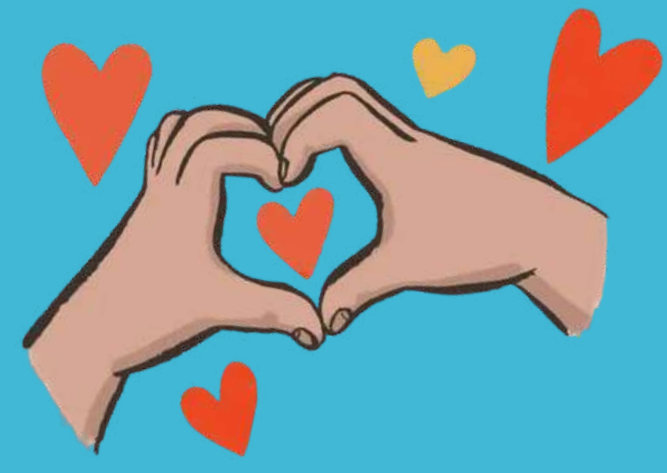
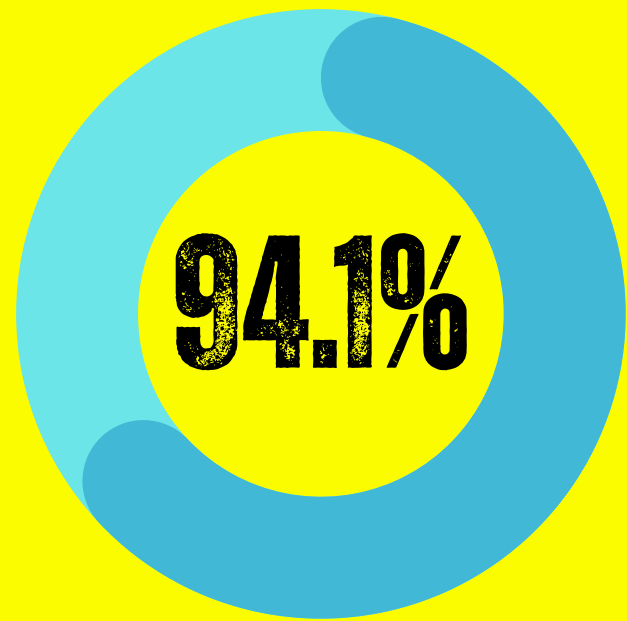


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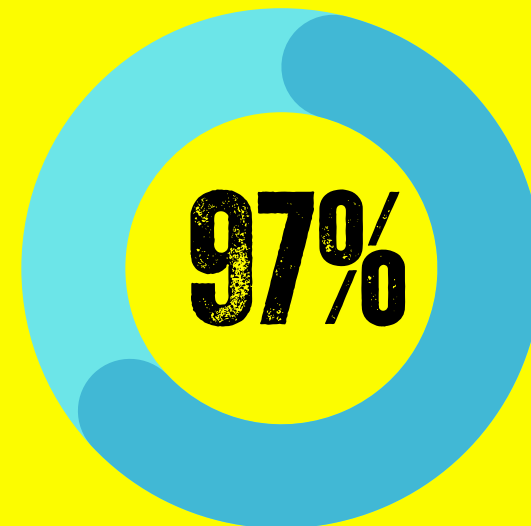
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This week's attendance

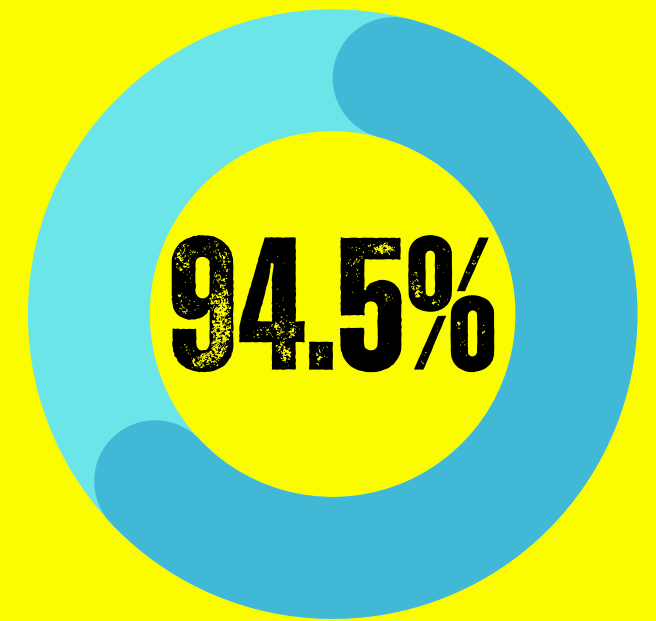


ATTENDANCE SPOTLIGHT:

Target attendance



This year's attendance to date:



Remember: Every Day Counts!

