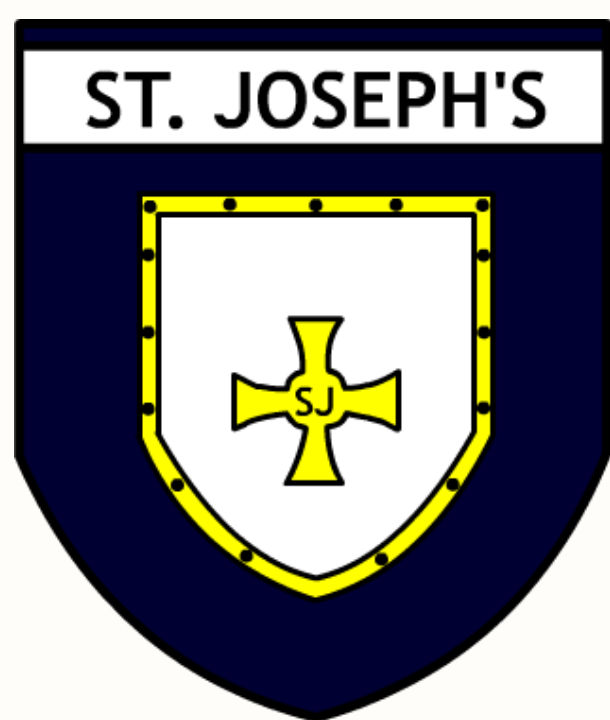
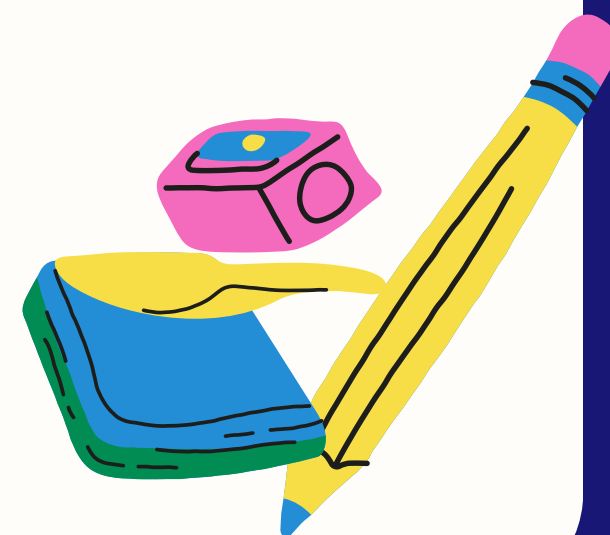




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter 4

04.04.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and successes we have seen at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School over the past term.

This term has been marked by exciting new opportunities, from enriching classroom activities to special events that have helped to make our school community even stronger. It was brilliant to see so many of you in school for our reading event on World Book Day. Thank you for all you do to support your child. Please continue to read to your child and encourage them to read regularly as it is so important and positively impacts their learning.

I am incredibly proud of all our pupils for their enthusiasm and dedication to their learning. Our staff have worked tirelessly to ensure every child has the best possible experience, and it's clear that this has been a term full of growth and joy for all.

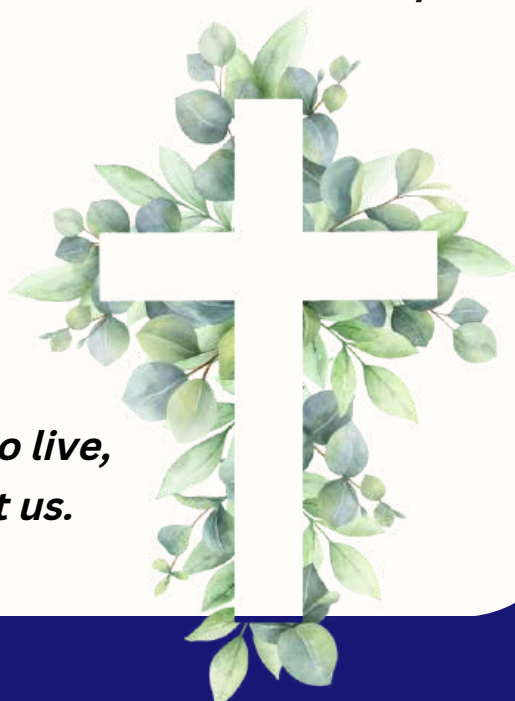
As we break for the Easter holidays, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. I pray that this season brings you peace and joy, and that you are able to spend some precious time together as a family.

To inspire our hearts as we enter this time of reflection, I would like to share this Christian quote:

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.'"

May this Easter bring new hope, renewal, and faith to each of us. I look forward to welcoming all our pupils back after the holidays, ready for another exciting term.

Wishing you all a restful and blessed Easter.



We are all God's children and will try to live, love, work and serve as Jesus taught us.

