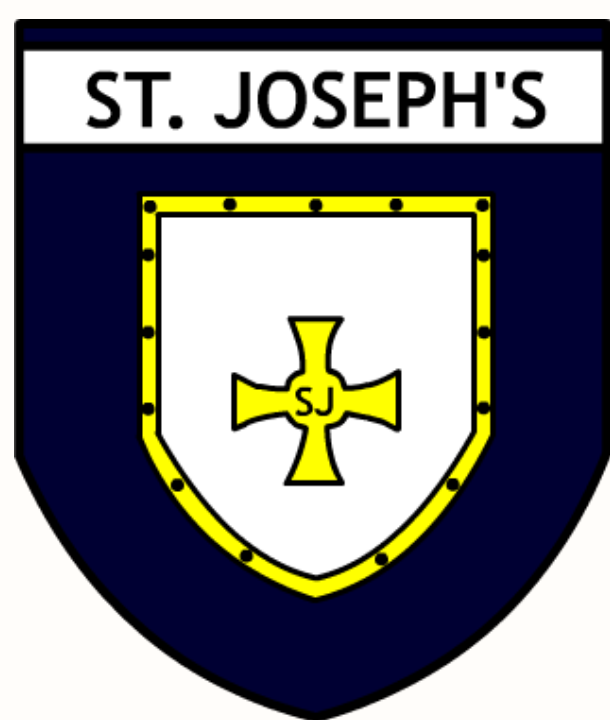
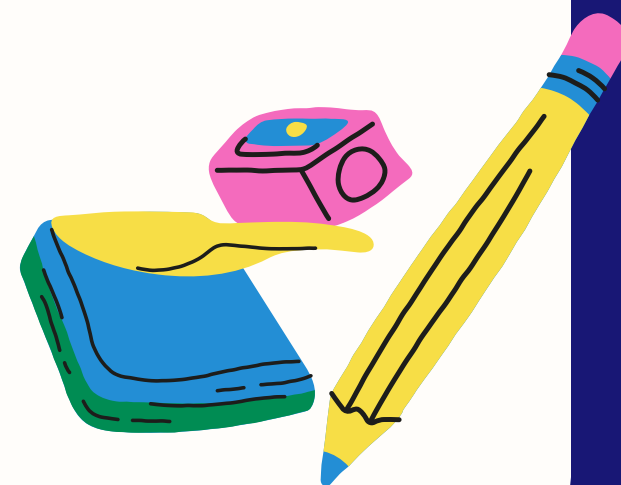




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter 1

25.10.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to the children on an excellent start to the Autumn Term. Thank you for all the messages of kindness and support following my letter to parents last week. We really want to work as a team to support your child. I am so proud of the children's achievements so far this academic year. They have worked very hard and it is great to see so many children winning certificates for Hot Chocolate Friday. There have been some wonderful experiences for the children including: A rocket-making workshop, Art and Mental Health awareness day, Harvest, Bikeability sessions, Forest School, school trips to Hampton Court Palace and Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre.

I am so proud of how well our Ducklings children have settled in and thank you to our amazing Year 6 buddies who help them. Thank you to Mr Cook and the staff for accompanying children to different sports events this term and keeping sport at St Joseph's high profile!

We were delighted to pitch our ideas for our outdoor reading area at Christchurch Soup. Teachers have also received training on our new 3D printer to enhance STEM learning further across the school. So, it is definitely time for the children and staff to have a well-earned break. Wishing you all a blessed half-term and family time.

'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.' Colossians 3:15

God Bless,
Elizabeth Rippon

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

3D printer win for St Joseph's

We are delighted to announce that we have won a state-of-the-art 3D printer for our school, elevating our already exciting DT and STEM curriculum to the next level! Thanks to a competition run by STEM experts Wonderstruck, we won the 3D printer which will be used in DT lessons to show pupils how to take ideas from CAD software to real objects. This cutting-edge technology will bring lots of excitement to our DT lessons and we can't wait to see the children's designs come to life. Wonderstruck also visited our school to give the pupils a wonderful rocket workshop and children were able to design, build and launch their rockets.