Dear Parents and Carers,

In celebration of the word assembly this week we heard Jesus says to his followers - 'If you love me you will do what I ask'.

We talked about what it is that Jesus asks us to do. The children's responses were beautiful.

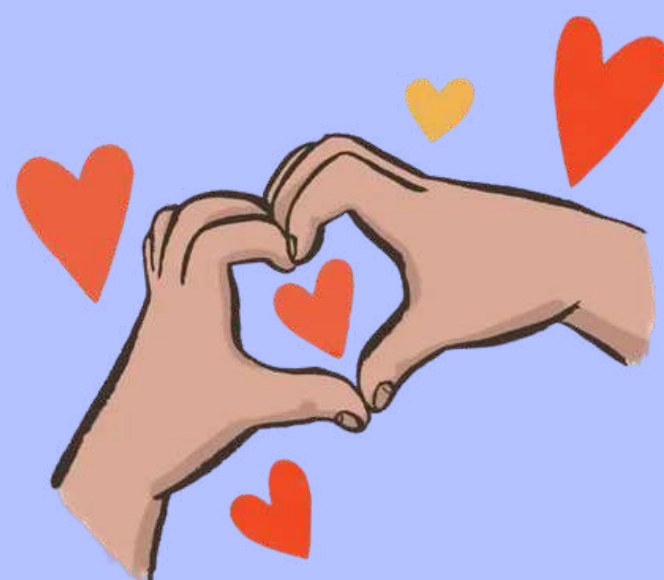
What was very clear was that the children believe we should be showing love to others - especially those that are less fortunate. I told the children about how I believe that love and forgiveness are the message of the Bible in two words. They go hand in hand because without love there is no forgiveness and without forgiveness there is no love.

The children heard a story about three old men called love, success and happiness who are sat outside the house of a married couple and their daughter. When the old men are invited in they say that only one can enter. See if your child can tell you what happens next. Love must always come first.

I would like to take this opportunity to say well done to our Year 6 children, who completed their end of year SATS tests this week. They were everything we could have wished for. Calm, mature and focused throughout. Thank you to the staff who supported our children and the Year 6 team for preparing them so well. Well done everybody.

Have a lovely weekend.

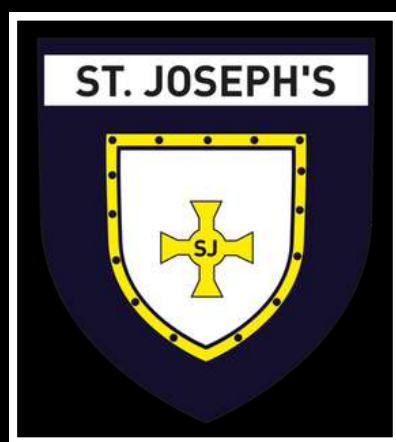
Mr Doherty



DIARY DATES

- Mon 18th - Creature Teachers workshop, **Year 2**
- Mon 18th - Skateboarding After School Club - **Years 1-6**
- Tues 19th - Mental Health Team Coffee morning - 9am
- Tues 19th - May Procession at 2pm in school - **all welcome**
- Tues 19th - Art After School Club - **Year 4, Year 5, Year 6**
- Tues 19th - Racket Skills Festival - **Years 1&2**
- Tues 19th - Abs Football After School Club - **Years 1-6**
- Tues 19th - Forest School After School Club - **Years R-6**
- Wed 20th - Ducklings trip to Nick's Farm
- Wed 20th - Quadkids Athletics at Twynham School - **Y3,4,5,6**
- Wed 20th - Coding After School Club - **Years 2-6**
- Thurs 21st - Tennis After School Club - **Years 1-4**
- Fri 22nd - Gymnastics After School Club - **Years 1-6**

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SEPTEMBER RECEPTION PLACES AVAILABLE

**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Tours available

**Please call to arrange a
tour with our Headteacher,
Mr Doherty.**

Please contact the school office

 01202 485976

Or email

 admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk



May Procession

May is the month dedicated to Mary the mother of Jesus. In her honour the children will be taking part in a May Procession and open air service (weather dependent) on 19th May at 2pm. Parents/ Carers and families are welcome to attend.

Our current Year 4 children, who made their First Holy Communion last year are welcome to wear their Holy Communion outfits from last year on the day.

They will be able to change into them at lunchtime. We will be choosing two of these children to crown Mary at the service.



Rosary Club

It was lovely to see so many children attending this week's Rosary Club on Wednesday lunchtime. Thank you again to Mrs Thomas for volunteering your time each week and leading us in prayer. If you have anyone you would like us to pray for please send messages in via the office email account or on a note with your child to give to their class teacher.



