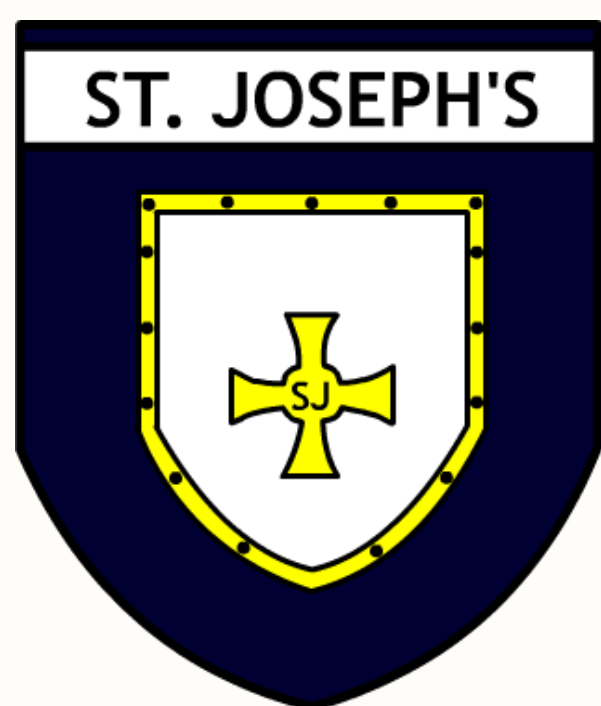
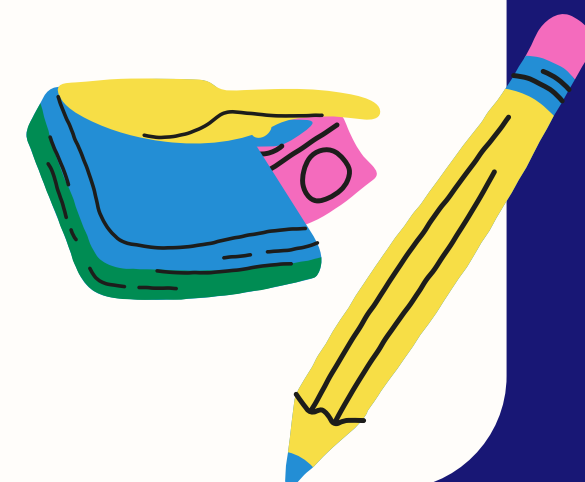




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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16.9.22

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge well done to the children for how wonderfully they have started the school year. I am so proud of them. The staff team, as always, have worked brilliantly to make sure the start to the term has run smoothly. We are really blessed. This week, we have had a visit from Harold the Giraffe and Lucy for some wonderful Life Education sessions for each class.

With the cost of living crisis upon us, we know that there are many challenges for families and all members of our school community. We have sent out letters regarding applying for Pupil Premium. If you think you are eligible and would like to find out more, please contact Tracey in the school office. As a school, we will do our best to be mindful of requests for money for school visits and PTA days and we pray that the months ahead will bring hope.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Wishing you all a good weekend and Bank Holiday,

God bless,
Elizabeth Rippon
Headteacher



Admissions 2023 Open Evening

We are holding an Open Evening at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for any parents wishing to apply for their child for a place in Reception 2023.

To apply for a place, you will need to apply through the Local Authority where you live and importantly, please complete a SIF form, available from the school office.

For more details, please contact the school office.



Catholic Life of Our School

Today, we welcomed Father Ansel, our new parish priest, to celebrate Mass. We pray for him in his new mission and we pray for Father John and Deacon Hugh, who are still a huge part of our parish and school community.

A Date for Your Diary

You are all invited to the [Family Mass at St Joseph's Church at 9am on Sunday 2nd October](#).

Our school choir will be singing and our children will be reading. Year 6 are going to be prayer partners for our parish this year - we would love for as many children and families to come along as possible - it will be a wonderful opportunity for worship as a community.

A message from Emma Evans our Families and Youth Co-ordinator at Church, particularly for Year 3 parents and above:

[Please read the Families and Youth Newsletter, via the link below.](#)

[It contains a really important date, which is the Initial Parent's meeting for this year's First Holy Communion Programme which is Tuesday 20 September at 7:30 in the Parish Centre.](#)

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Safeguarding

Please read the attached information regarding our established link to Operation Encompass:

Operation Encompass directly connects the police with schools to ensure support for children living with domestic abuse in their homes. Operation Encompass is a charitable organisation set up in 2011, which has since enabled effective interventions to many thousands of children who've experienced domestic abuse. Their aim is to provide an efficient, confidential channel of communication between police forces and safeguarding leads within schools. This enables the immediate and discrete recognition of the child's situation by the school, ensuring a secure and sympathetic environment is provided and the broader effects of abuse are addressed.

