

St Joseph's School

19th September 2022 Newsletter



New gates



As you may have noticed, we were fortunate to receive a grant to upgrade our fences and gates over the Summer. These improvements have increased security around the site while also making it easier for visitors to exit safely. We now have a push-button exit system, meaning parents and visitors can leave the site without needing the office to release the gate.

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

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new year!

It has already been a fantastic start, and I have thoroughly enjoyed speaking with all the classes over the past two weeks. It is clear that pupils are enthusiastically engaging in their learning and contributing with great energy.

A very warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception parents who have recently joined our school community. It has been a pleasure to begin putting faces to names and meeting you at the school gate in the mornings.

Today, we appointed our new School Council members. They have a very important role to play this year, gathering ideas and feedback from their classes to share at our fortnightly School Council meetings with Mrs. Roblett. Their focus will be on Net Zero and sustainability, exploring ways we can reduce our school's carbon footprint and make a positive difference together.

Finally, a reminder about school attendance. It is vital that children attend regularly, as every day missed is a loss of valuable learning. Each morning begins with focused early morning work during our soft entry between 8:45 and 9:05. Please ensure pupils are in school before the gates close at 9:00am, as missing these important activities on a regular basis can affect your child's progress.

Martin Maloney
Headteacher

Upcoming date for the diary!

October

- ❖ 1st – Playing with poetry workshop.
- ❖ 3rd St Francis of Assisi feast day celebration mass at 10:30am
7th Harvest Liturgy 9.20
- ❖ 22nd Parent consultations 3:30pm - 6pm
- ❖ 23rd Parent consultations 3:30pm - 7pm
- ❖ 24th End of half term pick up at 3:15pm
- ❖ 27th – 31st half term

November

- ❖ 11th Remembrance Service with Chaplaincy lead at 10:45am
- ❖ 28th Occasional day school is closed

December

- ❖ 1st Assessment week
- ❖ 5th Decorating day
- ❖ 10th KS2 Advent service at the church (PM)
- ❖ 11th Trust Carol Service at St Augustine's Parish Church
- ❖ 16th Nursery and Reception Nativity play (AM)
- ❖ 17th School Christmas dinner
- ❖ 18th KS1 Nativity play (AM)
- ❖ 19th End of term pick up at 1:15pm

Playing with Poetry workshop

On **Wednesday 1st October**, as part of our celebrations for **National Poetry Day 2025**, your child will be taking part in an exciting workshop called **“Playing with Poetry”**, delivered by *As Creatives*. This is a fun, hands-on poetry workshop aimed at helping children explore language in a playful way. The idea is to remove any fear or hesitation around poetry by encouraging imagination, creativity, and joy in playing with words. Each class will take part in age appropriate workshop with guided activities exploring sounds, rhythm, rhyme, and the playful side of poetry. They will then work together to create collaborative poems with their classmates.

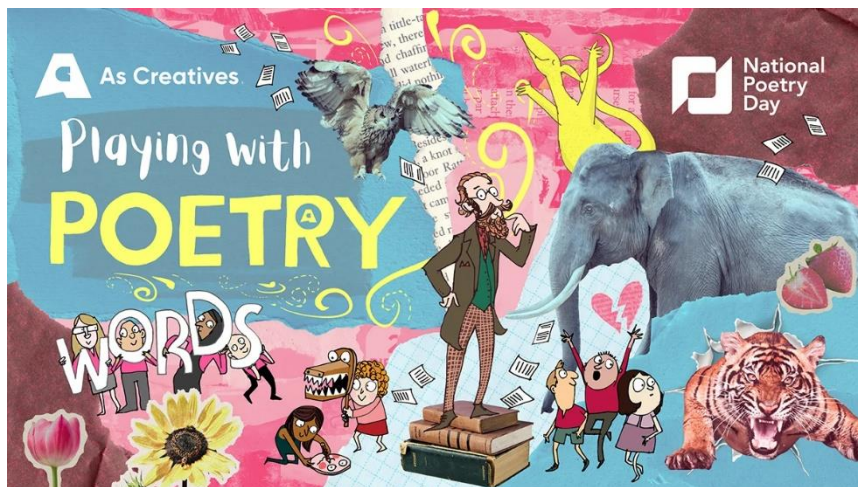
To help cover the cost of this fantastic opportunity, we kindly ask for a **voluntary donation of £3** per child. Thank you for your support. We are really looking forward to an inspiring day of poetry!