The children at Rosary Club this week



May Procession flowers

As part of our May Procession on Tuesday the children are invited to bring flowers to present to Mary. Please send in a flower(s) with your child on Tuesday if you can.

Thank you.



Let your light shine awards

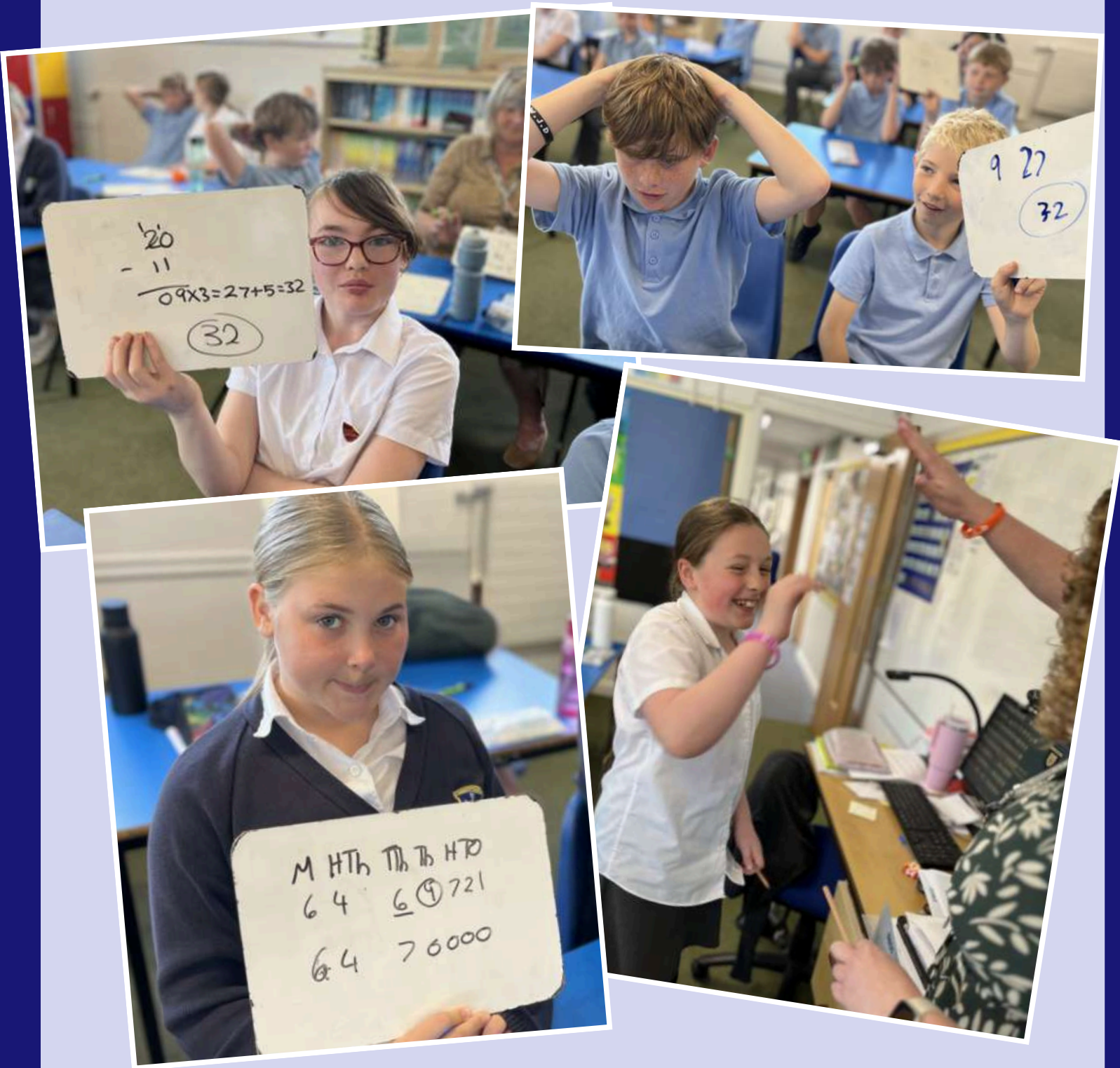
Well done to all of our children who received 'let your light shine' awards this week. Each of the children has lived out one of the school's core values. Well done to Year 6 who were awarded a whole school Let Your Light Shine award.





Fun in Year 6

Year 6 have been having fun after their SATS with some fun revision games. They have enjoyed maths bingo, 1% Club and million pound drop. Miss Thomas



It has been so lovely to see how happy our Year 6 children have been during their SATs tests. Here are a few of their quotes about how they were supported during the week:

“

“We received lots of encouragement.”

“Breakfast before school helped me to relax, prepare and stay calm.”

“Miss Thomas prayed with us each morning.”

“Miss Thomas made our lessons fun.”

”

Well done to the Year 6 teaching team and especially Miss Thomas.

