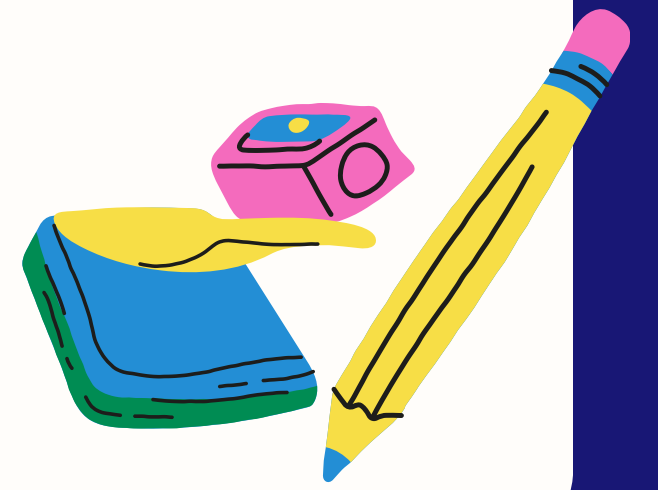




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter 4

23.05.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is always one of excitement, achievement, and reflection, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights and upcoming events with you.

Living Our Faith

Our mission to live out the Gospel values continues to be at the heart of everything we do. This term, we have focused on the theme of hope, and the children have shown a deep understanding of how we can be sources of light for others. Our prayer life remains strong, with class worships, planning our KS2 visit to Church and preparations beginning for our Year 6 Leavers' Mass in July. We have had a wonderful visit from CAFOD and are looking at all the ways we can bring hope.

Year 5 Leeson House Residential

One of the highlights of this term has been the Year 5 residential trip to Leeson House. The children embraced every opportunity to learn and grow, showing great independence, teamwork, and respect for God's creation. Through exploring the beautiful Dorset countryside and coast, they returned with not only knowledge and experiences but also a stronger sense of community and personal growth. Thank you to the staff, Mr Cook, Mrs Jung, Mrs Wasmuth and Mr Curran, who gave their time and care to make this trip such a success.

Learning and Enrichment

Across the school, children have been engaged in exciting learning topics. Our curriculum continues to be rich and broad, and we are proud of the progress our pupils are making. Highlights this term include our VE Day celebrations, Ducklings school visit to the farm and preparing for Sports Day in June. We are really proud of how well our Year 6 pupils worked during SATs week and their progress at St Joseph's.

Looking Ahead

As we approach the end of the academic year, please make note of the important dates in this newsletter. We are also beginning to prepare for our transition activities, helping each child to feel confident and ready for their next stage, whether that be a new class or the move to secondary school. We will share class teachers for September, after half-term.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers. May the light of Christ guide us through this final term and into the summer months ahead. With every blessing,

Liz Rippon

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

PTA Summer Fayre

ST JOSEPH'S PTA
SUMMER FAYRE
FRIDAY
6th JUNE
4-7PM

- INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE • BBQ •
- PIMMS • FUN GAMES • STALLS • BOTTLE TOMBOLA •
- SPONGE THE TEACHER • ICE CREAM VAN & FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON IN OUR SUMMER RAFFLE!

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. Our raffle tickets have been sent out with each child - please return your ticket stubs with payment by **Monday 2nd June**. If you would like any more raffle books, please come to the school office. Our list of fantastic prizes is growing so make sure to get your tickets in the draw! We are asking all classes to help with stalls, so please lend a hand when asked by your class rep.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to our 94 supporters with Easyfundraising - we have now raised £1,644.05! Please help us raise more - it's easy to join and every time you shop online you raise donations for our school at no extra cost to you! If you haven't already signed up, please follow this link to help us raise more: [Easyfundraising](#)

LEARNING

Ducklings

This half term, Ducklings went to Longdown Activity Farm and had a fantastic time! They enjoyed feeding the baby goats (kids) and baby cows (calves), and also had the chance to gently stroke guinea pigs and chicks. Their faces were lit up with big smiles all day long. Great job, Ducklings!



