



Gold book winners

Y1: Marcus
Y2: Alistair
Y3: Bobby
Y4: Aila
Y5: Finlay
Y6: Arianna

Last week's winners

Y1: Hallie
Y2: Thomas
Y3: Meghan
Y4: Teo
Y5: Kit
Y6: Thomas

Message from Mr Maloney

On Monday, our Chaplaincy Team had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 800th anniversary of St Francis of Assisi at St Mary's. It was a truly special occasion, bringing together pupils from across the Trust to celebrate the life and legacy of St Francis. The values of St Francis continue to permeate all that we do at St Joseph's, inspiring us to live with kindness, compassion, humility and care for others and for God's creation. It was a privilege for our pupils to be part of such a special celebration. I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Breakfast club

Please **do not drive into the school car park** when dropping your children off for breakfast club. The gates are open for staff only to access the site. Thank you.

Black History Month

This October, our school will be celebrating Black History Month with our whole-school theme: **"Black History: Stories, Culture & Changemakers."** Throughout the month, children from Nursery to Year 6 will explore different stories, people and aspects of Black history and culture through history, literature, art, music, science, sport and discussion. Our aim is for Black History Month to be a joyful celebration as well as an opportunity to learn. Children will discover scientists, artists, musicians, historical figures and communities whose stories have helped shape Britain and the wider world. Each year group will explore a different theme:

Nursery: Music, rhythm and celebration

Reception: Floella Benjamin – stories and belonging

Year 1: Alma Thomas – art and colour

Year 2: Marcus Rashford – community and making a difference

Year 3: Mary Seacole – courage and care

Year 4: Jamaica, reggae and Bob Marley

Year 5: Katherine Johnson – mathematics and space

Year 6: The Windrush Generation – journeys, contribution and modern Britain

During the month, children will create artwork, writing, performances, historical enquiries and other projects connected with their learning. The celebration will culminate in a whole-school Black History Celebration, where children will have the opportunity to share what they have discovered and celebrate one another's work. We look forward to a month of curiosity, creativity, learning and celebration.

Message from FOSJ

ST JOSEPH'S CHARITY RACE NIGHT! We're excited to invite all St Joseph's parents, from Nursery to Year 6, to our Charity Race Night on Friday 16th October from 7:30pm! It's a great opportunity to get together, have some fun, meet our new Nursery & Reception families and enjoy a night out with the St Joseph's community.

- Tickets: £10 per person
- Pizza will be served
- Drinks & socializing
- Racing & betting on the night
- All proceeds go towards supporting our school through FOSJ (Friends of St Joseph's).

Tech Camp

The Next Thing Education will be holding a tech camp at school over half term. It is created for children aged 5-12 and will be packed with hands on technology including coding, digital creativity, science and circuits. Please take a look at the flyer for more information and if you would like to book, you can do so by clicking on the link below:

<https://pbbl.uk/4r1u3IV>

Please contact them directly if you have any further questions.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM 2026

WOW CAMPS THE TECH CAMP SUPERCHARGED!

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OCTOBER CAMPS 2026
DISCOVER NEW ACTIVITIES THIS OCTOBER!

The timetables below are for this October – we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

OUR ACTIVITY COLOUR SYSTEM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MONDAY	LITTLE BITS	MICRO BOTS	CRAZY CIRCUITS	VIRTUAL REALITY	LEGO MACHINES
TUESDAY	CIRCUITS	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS	BIG BOTS	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	3D CREATIONS
WEDNESDAY	MOVIE MAKING	VIDEO GAME CREATION	COOL CODING	KNEX	AUGMENTED REALITY

Please note that activities are subject to change due to availability or unforeseen circumstances.

WHAT TO BRING

- Lunch & Refreshments
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

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- EXPERT INSTRUCTORS
- AGES 5-12

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Ordering milk

Our school uses Cool Milk as our milk provider. Under-fives are entitled to free milk whilst at school. Over fives are entitled to milk if parents pay for it or if the child receives free school meals (benefit related). If you would like your child to have milk whilst at school, please click on the following link to sign up: [Parents – Cool Milk](#). Once registered, you can fund your child's account before 5pm on Tuesday to receive milk the following week. Unfortunately, there is no option for dairy alternatives, but if you do require this, please contact the school office.