Raising money recycling

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing for our Rags to Riches clothing fundraiser. We had nearly 50 bags of donated clothes which were collected and weighed. We are delighted to announce that this raised £87 for the school! Thank you again for your support. **Date for your diary - the next date for our clothing fundraiser is 6th March 2025.**



All welcome at Family Mass

St Joseph's Church holds a family mass the first Sunday of each month and all families are warmly invited.

During term time, at 9:00am mass, gospel is shared with children in a friendly and fun setting. During these sessions, the Sunday Gospel is shared at a level the children can understand and enjoy. We enrich this with discussion, prayers, and songs and crafts.

The dates for this term are:

10th November.

17th November

24th November

1st December

8th December

15th December

We look forward to welcoming all children of all ages.

LEARNING

Ducklings

Ducklings have had a great start to our school life. They have learnt about seasonal changes; they started their Talk for Writing learning with 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and they have learnt about repeated patterns in our Maths lessons. They also started their Forest School sessions and they even had marshmallows this week. Well done, Ducklings. We are all super proud of you!



Year 1

Year 1 loved designing and building these lovely working windmills this half term! The windmills even have a pipe cleaner handle to turn the sails. Thank you so much to all of the parents who came to see our work at our D.T. exhibition.



Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed their science topic this half term, they have loved looking for minibeasts around the school. They found lots of different creatures and explore their microhabitats. Year 2 have also loved Forest School this half term! They were especially excited to toast marshmallows around a fire.



Year 3

We have had a great first term in Year 3 and have thrown ourselves back in time to the Stone Age. In the 3rd week we went to Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre and learned what life was like for Stone Age man by emersing ourselves in activities they would have done on a daily basis: knapping flint that would be used to make tools and weapons for hunting, grinding grain to make flour for bread and willow weaving to make fences to keep animals in when they started farming. Our art has also been pre-historic. We have explored different ways Stone Age man would have made marks on the walls of caves that can still be seen 1,000s of year later using natural materials like grass, berries, mud and spices. These were used for colour, texture and glue. Sticks, feathers, cones and stones were useful for using as brushes or to grind the materials to produce colour. We made our own textured paper to represent the cave wall and painted animals using earthy tones characteristic of the materials that would have been available at the time.



LEARNING

Year 4

Year 4 have made a great start to the Autumn term with their weekly swimming lessons. They have been making excellent progress and it is great to see their confidence growing each week. In history, Year 4 have been learning about the Mayan civilisation. The children were interested to learn that most of our favourite foods we eat today, such as chocolate, were discovered and developed centuries ago by the Mayans.

In science, Year 4 have been learning about endangered species and studying invertebrates - the children even did an invertebrate hunt and studied them under the microscope. The class has been reading 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold and learning about life in the Arctic circle.

Year 5



Year 5 have enjoyed talking about careers in space and astronomy. The class watched a video from Dr Fawcett about her journey to becoming an astronomer, what an astronomer does, and what she researches - black holes and active galaxies.

Year 5 also designed and created playgrounds as part of their Design and Technology project. The playgrounds all looked great! Thank you to the parent helpers for coming in and supporting the children.



Year 6

This half-term, Year 6 have been learning about The Tudors. Last week, they had a fantastic day at Hampton Court Palace exploring where King Henry VIII lived. Year 6 loved seeing lots of different rooms in the palace, visiting the Tudor kitchens, walking through the maze and seeing a real tennis court. They had an excellent workshop called Investigating Henry, where they showed off their knowledge so far and learned a lot too. The Year 6 team who accompanied the children on the trip were so impressed with their outstanding behaviour, but loved seeing the awe and wonder on their faces throughout the day. One child said, "I can't believe we're walking the same steps that Henry VIII took." Thank you to Mrs Holmes, who helped secure funding, to make this trip possible.



Sporting success

Our children have had a fabulous time competing at the following sporting events this half term:

- Year 3 Mini Olympics
- Year 4 Dare to Believe Festival
- Years 5/6 Girls Football Development Tournament
- Year 2 Dare to Believe Festival
- Year 5 Football Development Tournament
- Year 1 Multi-Skills Festival
- Years 5/6 Girls Dorset Football League

Our children have showed great determination, resilience and teamwork in all of these competitions and we praise them for that. We look forward to the many more sporting competitions that our children will get to experience this year.



Below: Our Year 1 children enjoyed the Multi-Skills Festival at The Grange. The children took part in lots of activities including sport and dance. Well done Year 1!



