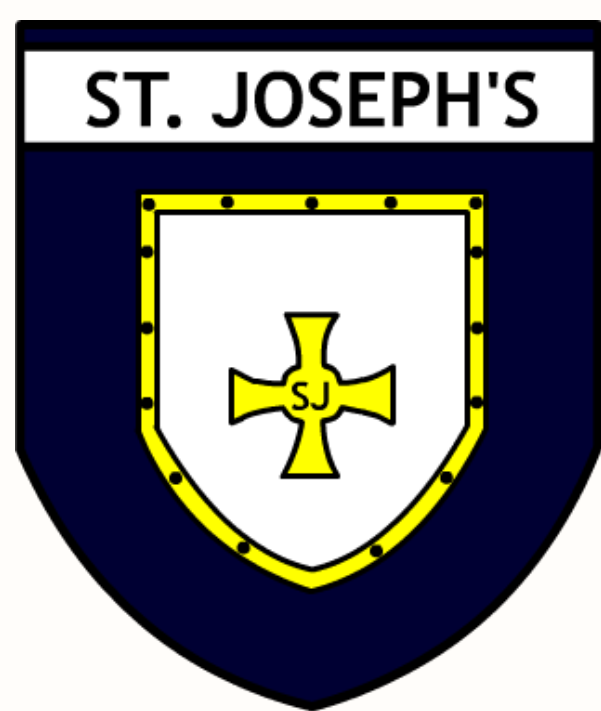
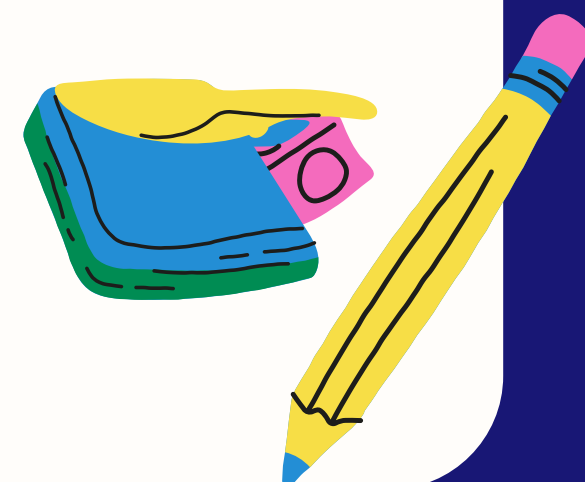




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Newsletter 5

27.1.23

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome parents back into school for our Friday afternoon class assemblies. Year 6, Year 4 and Year 3 have treated us to brilliant assemblies so far, with powerful messages.

In our Monday assemblies, Zach from the charity, *Caritas*, has visited and is working with all the children on a sustainability project at our school. We have also read the book, 'Our Class is a Family', in school. It remains us that we are a team and that we are all different but should celebrate our differences. Ms Thomas has sourced some wonderful books that reflect our school values.



Thank you for your support with our new system for dropping your child at school. It is developing the children's independence and resilience. If you arrive before the gate opens, please make sure you line up without blocking the pavement, to keep everyone safe.

School uniform - the children have returned very smart, however there are some children who are still wearing incorrect footwear. Ugg boots and trainers are not permitted at school. Short, smart black ankle boots may be worn during the winter. Hairbands must also be blue, navy or black. A reminder that we have a second-hand online uniform shop:
<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/158>

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

God bless,
Elizabeth Rippon
Headteacher

Catholic Life of Our School

FATHER JOHN'S FAREWELL MASSES

We will be saying goodbye to our much-loved parish priest, Father John. He has had such a positive impact on the children, staff and families at St Joseph's, bringing so many closer to Christ. You are invited to his farewell Masses on
Saturday 4th at 5pm and Sun 5th February at 9am (FAMILY MASS).

Thank you to Fr Ansel and Deacon Hugh for celebrating Mass with the children on the Feast of the Epiphany at the start of term. .

PARISH YOUTH CLUB/JUNIORS

A reminder to check when the next Youth Clubs are via this link or email Emma on familiesandyouth@icsj.org.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephsfamiliesandyoungpeople/>

Please remember to keep both the First Holy Communion children and their families in your prayers as well as Year 6 at St Joseph's school,



Starlight Club

We are running our own Breakfast and After School Club at school. Please contact the school office or visit our school website, if you would like information about registering your child to attend the club. We have two special after school activities coming up at Starlight Club:

Friday 3rd February - Pizza Night
Thursday 9th February - Movie Night

Safeguarding

Private Tutors, Sports Coaches, etc
The NSPCC have some very useful information if you are considering the use of a private tutor or availing of the services of sports coaches. You should be encouraged to think through the safeguarding aspects in order to do this safely.