Mrs Lacey Sponsoring Mrs Lacey Mrs Lacey will be participating in the Royal Parks Half marathon on Sunday 12th October and is raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please click on the following link to her fundraising page, https://www.justgiving.com/page/aileen-lacey-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL. Any donations for this amazing hospital will be gratefully received and will help with the ongoing care for a huge number of sick children. Many thanks.

Prayer for Canonisation Blessed Carlo Acutis

Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a life example for the young and a message of love for everyone. You made him become enamoured with Your Son Jesus, Making of the Eucharist his “Highway to Heaven”. You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother, and, with the Rosary, you made him a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Above all, gaze upon the poor, whom he loved and helped. Grant for me too, by his intercession, the grace that I need ... And make our joy fulfilled, placing Carlo among the Saints of your Church, so that his smile may shine again for us in the glory of your name.

Amen

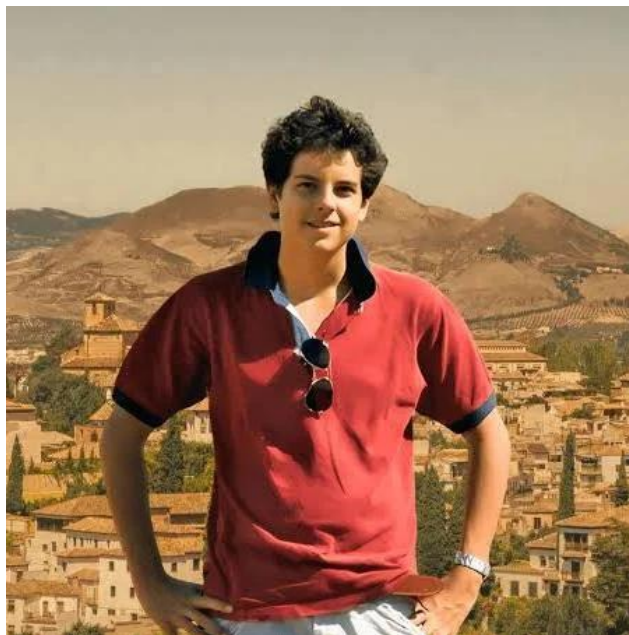


DSPL3 SEND COFFEE MORNING

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities.

- Connect with other parents and carers
- Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you
- Practical advice & emotional support
- Meet and chat with others in a similar situation
- Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss
- Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL

We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!



In other news... Nursery News!

We have had a fantastic start to the school year in Nursery Class. This week we have continued to focus on following the nursery routine and listening to instructions, this includes looking after our classroom and garden, tidying up when they have finished playing, and starting to be more independent. The children have enjoyed exploring the environment, from making sand pies and sand ice-creams to making marks and creating a tea party. As always, we finished the week with Forest School where the children had the opportunity to paint, read, collect acorns, and the freedom to explore.



In other news... Reception News!

We have had a great couple of weeks in Reception! The children have settled brilliantly, are exploring the environment and have started making new friends. We have been talking about the new class routines and the children have been painting self - portraits and telling each other all about their family. We're looking forward to an exciting year ahead!



Prayer

Saint Michael,
pray for us.
Saint Gabriel,
pray for us.
Saint Raphael,
pray for us.
Amen

Winner House

The winner house
last week was
Lourdes

Gold Book Winners

Well done to all
our Gold book
winners last week:

Y1: Herbie

Y2: Jonah

Y3: Louis

Y4: Carys

Y5: Elora

Y6: Whole class

Have a brilliant
weekend!

In other news... Year 5 trip

On Friday 12th, Year 5 went to the STEM Discovery Centre. They had the opportunity to make a moon phase box, a model to show the moon orbiting the Earth and the Earth orbiting the sun, whilst also seeing a real Mars rover which is being tested at the test centre, ready for future expeditions. They experienced 'Stories in the Stars' where they learned how some stars got their names, how old or young they are and when they are expected to die. It was a great day, perfect to start our science unit.