St Joseph's uniform

A reminder that you can buy new logo uniform from our supplier QDOS. If your child receives pupil premium you are entitled to a **free logo jumper**. Please contact Dee or Carly on 07774 679472 or email info@qdoschoolwear.co.uk.

We also have our very own second hand uniform shop on the Uniformd platform where we sell good quality pre-owned uniform with all funds raised going directly back to the school. Please visit the Uniformd shop here: [Uniformd](https://www.uniformd.com/schools/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school)

Christchurch Soup

We are delighted to announce that our pitch at Christchurch Soup this week to ask for funding for our Outdoor Library went very well and we came away with £250 funding for our new project. Thank you to our two wonderful Year 6 pupils who stood up in front of a room of 100 people to pitch our idea with Mrs Rippon and Mrs Holmes. We will keep you updated on the progress of our project,



Competition with JP Morgan

In our aim to inspire our children's digital learning, this term we have been involved in an exciting competition in collaboration with JP Morgan.

The children have been designing an app in school which can be educational or for entertainment and the winning entry will have their app made. The entries will be judged by engineers in JP Morgan. We will keep you posted.



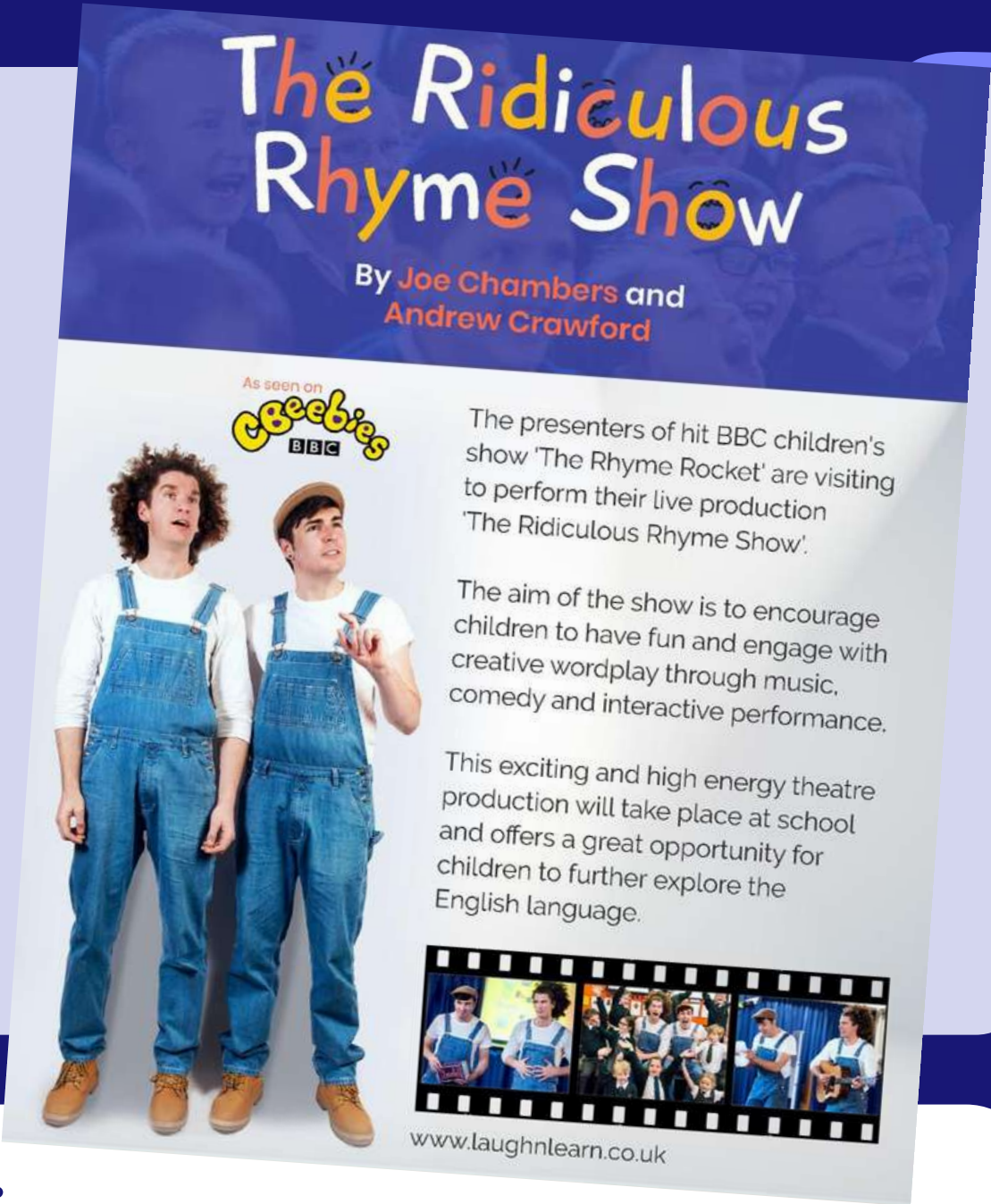
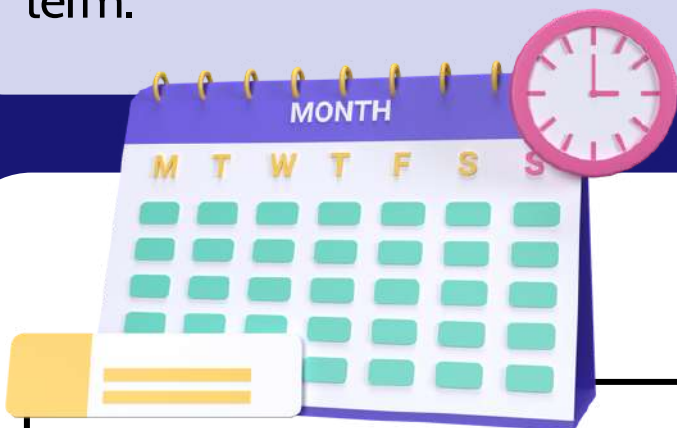
SCHOOL LIFE