Attendance

Well done to Year 6 who are this week's attendance winners with an immaculate 100% attendance! This is the second week in a row where a class has achieved this! Well done Year 6 and perfect timing in SATS week! Whole school attendance is 94.1%. We can do better.



Sports for all Day and Sports Day.

Sports Day will be on Tuesday 16th June this year. Ducklings and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) will be in the morning and KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5 and 6) will be in the afternoon. Friday 19th June will be Sports for all Day when the children will get to try different sports in school. These dates are in the termly calendar at the back of the newsletter.





Great British Bake Off look out!

In DT, Year 3 have been learning about seasonal fruit and vegetables and the importance of buying local and eating seasonally. Their homework task was to find a recipe for a seasonal fruit dessert. Mrs Whyte also challenged them to make the dessert and share it with their family. She was blown away by the enthusiasm and range of desserts made. It was so lovely seeing all the pictures and results of their hard work.



Laci
I choose this cake
as I Love
Strawberries
+
Cream
Strawberries grow
better in the
Summer
Its my favourite time
of year.





Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's

Children's Liturgy is a time during Sunday Mass where children are invited to explore the Gospel in a way that is joyful, simple, and tailored just for them and take part in craft activities relating to lessons they have learned from the Gospel.

The sessions are held at Joseph's Parish Church, Purewell during Sunday's 9am mass.

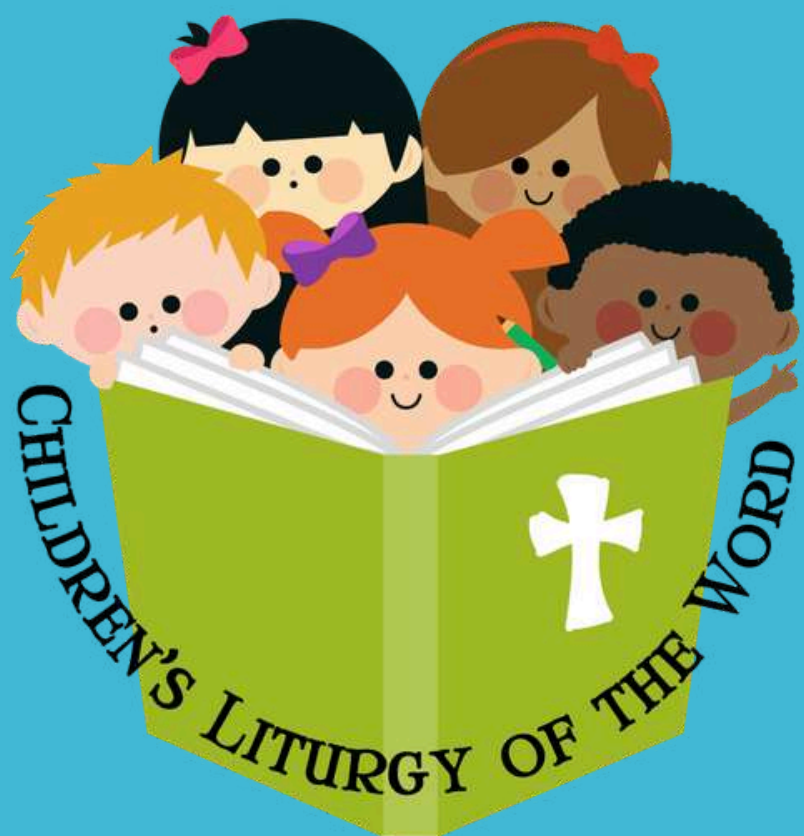
They are held during term time except the 1st Sunday of the month as this is Family Mass.

This half-term:

Children's Liturgy will be held on: 17th of May.

Family mass: 7th of June.

We hope you can join us there.



Year 3,4,5,6 Mass at St Joseph's

Year 3,4,5 and 6 will be joining the Parishioners at the 10am Mass on Wednesday 17th June. We will be leaving school at approximately 9.15am. Parents/ carers and families are welcome to join us.



Soccer star!



Well done to Freddy, who was awarded two trophies at his end of season award ceremony at Poole Town FC. One was for being a 'dribble expert'. Well done Freddy. I know how hard you train all week. These are more than well deserved.

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Disco Dancing Queen



Well done to Eliza, who brought in her trophy and certificate for disco dancing. Eliza has qualified for the ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing) Grand Finals 2026. Well done, this is a wonderful achievement. Eliza told me that she ended up with blisters on her feet after the competition. This shows true dedication and resilience. We are very proud of you.