For more information please visit the Operation Encompass website:
www.operationencompass.org

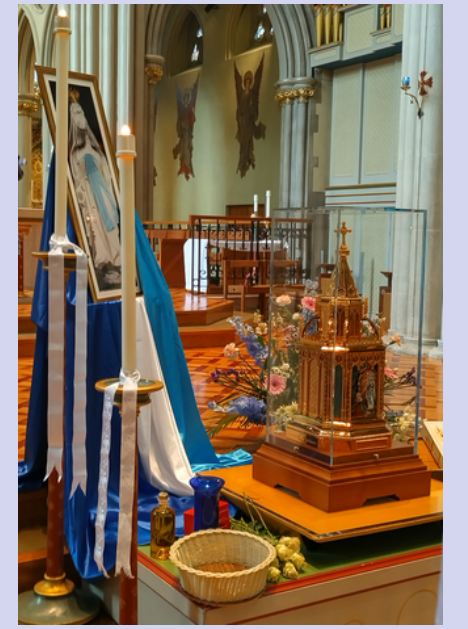


Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Curran.
Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Rippon and Mrs Crook
Attendance: Mrs Richards and Ms Lithgow

The Relics of St Bernadette

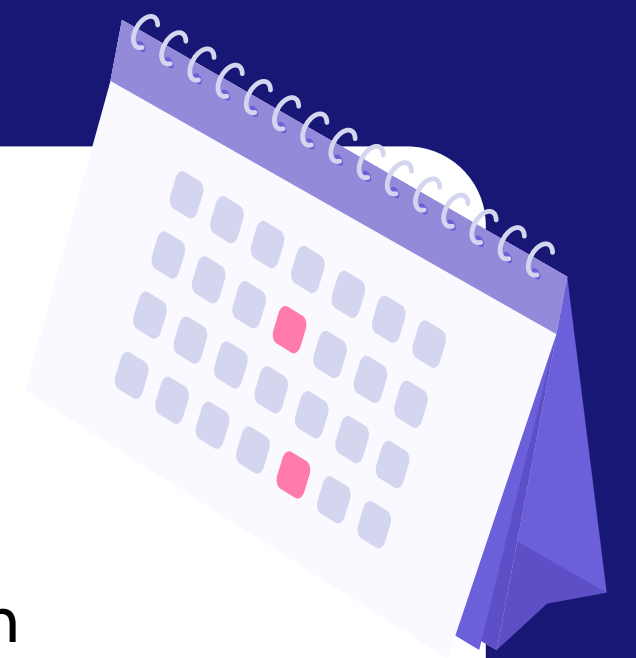
On Thursday 8th September, Mr Curran and three Year 6 children visited Portsmouth Cathedral to venerate the relics of St. Bernadette as part of the national tour of St. Bernadette. The whole day was extremely spiritual and schools from across the diocese joined together in prayer in a powerful liturgy. We learnt about who St. Bernadette was and her story about her home in Lourdes, France. Faith, courage and strength were all main themes shared at the liturgy and for us to reflect upon in our own lives. Although the Bishop wasn't present, we were addressed by the diocesan schools vicar for education, Reverend Canon PJ Smith. Mr Curran and the children followed this visit up at a whole school assembly where they learnt about the life of St. Bernadette and the importance of Lourdes as a special place of pilgrimage.

St. Bernadette, Pray for us. Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.



Important Dates

Tuesday 27th September - 6pm PTA meeting - all welcome
Sunday 2nd October - 9am Family Mass at St Joseph's Church
Monday 10th October - Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12th October - Parent's Evening
Friday 14th October - INSET Day
Friday 25th November - Individual School Photos
Thursday 8th December - Year 5 & 6 Advent Service at St Joseph's Church
Monday 12th December - 2.00pm - Ducklings Nativity for parents
Tuesday 13th December - 2.00pm - Years 1-4 Nativity
Wednesday 14th December - 2.00pm and 6.00pm - Years 1-4 Nativity
Thursday 15th December - PTA Party Day at School



Reading



Reading, Speaking and Listening are at the heart of our Curriculum. We continue to promote phonics and reading across the school, building quality books into all areas of our Curriculum. We have a wide range of Dyslexia friendly books and we believe that all children can achieve in reading and enjoy books. We also want to promote the speaking and listening skills of our children so that they can be confident and successful learners and use their voices for good. Please encourage your child to talk and use new vocabulary. We have also attached our information sheet,

Reading is the Key to Success.



After School Clubs

Thank you for your patience while the school works to set up after school clubs for the term. We rely on outside agencies to run many of our clubs and have been working hard to organise this. Due to the low take up of some clubs last year, they will not be taking place this year.

Mondays - Rugby Club (Free) - 3.15-4.15. Year 3-6

Tuesdays - Art Club - Years 4-6

Wednesdays - Ballet. Years D-2

- Karate Junior Classes 6.15-7.45pm

Thursdays - New Forest Football - 3.15-4.15. Years 1-4



Uniform



For secondhand uniform, please visit our PTA online shop on our website,

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<https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/second-hand-uniform/>

Raise Funds for Our School when you shop online

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephschristchurch/



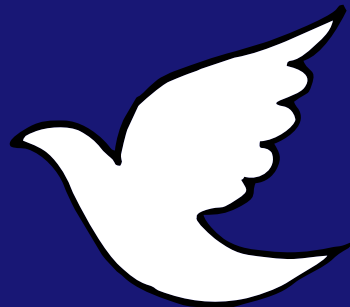
Fostering

Have you ever thought about fostering within BCP? You could change lives for the better

BCP need to recruit new foster carers locally for our children and young people. In return we offer fantastic training and ongoing support, fees and allowances and a dedicated team based at our offices in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole who will support you on your fostering journey.

Why not find out more – it may just be one of the most rewarding things you ever do – all you need is a room in your house and space in your life for a child or young person.

You can find out more at the BCP website www.bcpfostering.co.uk and 01202 028 013.



Pray for The Queen

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.**

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

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