LUNCH TIME

Lunchtime help

We are looking for a dynamic lunchtime supervisor to join our friendly team and support the children whilst eating their lunch as well as leading/supervising activities in the playground/field. The duties for this post will start at 11.30am and finish at 1.25pm.

Main job role:

To ensure the safety, general welfare and conduct of pupils during the midday break period. Assistance is also given to school and catering staff with basic cleaning and general duties in and around dining areas.

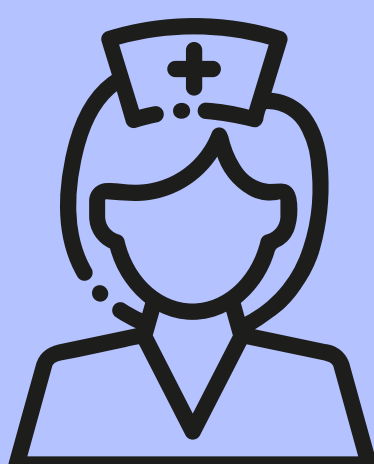
Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Rigorous checks will be made of the successful applicant's background credentials, including enhanced DBS checks. If you are interested in joining our team, please phone the school office on 01202 485976 or email: admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk



**Support us through
easyfundraising**

Raise donations for our school while you shop!

Great news! Our PTA has already raised £1,625.81 with Easyfundraising - if you are shopping online, please remember to go through Easyfundraising and raise donations for our school every time you shop! It's **free** and easy to join. If you haven't already signed up, please follow this link to help us raise more: [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/)



School Nurse Drop-In

We are pleased to announce that the School Nurse will visit school again next term. The next drop-in session at school is on **Monday 28th April** from 8.45am to 9.30am. Appointments will be first come first served.

LEARNING

Ducklings

Ducklings had a very busy Spring term. They have learnt the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and they made their own bread. They planted sunflowers and learnt facts about Spring. They showed fantastic singing during their Mother's Day Liturgy. Well done Ducks!



Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring 3D sculpture and paper play in their art lessons. They were very creative and produced some amazing trees!



Year 2

In Design and Technology this half term we have been exploring moving mechanisms. We looked at different fairground wheels and what made them move. During STEM week, we learned about how we can change and adapt to help the world become more sustainable. We decided to make our fairground wheels out of recyclable materials and adapt them into our moving mechanism. Working in pairs, we used boxes, paper straws and plastic pots to make our fairground wheels. We even drew people in the moving pods!



Year 3

This half term in DT Year 3 learned some invaluable life skills. The children learned about seasonality with the food we eat and why it's important to try and eat local and seasonal to reduce food miles and the pollution that is created by transporting fruit and vegetables across the globe. In preparation to making a seasonal tart, the children learned how to chop and peel seasonal fruits and vegetables safely - they learned the bridge and claw grip so that, when cutting, fingers are kept safe. And when peeling children know to always peel away from themselves or they will end up with cut fingers! They loved tasting all of the different food available and we were impressed with how many children were brave and tried food they said they didn't like or have never tried before. To finish off term on a high the children made and evaluated their own seasonal tarts they designed.



LEARNING

Year 4

As part of our Geography learning about rivers this term, Year 4 walked to Wessex Water Christchurch Recycling Centre for the day! We learnt about what to flush down the toilet, and what not to flush down the toilet, conducted an experiment of what can be disintegrated in the toilet, as well as having a tour of the centre. The children really enjoyed their day, definitely earned their dinners as we walked for 2 hours in total to travel there and back! Well done for an excellent day, Year 4!



Year 6

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this half-term. They have been learning all about WW2 and shared with the class the fascinating stories of their families during WW2. We had family members who flew bomber planes over Berlin, children who were evacuated to the countryside and one family who helped to hide Jewish people in Poland. In Science, Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system. Mrs Walls always ensures that as well as learning, the lessons are fun. When learning about the components of blood, the children used cheerios, marshmallows and food dye to create the different components. They even dissected a heart, looking at the arteries, veins and other parts of the heart.



Year 5

The year 5 children have worked extremely hard this half-term including during assessment week. We are ever so proud of their achievements so far this year. The children have been designing, creating and adjusting their 'Pop-Up Storybooks' in addition to learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in History. The class have excelled in their PE lesson this term; participating and competing in Tennis, Quidditch, Gymnastics and Handball. We look forward to even more hard work, determination and perseverance next term!



Sport

Our St Joseph's children have demonstrated many sporting values such as: determination, honesty and respect at many of our sporting events this half-term. It has been fantastic to see so many new children participate and experience new sporting opportunities. We have competed in the following events this half-term: Y4 Football, Y2 Multi-Skills Festival, Y5/6 Netball Development, Y2 Football, KS2 Cross Country, Y5/6 Netball County Pathway, Y5/6 Handball County Pathway, Step into Sport Festival and the Y5/6 Tag Rugby Festival. In addition to that, the children have showed great commitment, resilience and self-motivation in our Intra-House matches where they have competed in Tag Rugby this half-term. We would like to say a massive thank you to all those parents that continue to return permission slips promptly and assist with the transportation to and from events.