Walk to School Week



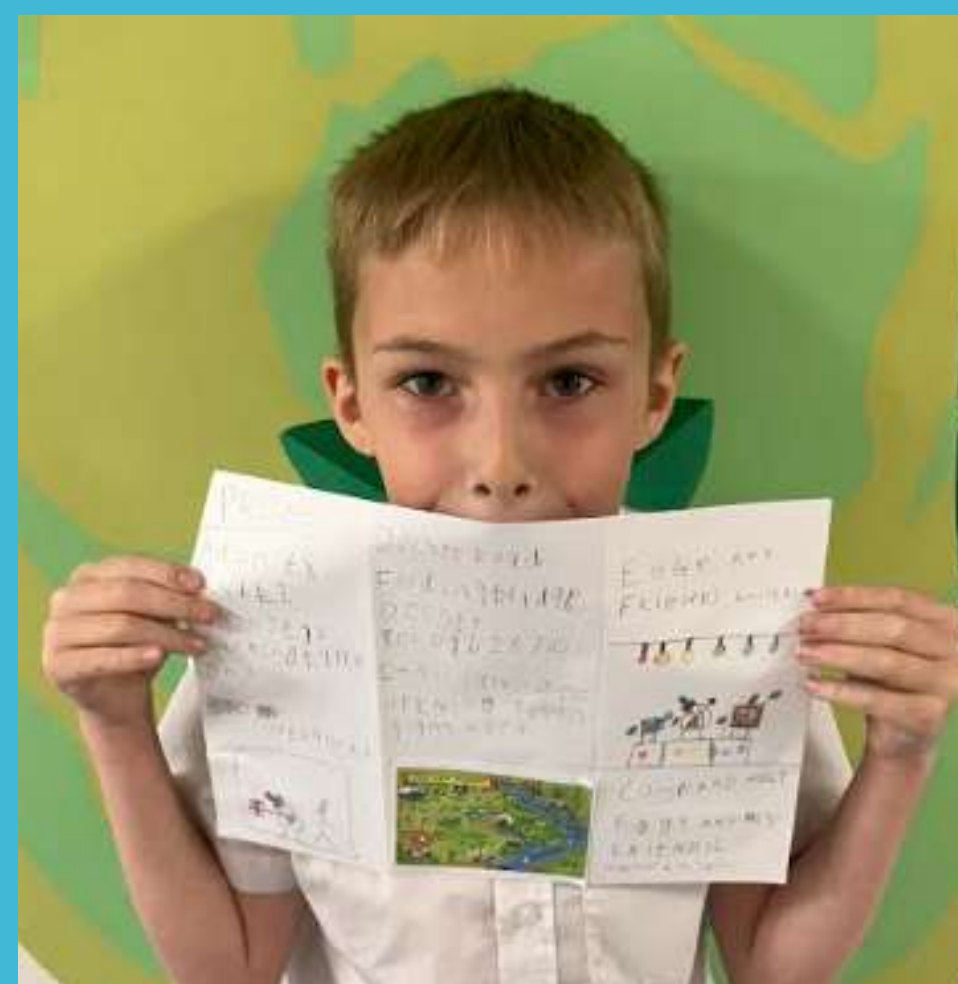
Next week our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (18th - 22nd May), organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience the importance of walking to school. This year's challenge, 'Mission Move' encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Please encourage your child to travel actively to school next week, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. If you live far away or take the bus, you could park 10 minutes away and walk the rest of the journey. Thank you for your cooperation as always!

Super science

Well done to Alice who was sent for a Headteacher's Award for her work in science. Alice had been investigating which vegetables grow during the different seasons of the year. Well done Alice. It was wonderful to see how proud you were of your work.



Wonderful theme park



Well done Layton, who was sent to see me with his wonderful leaflet for his imaginary theme park called 'Eggy and Friends'. Super work and imagination Layton.



School Life

JOIN US FOR A COFFEE MORNING WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST).

TUESDAY 19TH MAY | 9:00–10:00 AM
AT ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:

- How we support children's emotional wellbeing in school
- What mental health support is available for children and families
- How school and families can work together to support wellbeing

WHY COME ALONG?

- Meet the MHST in a friendly, informal setting
- Ask questions over tea and coffee
- Share your views as part of the school's wellbeing audit
(there are no right or wrong answers)

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

- Your feedback helps the school understand what's working well and how support can be improved for all families.

Tea, coffee & biscuits provided.

No need to book – just drop in

**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO MEETING YOU**





Our core values

Below are our 8 core values. This term the children will be learning these and linked bible stories during phase assemblies. I have asked the children to try and learn them by heart. If your child shows these values outside school please let us know by sending an email to the office. I would love to share these examples in the weekly newsletter.