CBeebies live show

We are delighted to announce a very exciting opportunity to be part of a CBeebies live production and a TV Workshop at Somerford School on Friday 29th November!

The presenters of hit TV show, The Rhyme Rocket, will be visiting Dorset to perform their live production of 'The Ridiculous Rhyme Show'. They will be performing at Somerford School and we have been invited to take part. The presenters will then deliver a creative TV and Media Workshop where they will give the children an insight into what happens inside a TV studio.

We are very excited to be taking part. More details will follow after half term.



Important Dates

EVENT	DATE
Back to school	Monday 4th November
Year 5 Imaginative Prayer series starting	Tuesday 5th November
School photographer	Thursday 7th November
Poppy Appeal - fundraising all week	Monday 4th November - Friday 8th November
Remembrance Day	Monday 11th November
House Matches for Y5 & Y6	Thursday 14th November
Parliament Week	starting Monday 18th November
Road Safety Day	Tuesday 19th November
Year 4 class trip to Winchester Science Centre	Wednesday 27th November
Christmas Discos - KS1 and KS2 - details to follow	Thursday 28th November
CBeebies Show at Somerford School - details to follow	Friday 29th November
Y5 & Y6 Advent Service at St Joseph's Church	Thursday 5th December, 6pm
Ducklings, Year 1 and Y2 Christmas Play Performances	Tuesday 10th December, 2pm
Ducklings, Year 1 and Y2 Christmas Play Performances	Wednesday 11th December, 2pm
Rocksteady Band Concert to parents	Thursday 12th December
Year 3 & Y4 Christmas Play Performances	Tuesday 17th December, 2pm and 5pm
Christmas Party Day	Thursday 19th December
Last Day of Term - early finish 1.20pm	Friday 20th December

INSET Days 2024-2025

Fri 21st March 2025, Mon 21st July 2025, Tues 22nd July 2025

Raise money while you shop!

Great news! We've already raised £1,304.47 with 82 supporters on easyfundraising. If you've already signed up, please keep remembering to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Remember, you can raise donations from just renewing your usual home or car insurance. If you haven't already signed up, please help us raise more by signing up now: [Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com)



E-safety guidance for parents

Please note that the October 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/>

Times tables competition

As part of our commitment to making maths exciting, we are taking part in a friendly times tables competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 7:30am on Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 7:30pm on Thursday 14th November and will be for our Years 3 to Year 6 pupils. They can login through their TTRS account to take part.

