encourage you to bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss. We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!



## Gold Book Winners

Well done to all our Gold book winners this week:

R: Namiko  
Y1: Meghan  
Y2: Frankie  
Y3: Aoife  
Y4: Oakley  
Y5: Grace  
Y6: Stanley

## Prayer

O God,

send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may see you in my mind that I may remember,

and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak holiness, tenderness and mercy.

Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end.

May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for now and forever.

Amen.

## Reception News

In Reception, our topic is all about pets! The children have been sharing photos of their own pets, painting pictures and made a moving pet using split pins for DT week. They have also been enjoying our Vets role play area and in Literacy, we have looked at the books 'The Great Pet Sale' and 'Six Dinner Sid'.



## Nursery News

The children in Nursery have enjoyed exploring the ice and frost both in their play and at Forest School. It was the inspiration for a Design and Technology project to bring the outdoors in by creating paper snowflakes. This gave them an opportunity to practise their scissor skills. In Maths the children have worked on their number recognition by matching the right amount of counters to the numeral, playing the 'Show me fingers' game and singing some favourite number songs, such as Five Little Ducks and Five Currant Buns.



## Can you help us?

If any children have grown out of any **large floor puzzles** suitable for Nursery age children (Aged 3-4) we would be grateful of donations. Only puzzles without missing pieces please.

Many thanks, Miss Baigent, Nursery Teacher.



## We're in need of socks...

With the current wet weather, we are finding spare socks are handy for us to have on hand in case children get wet feet during break or lunchtime. However, we have a shortage of spare socks for older children (KS2). If you have any spare, clean socks suitable for KS2 that you no longer need, we would be very grateful to receive them via the office or your child's class teacher.

Thank you in advance!

## Year 3 at the library:

Finally, year 3 had a fantastic trip to our local library. They used the trip to support their poetry writing and once completed, their poems will be displayed in the children's section of the library! Look out for more updates on this in the future.



Have a great weekend!