PRAYER LIFE








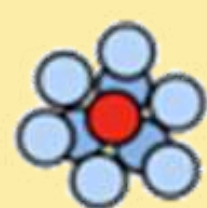

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Hail Mary



  
Hail Mary full of grace





  
The Lord is with thee


   
Blessed art thou amongst women

   
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

   
Holy Mary, mother of God

  
Pray for us sinners

   
Now and at the hour of our death


Amen

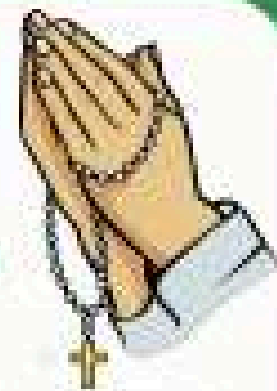
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Families of Faith

MAY

Prayer Corner



Prayers and music to consider for Mary and the month of May:

The Magnificat

Salve Regina

Hail Mary

Worship Songs



Saints to Inspire



22nd May - St Rita of Cascia

Saint Rita was born in Italy; her name means "pearl." As a child she wanted to become a nun, but her parents arranged her marriage at twelve to a man who was unkind. Through patience, prayer, and kindness, she helped him become gentler. After his death, she joined the Augustinian convent. Around 1422, a thorn from Christ's crown appeared on her forehead and remained until her death. One winter, a red rose bloomed in the garden - seen as a sign of God's love for her. She is known as the patron saint of impossible situations, especially in family life.

Family talk and challenge time:

- Why might she be holding a rose?
- Why do you think she is a patron saint of peace and protection?

Challenge:

Can you write a family prayer to St Rita?

Family Faith in Action

World Fair Trade Day - 14th May:

'Do for others what you would want them to do for you.' (Matthew 7:12)

Make a point of buying a fair-trade product this week.

Friendship Fun Day - 20th May:

Make a point of talking to someone new.

Deaf Awareness Week - 4-10 May:

Teach your parents Makaton or BSL Hail Mary

Mental Health Awareness Week - 11th - 17th May:

'Leave all your worries with him, because he cares for you.' (1 Peter 5:7)

Share a positive affirmation or a simple action of kindness with someone.

Good News from the Gospel



Sunday 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Following Jesus is a way to a place in God's house.

Sunday 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

By following his commandments, we show love to God.

Thursday 14th May - Feast of the Ascension

We must follow God's commandments and make disciples of all nations.

Sunday 17th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

We are protected and united as a community because Jesus prays for us.

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost Sunday

Forgive others with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 31st May - Holy Trinity

Our world is saved because God sent his son.

World Fair Trade Day - 14th May



Friendship Fun Day - 20th May

Deaf Awareness Week - 4-10th May



Mental Health Awareness Week - 11-17th May



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Please see the attached from Dorset police. A simple way to report any concerns you may have about the local community.

Your information matters

We rely on our partners and those working with the community to help us understand local and wider issues.

Even small pieces of information can help connect the dots, support investigations and safeguard individuals.

If you come across any information such as

- anti-social behaviour
- child abuse, sexual or criminal exploitation
- community tension
- drugs and county lines
- gang activity
- modern slavery, exploited or trafficked
- sexual offending

You can safely share non-urgent information to help protect your community.

If there is immediate danger / crime in action you should still call 999.