ENGLAND ROCKS

12TH - 14TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY

÷ **PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!** ×

**WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!**



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**



Come to our Car Boot!

We will be holding our second car boot sale on Saturday 30th November. 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 see our flyer below.

WINTER CAR BOOT SALE

AND TABLETOP SALES

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Dorset Road, Somerford, Christchurch,
BH23 3DA

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024
SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025

Gates Open for cars and sellers - 8.00am
£7 per car - first come/ first served
Free entry for buyers from 9.00am- 12.00pm

**CAKES WITH NELLY FROM THE
GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF**

**CONTACT SCHOOL TO PRE-BOOK FOR
TABLETOP SALES - £5 PER TABLE.**
**CRAFTERS WELCOME - PRE-BOOK £5 PER
TABLE**

CARS FOR CAR BOOT - TURN UP ON THE DAY

**IF WEATHER IS BAD THEN THIS EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED. PLEASE KEEP
AN EYE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE**
[HTTPS://ST-JOSEPHS-CATHOLIC.SECURE-PRIMARYSITE.NET/COMMUNITY](https://st-josephs-catholic.secure-primarysite.net/community)

**IF YOU ARE COMING TO BUY, PLEASE PARK
COURTEOUSLY IN NEARBY ROADS!**
PROCEEDS FROM ENTRY PRICES GO TO OUR SCHOOL

For more info, please call 01202 485976. No commercial traders.



Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning for Ducklings parents and carers to chat about the Speech and Language Therapy Service and how it can help you. This will be held at school on Friday 8th November from 9am-9.45am. Please do come along to find out more.

Hot school lunches



Please note that the deadline for ordering school lunches for the first week back after half term is **Monday 28th October**.

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://parentportal.myschoolmealorders.com)

SCHOOL CLUBS

After-School Clubs

Please see the wide range of after-school clubs on offer at St Joseph's. For information on how to book please see our website: <https://www.stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk/>

MONDAY - FRIDAY:

Starlight Club - Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast club - 7:45am-8:45am

After school club - 3:15pm-6pm Monday to Thursday

After School club 3.15pm-4.45pm on Fridays

TUESDAY:

Art Club for boys and girls in years 4, 5 and 6.

Football Coaching for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Forest School for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 3.15pm-4.15pm

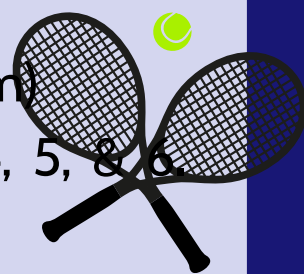


WEDNESDAY:

Coding Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Karate (Junior classes Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) (6.15-7.45pm)

Rugby with Titan Sports Academy Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
3.15pm-4.15pm



THURSDAY:

French Club for Reception to Year 6. 3.15pm-4.20pm.

Tennis Club for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 3.15pm-4.15pm

FRIDAY:

Gymnastics for boys and girls in Years 1-6. 3.15pm-4.15pm



Fun



Year 1 - Year 6

Foundation welcome from January onwards



Afterschool French Club

Every Thursday 3.15pm to 4.20pm

Autumn 1/2 Term costs £45.15 (6wks at a cost of £6.20/wk, plus a £7.95 annual fee (to include all course materials, topical treats and insurance).

Fees payable termly in advance.

Learning about the French culture and language in a fun, club atmosphere through games, songs, roleplay and crafts.



Club Amusons-Nous

Call Madame Sam to book your child's free taster
on Thursday, 7 November

07968 042 462

clubamusons-nous@outlook.com



LIGHT SNACK
INCLUDED

AGES
4-11

NEED WRAPAROUND CARE?



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

OR EMAIL: STARLIGHTCLUB@STJOSEPHS.DORSET.SCH.UK

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Our mission is to create an inclusive and supportive environment where every child can feel confident to try new things and develop their skills. We believe that rugby is a sport for all and welcome boys or girls of all abilities and backgrounds to join us.

Our coaching staff comprises experienced and qualified rugby coaches who are passionate about the sport and dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive environment for children. Our coaches use a range of coaching techniques and strategies to ensure that every child feels valued and supported so they can develop their skills and potential.

COST £5 PER SESSION

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