E-safety guidance for parents

Please note that the April issue of our Online Safety Newsletter is now on our school website. This has some helpful information about staying safe online. A reminder to visit our website for our monthly online safety newsletters with up-to-date information to keep your child safe online:

<https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/e-safety-1/>

LUNCH

Hot school lunches

Please note that the deadline for ordering school lunches for the first week back after half term is **Monday 14th April**.

Please do order in plenty of time as Forerunner is not able to add any orders after the deadline. If you haven't yet signed up to Forerunner and would like your child to have hot lunches, please book on the Forerunner portal: [Parent Portal \(myschoolmealorders.com\)](https://myschoolmealorders.com).



PTA Summer Fayre

Our spectacular Summer Fayre will be on **Friday 6th June** this year and there will be lots of fun activities, games and stalls on offer. More details to follow. Please feel free to come along to any of the PTA planning meetings. We will send out the dates of meeting via ParentMail. If you are a crafter and would like to sell your handmade goods at the Fayre, please enquire about booking a table. Call the school office on 01202 485976.



LIGHT SNACK INCLUDED

AGES 4-11

NEED WRAPAROUND CARE?



TRY STARLIGHT - OUR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB: 7.45-8.45AM
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: MON-THURS UNTIL 6PM, FRI UNTIL 4.45PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: INDOOR GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS, LEGO, READING, OUTDOOR GAMES AND MORE

FOR PRICES AND TIMES PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE:
[WWW.STJOSEPHS.DORSET.SCH.UK/STARLIGHT-CLUB-BREAKFAST-AND-AFTER-SCHOOL-CLUB](https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/starlight-club-breakfast-and-after-school-club)
 OR EMAIL: STARLIGHTCLUB@STJOSEPHS.DORSET.SCH.UK



SCHOOL LIFE

Important Dates for your diary

EVENT	DATE
Back to school	Tuesday 22nd April
Year 5 Imaginative Prayer	Thursday 24 th April
School Nurse Parent Drop-In	Monday 28 th April
CAFOD visit in school	Wednesday 30 th April
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 5th May
Year 5 Leeson House Residential Trip	Wednesday 7th May - Friday 9th May
Ducklings Class Trip to Longdown Dairy Farm	Monday 12 th May
KS2 SATS week	Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May
Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Information Evening	Thursday 15 th May
Walk to School Week	Monday 19th May to Friday 23 rd May
Rail Safety Assembly	Wednesday 21 st May
Year 5 Imaginative Prayer series	Thursday 22 nd May
SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 26th May
PTA Summer Fayre	Friday 6 th June, 4-7pm
Year 6 Avon Tyrrell Residential Trip	Monday 9 th June to Friday 13 th June
New Ducklings Parents Welcome Evening	Tuesday 10 th June, 6-7pm
New Ducklings Stay and Play	Friday 13th June
Sports Week	Monday 16 th June to Friday 20 th June
Sports Day	Tuesday 17 th June
Full Day Skipping Workshop - whole school	Wednesday 18 th June
Year 6 Transition Day	Friday 27th June
Year 1 Class Trip to Beaulieu	Tuesday 1st July
New Ducklings Home Visits	Wednesday 2nd, Thurs 3rd and Fri 4th July
Year 6 Mass at St Joseph's Church	Thursday 3rd July, 2pm
Year 6 Careers Day at JP Morgan	Friday 4th July
Meet the Teacher morning	Friday 4th July
Year 6 Leavers' Play	Thursday 10 th July, 1.45pm and 6pm
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Wednesday 16th July
Last day of term	Friday 18th July

INSET Days 2024-2025

Mon 21st July 2025, Tues 22nd July 2025

Smartphone free childhood - sign the parent pact

Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood is too short to be spent on a smartphone. Join the thousands of parents across Britain working together to make childhood better for their children. Sign up here: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/join>



CHANGETHENORM

Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

We're on a mission to

01.

Bring parents together to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones and social media in childhood

02.

Empower parents to wait to get their kids a smartphone until at least the end of Year 9, through signing up to the Parent Pact in their region

03.

Demonstrate that parents are demanding change at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development. **We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.**



Scan to sign the Parent Pact
#smartphonefreechildhood

How you can get involved

Sign the Parent Pact - Join the growing movement of parents choosing to delay - it takes 30 seconds
parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

Join your WhatsApp community - Find solidarity, support and inspiration - we have one in every county in Britain
whatsapp.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

Help build the movement - Volunteer to be a Regional Leader and start making change in your community
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