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SCHOOL LIFE

Important Dates for your diary

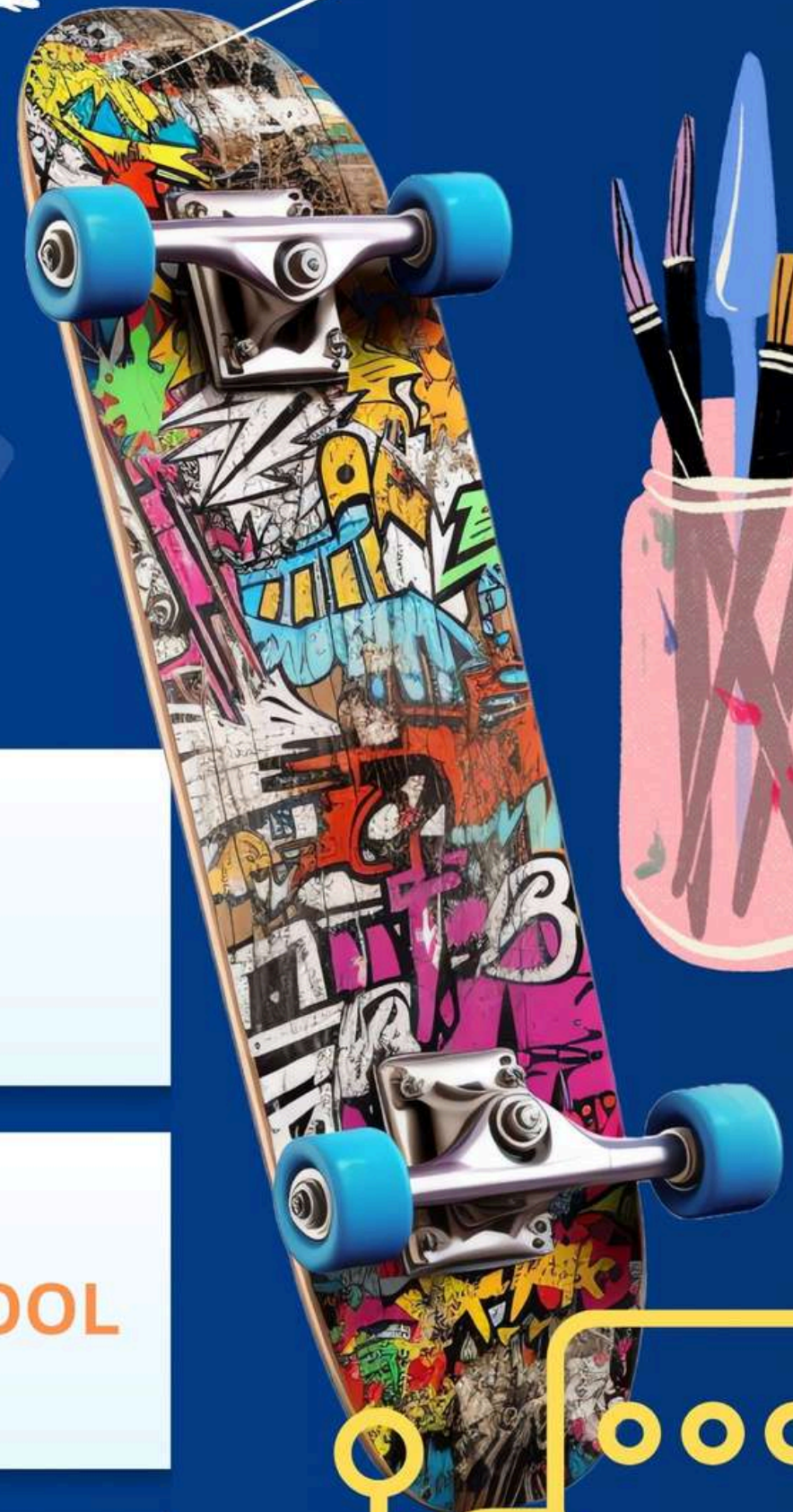
EVENT	DATE
Year 2 Creature teachers Workshop	Monday 18 th May
Coffee Morning with the Mental Health Team	Tuesday 19 th May 9am-10am
May Procession Service in school	Tuesday 19 th May at 2pm
Racket Skills Festival at The Grange Y1&2	Tuesday 19 th May, 3.30pm
Ducklings class trip to Nick's Farm	Wednesday 20 th May
Quadkids Athletics at Twynham School Y3,4,5,6	Wednesday 20 th May, 3pm
Half term	Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th May
PTA Film Night	Thursday 4 th June
Year 2 Trip to Stanpit Marsh	Friday 5 th June
School led Mass at St Joseph's Church	Sunday 7 th June at 9am
Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Residential trip	Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th June
Welcome Liturgy for September starters	Wednesday 10 th June, 6pm
Stay and Play sessions for September starters	Friday 12 th June
Multiplication Tables Check	Starting from Monday 1 st June
Sports Day	Tuesday 16 th June - Ducklings and KS1 (am) KS2 (pm)
Years 3,4,5,6 at 10am Parish Mass at St Joseph's Church	Wednesday 17 th June
Sports for all Day	Friday 19 th June
PTA Colour Run	Friday 19 th June
1 st Holy Communion Mass at St Joseph's	Sunday 21 st June
Year 1 class trip to Beaulieu	Friday 26 th June
Feast of St Peter and Paul	Monday 29 th June
PTA Summer Fayre - Own clothes day	Friday 3 rd July
Year 4 trip to Winchester Science Museum	Wednesday 8 th July
Year 6 play	Thursday 9 th July at 2pm and 6pm
End of year reports sent home	Friday 10 th July
Year 6 celebration Mass in school at 9.15am	Wednesday 15 th July
Rocksteady Concert	Thursday 16 th July, 9.45am
Year 6 celebration assembly	Thursday 2pm in school hall
Last day of Summer term	Friday 17 th July - 1.30pm finish



After School Clubs



Where education meets excitement! Our after-school program is designed to inspire, engage, and empower your child beyond the classroom.