Year 1

Year 1 celebrated VE day by making party crowns, flags, jam sandwiches and home-made lemonade, to recreate a VE day party! The children had a great day and enjoyed eating their lunch outside with the rest of the school.



Year 1 have also been learning all about fruits in D.T. this half term! We have explored how to identify fruits and vegetables and where different fruits and vegetables grow, and we then went onto discuss our favourite fruits and vegetables. Next we practised some food preparation skills using knives and juicers before we designed and made smoothies in class! The children loved tasting their smoothies and evaluated them very positively.

Year 2

This half term, Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the Bournemouth Aviation Museum. The children loved seeing and exploring the different planes and helicopters. They were very excited to watch the planes taking off and landing at Bournemouth Airport from the viewing platform. We all had a great day!



Year 3

In Year 3 we have been enjoying our outdoor PE this half term, making the most of the beautiful weather! We have been learning the basics of tennis, starting with some simple throwing and catching with a focus on accuracy, moving onto trying to make space. Racket skills are also coming on with children learning how to use the forehand and backhand to return a tennis ball that has been thrown to them. I have seen some amazing skill development in a very short time with many children. We have also been on the field learning the optimum sprinting technique (not looking at what our friends are doing but focusing on the lane ahead) and throwing techniques (using our other arm to aim where we want the object to go) ready for sports day next term.

Year 4



In PE this half term, we have been practising bridges, involving purposeful movements, balance and co-ordination. The children did so well with their movements and working in a pair! In RE this half term, we have been learning about Easter, and Jesus' and Disciple's feelings after the Resurrection. In Maths, we have been focussing on our times tables, and the four operations: multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. The children are growing in confidence with this which is great to see! The children have absolutely blown us away with their writing also. They have been planning, writing and editing a persuasive leaflet inviting people to their circus. Well done Year 4 for a fantastic half term - you rock!

Year 5

This half-term, our Year 5 class embarked on an unforgettable school trip to Leeson House, where adventure awaited at every turn. The highlight of the trip was our breathtaking, yet challenging, walks—one to the stunning Dancing Ledge and another from Corfe Castle to Kingston village. The journey to Dancing Ledge was filled with awe-inspiring coastal views and moments of triumph as students pushed through the long trek. Then, on our historic walk from Corfe Castle, we learned about the rich history of the area while taking in the rolling hills and picturesque villages. Along the way, our students showed resilience, teamwork, and a deep sense of curiosity that made this trip truly special. A big thank you to all the parents, teachers and staff for making this educational experience one to remember!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy half-term especially with SATS. We were all incredibly proud of them during SATS week for their hard work, resilience and positivity. They actually said it was such a fun week!