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/sports-clubs-activities/

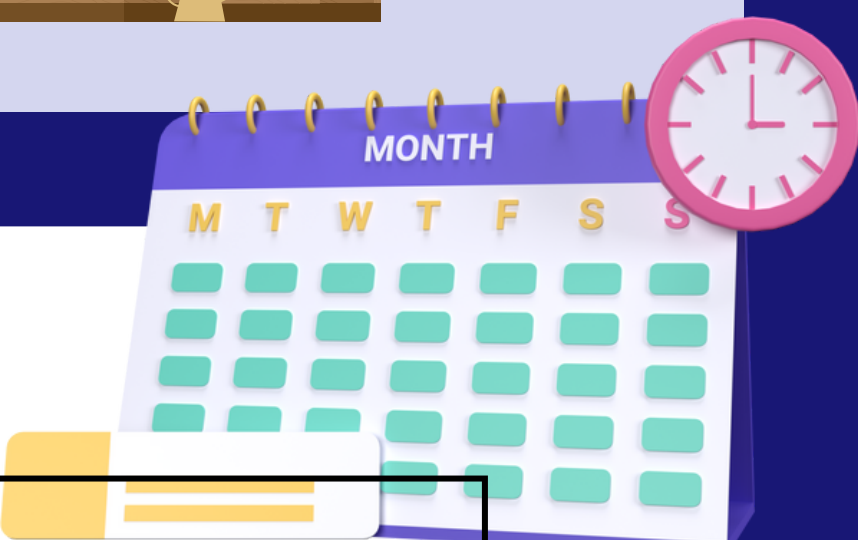
Our School Garden

Our School Garden is taking shape and we have exciting plans for it!

Mrs James and Mrs Cheeseborough have asked for any donations of pots, canes and twine in good condition for us to use.



Important Dates



Event	Date
Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs Parent's Meeting	Monday 30th January - 5.30pm
Year 1 Class Assembly	Friday 3rd February – 2.30pm
INSET Day – children not in school – finish for half-term	Friday 10th February
World Book Day – children invited to wear pyjamas to school	Thursday 2nd March
Year 2 Assembly	Friday 3rd March
Year 5 Assembly	Friday 10th March
Year 6 Bikeability - more info to follow	Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March
Parents' evenings – more details to follow	Mon 13th and Weds 15th March
School Class Photos	Fri 24th March

INSET Days 2023

Friday 10th February 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Monday 8th May 2023 - Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation

Friday 1st September 2023

PTA Update

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 31st January at 6pm. Please come along and join us!

LEARNING

OUR CURRICULUM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AROUND OUR CHILDREN, TO CREATE CHILDREN WHO LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS

STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION

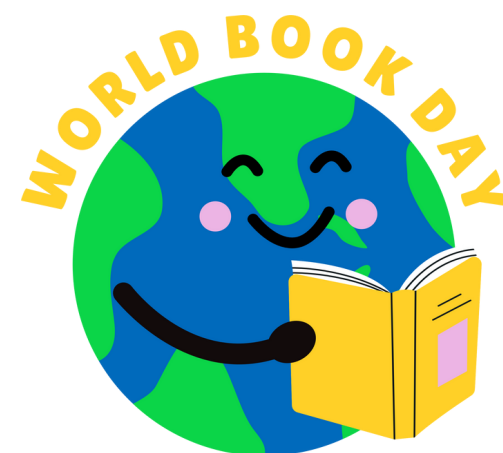
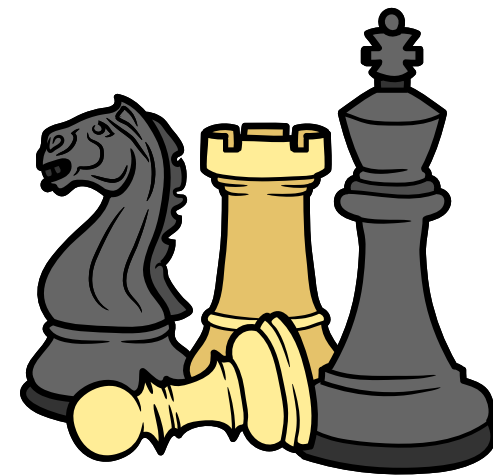


CONFIDENT AND OPTIMISTIC INDIVIDUALS



Year 3 children have been making pizzas. This was a combination of their Literacy learning, where we have been writing instructions, and a class reward for getting all the marbles in their jar. Mrs Crozier made the dough in advance and then the children got to shape their base however they wanted, add their toppings and then eat their pizzas. All children tasted their pizzas with some gobbling them up straight away while others took theirs home to share with their families. It was a fun afternoon. I just wish I'd made one too as they all looked so yummy. Ms Whyte

Y4 and Y5 children are welcome to join Thursday lunchtime chess club each week



We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 2nd March. This year, rather than dressing up as a book character, the children are invited to wear their pyjamas to school with the theme, 'get cosy and snuggle up with a good book'. The whole day will focus on reading.

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



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