MON

STARLIGHT CLUB
SKATEBOARDING CLUB

TUES

STARLIGHT CLUB
ART CLUB FOREST SCHOOL
FOOTBALL CLUB

WED

STARLIGHT CLUB
CODING CLUB

THURS

STARLIGHT CLUB
TENNIS CLUB

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GYMNASTICS CLUB

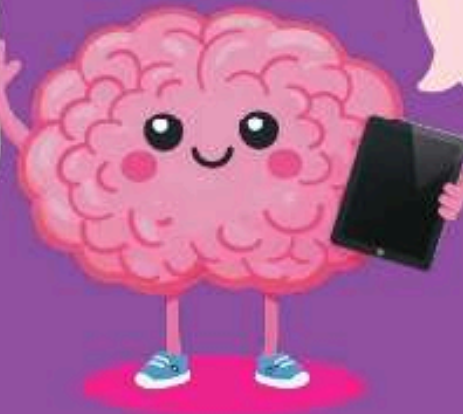


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A GUIDE TO SCREEN TIME



UNDER 5s



How to help little brains develop healthy screen habits

How much screen time should my child have?

Limit total screen time, wherever possible.

Under 2 yrs: Avoid screen time except shared activities with family that encourage bonding and interaction.

2-5 yrs: Try to keep to 1 hour a day. Less if possible.



Young children's brains are over-stimulated more easily than adults', so they need specifically tailored content.

Slow paced content: Choose content with simple stories and clear, slow speech, so emotions are easy to follow.



What content is better content?



Safe content: Use parental controls to block inappropriate, harmful material.

Social media: This isn't made for young brains, so it should be avoided.

AI: Don't let them use AI toys, tools, or chat-bots until we know more about their effects on children.

Safe screen swaps: Switch fast-paced style videos for slower-paced content with simple stories.

How does my screen use affect my child?

Lead by example: Children's brains are like sponges – they'll copy your screen use habits. Be mindful of how often you use screens around your child.



Set clear boundaries for screen use. This gives children time for activities and play that help them develop.

Avoid young children using screens alone. Try to keep bedrooms and mealtimes free from screens.

Why not try... watching and discussing content with your child? Conversation helps their development.



Safe screen swaps:

Mealtimes: Swap screens for music, games or conversation – make it social.

Bedtimes: Swap screens for bedtime stories 1 hour before sleep.

When and where is it okay for my child to use screens?

Children with disabilities or special educational needs may benefit from tailored screen use. And for some, assistive technology can be an important tool for communication and everyday participation.

My child has SEND. Is the advice the same for us?

They also need ample time for interaction, play, and sleep. Try to avoid screen time for these activities.



How does screen time affect my child's development?

Large amounts of screen time are linked with negative effects on children's health and development. It can affect social, emotional, language & brain development, sleep, eyesight and weight.

Young children learn best through warm interaction with parents and carers – reading, play and conversation. These early moments build the foundations for life.



SAVE THE DATE

PTA SUMMER FAYRE
FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026
3.15-6.15PM



Easyfundraising

DID YOU KNOW? Every time you shop online you can raise donations for our school through Easyfundraising! We have already raised £1,952.57 with 101 supporters. If you haven't already signed up it's easy to join: [Easyfundraising](#) Please help support our school.



Crazy Hair Day - we raised £123!

We loved seeing all the wonderful hairstyles today for Crazy Hair Day! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser - today we raised **£123** for equipment and resources for our outdoor areas.



COLOUR RUN
19th JUNE 2pm

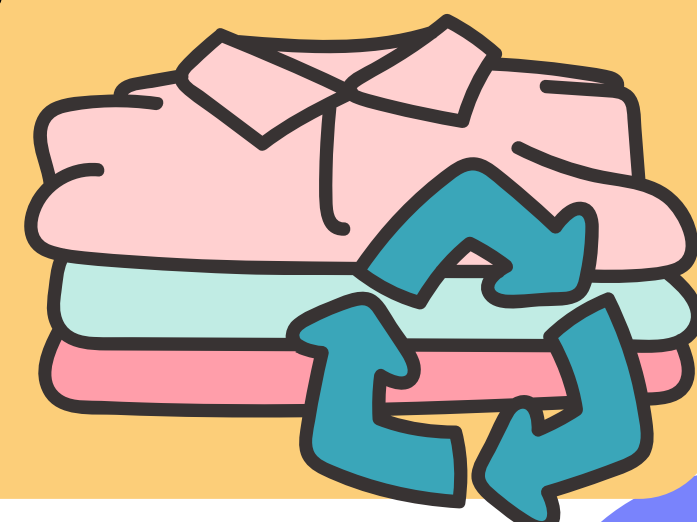


Clothes recycling - future dates

We are raising money for our school by collecting reusable clothing through Rags2Riches.

Our next collection dates are:

- 14th September 2026
- 25th January 2027
- 28th May 2027



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May Half Term
24 - 31 May 2026
INDOOR ACTIVITIES
Unleash your creativity at the Castle this May half term with an interactive trail and activities for all ages.
INDOOR CRAFTS
Theatre mask crafts available on Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 3pm.
Included in Castle admission, free for members
50% OFF FAMILY DAY
50% off admission to Highcliffe Castle on Wednesday 27 May.

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