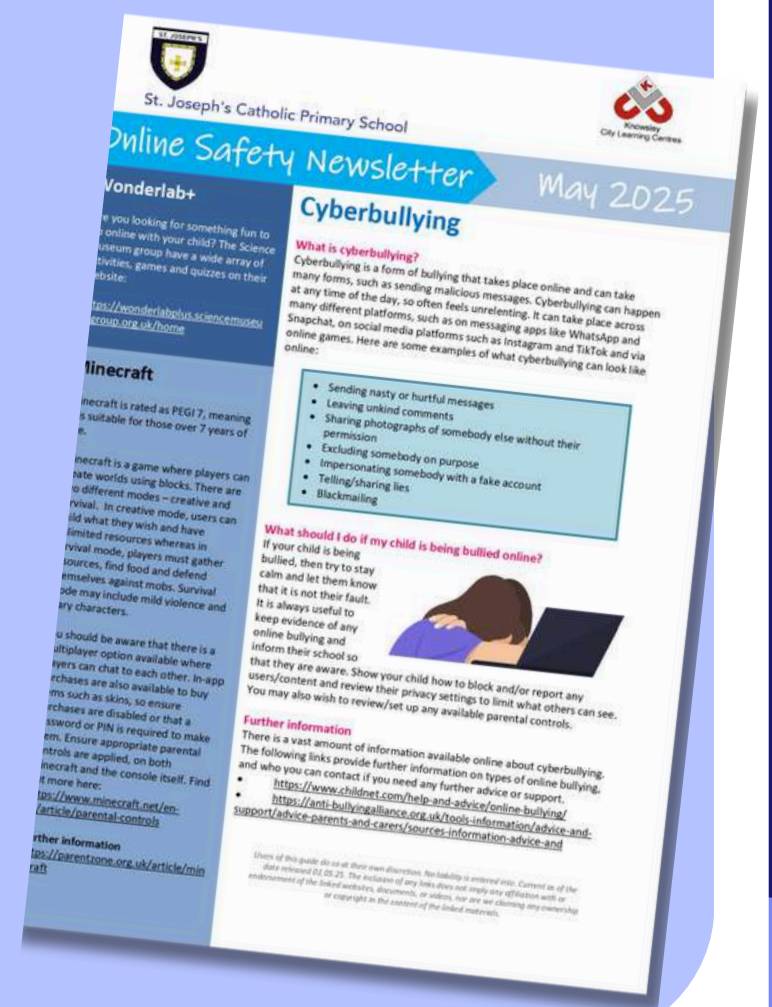
Sport

Thank you to all of the children who have taken part in the sporting competitions we have had the opportunity to enter this half term. All children have shown great resilience, composure and tremendous sportsmanship throughout. They have been a credit to St Joseph's Primary School.

Staying safe online

Please note that the May 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/>



Remember to book lunches!

Please note that the deadline for ordering school lunches for the first week back after half term is **Monday 26th May**.

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).



Please support our next car boot!

We will be holding our next car boot sale on **Saturday 28th June**. Please do come along to support either as a buyer or seller. All crafters welcome - please pre-book if you would like a tabletop in our school hall. Please call the school office on 01202 485976. All money raised goes back into the school.



Sleep Hygiene Workshop

St Joseph's Primary School

Friday 13th June
9:30am-10:30am

Is your child having difficulties with their sleep? Do they struggle to drift off or get their 10-12 hours in?

This 1-hour free session could help. It focuses on understanding common problems with sleep and practical ways to help.



Come along,
it's free!



@DORSETMHST





SCHOOL LIFE

Important Dates for your diary

EVENT	DATE
Back to school	Monday 2 nd June
Multiplication Check for Year 4	Week beginning 2 nd June
PTA Summer Fayre and Whole School Mufti	Friday 6 th June
Year 6 Residential to Avon Tyrrell	Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th June
Science Fair for Years 3,4 & 5	Tuesday 10 th June
New Ducklings parents Welcome Evening	Tuesday 10 th June, 6pm
Year 4 Class Trip to Stour Valley and Oceanarium	Friday 13 th June
New Ducklings Stay and Play	Friday 13 th June
Sleep Hygiene Workshop for parents	Friday 13 th June, 9.30am-10.30am
Sports Week	Monday 16 th June - Friday 20 th June
Sports Day - parents invited	Tuesday 17 th June, KS1 - 9am, KS2 - 1pm
Whole School Skipping Workshop	Wednesday 18 th June
Annual schools Mass	Wednesday 18 th June
Ducklings and Year 1 Scooter Training - sign up required	Wednesday 25 th June
Year 4 to St Joseph's Church for Mass	Wednesday 25 th June
Secondary Transfer Day for BCP schools	Friday 27 th June
Secondary Transfer Day for Ringwood School	Monday 30 th June
Year 1 Class Trip to Beaulieu	Tuesday 1 st July
New Ducklings home visits	Wednesday 2 nd July - Friday 4 th July
Year 6 Mass at St Joseph's Church	Thursday 3 rd July, 2pm
Year 6 Careers Day at JP Morgan	Friday 4 th July
Meet the Teacher Morning	Friday 4 th July
Y6 Leavers' Play	Thursday 10 th July, 2pm and 6pm
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	Wednesday 16 th July
Rocksteady Concert to parents	Thursday 17 th July, 9.45am
Last day of term	Friday 18 th July
Inset Day	Monday 21 st July
Inset Day	Tuesday 22 nd 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>



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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
regionalleadersignup.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

Sign up to our newsletter - Get the latest news and campaign updates from SFC HQ
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