Parking around school

We get numerous emails and letters from local residents regarding parking at drop off and pick up. When parking near school please make sure that no driveways, pavements and bus stops are blocked by parked cars. Please also refrain from parking in the cemetery as we have several complaints from visiting family members.

Lunch orders

Please can we ask you to ensure that you order your child's lunch before 8:30am each day, it can be ordered daily, weekly or termly in advance. If you don't put a food order in by 8:30am, please contact the office and we will put the order through for you. The same would go for cancelling lunches. If your child is not coming to school due to illness or school trip, please cancel the food order by 8:30am or you will still be charged.

Lunch boxes

A reminder that we are a nut-free school. We currently have a number of pupils with severe nut and sesame allergies, and therefore we ask that all nut and sesame-based products are not included in children's lunch boxes. This includes items such as Nutella, sesame seed buns, pesto, hummus, and cereal bars that contain nuts. We appreciate your support in helping us keep all of our pupils safe.

Free school meals

You can apply for free school meals for the new school year. To receive meals for the remainder of this current school year, please email freeschoolmeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk, with your name, national insurance number and date of birth. If your child receives free school meals, you don't need to re-apply for 2026/2027 unless your child moved from Year 2 to Year 3.

KS1 Playground

A quick reminder that during drop-off and pick-up times, children should not be climbing on the Key Stage 1 play equipment. We've had a few minor injuries recently from children using it before and after school, and we want to make sure everyone stays safe.

Please switch off car engines

As a school we are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our pupils. Therefore, please **switch off your engines whilst waiting to drop off or pick up children**. Please support us in keeping our air clean. Thank you for your cooperation.

School email addresses

Breakfast Club - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Absences, illness, medical appointments, collection of children, lunches - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Breakfast Club queries - diary@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

General enquiries not listed above – admin@stjosephs255.herts.sch.uk

Term dates for 2026/2027

The new term dates for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 are available on the school website. Please use the following link: [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School - Term Dates](#)

Dates

Here are some dates for your diary for the academic year. You will receive more information for some of the events nearer the time.

October

- ❖ 14th Maths LIFT session at 9am
- ❖ 20th Parent consultations 3:30pm-6pm
- ❖ 22nd Parent consultations 3:30pm-7pm
- ❖ 26th - 1st half term holiday

November

- ❖ 2nd - 3rd Inset day school is closed
- ❖ 4th Back to school
- ❖ 9th Anti-bulling week
- ❖ 11th Remembrance Service with Year 4 at 10:45am

December

- ❖ 15th Nursery and Reception Nativity at 9:30am
- ❖ 16th School Christmas dinner
- ❖ 17th Year 1 and 2 Nativity at 9:30am
- ❖ 18th End of term school ends at 1:15pm
- ❖ 21st - 1st Christmas Holidays

January

- ❖ 4th Back to school

February

- ❖ 1st Children's mental health awareness week
- ❖ 15th - 19th Half term holiday
- ❖ 22nd Back to school

March

- ❖ 4th World Book Day
- ❖ 15th Trust charity week
- ❖ 24th Year 3 and 4 Passion production at 9:30am
- ❖ 25th End of term school end at 1:15pm
- ❖ 26th - 9th Easter holidays

April

- ❖ 12th Back to school

May

- ❖ 24th Trust Art week
- ❖ 28th St Mary's Football and Netball tournament
- ❖ 31st - 4th Half term

June

- ❖ 7th Back to school
- ❖ 24th Trust Art exhibition
- ❖ 25th Inset day school closed
- ❖ 28th Inset day school closed

July

- ❖ 21st End of term schools ends at 1:15pm
- ❖ 22nd Occasional day
- ❖ 21st - 31st Summer holidays

Please note that these dates maybe subject to change.

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