

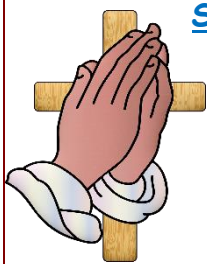
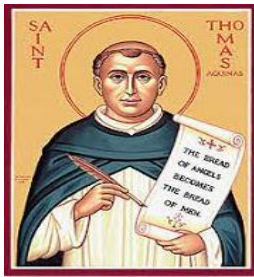


3rd February 2023

St. Joseph's is a joyful community which follows the example of Jesus, helping, accepting and respecting everyone, as we learn and grow together, safe in His love.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.
Amen.



Stay and Pray

Yr5 & Yr4 have attended Mass with the parish over the last couple of weeks. Year 3 will be at Mass this coming Tuesday (7th) & Yr2 on 21st February

Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Reception Chinese Dance Workshop



IN RECEPTION, WE HAD A FABULOUS DAY TAKING PART IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE DRAGON AND FAN DANCES, AS PART OF OUR LEARNING

ABOUT LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS. WE WERE INSPIRED TO MAKE OUR OWN DRAGONS OUT OF A RANGE OF MATERIALS.

Parent Consultation Meetings

The Parent Consultations will take place in school on Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th February between 3:30PM & 6:30PM.

WORLD BOOK DAY

The celebration of this annual day has been moved from Thursday 2nd to Friday 3rd March. The children have voted to celebrate by wearing pj's and dressing gowns, and are going to bring their favourite bedtime story to share.

Maths Workshops

It was a pleasure to welcome parents from 1N, 3R and 3DT into school this week to share in their children's mathematical journey. We hope all the parents took something away with them which they can use to support their child. We look forward to welcoming the parents from other year groups over the coming weeks.

Money Box Competition Winner

We had an excellent response to our 'Design a Money Box for the Future Competition'. The entries were spectacular in both their creativity, design and practicality. It was a joy to see that so many of the entries were made from recycled materials

Well done to our winners Emma in 2P and Mateo in 3DT.



INSET DAY FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2023

The school will be closed to children on Friday 10th for a staff INSET day.

Please be reminded to pay contributions to workshops and trips taking place. If we continue to be unable to cover the costs of the events, we may have to cancel them. No child will be excluded for their parent's inability or unwillingness to pay. However, if this is the case, please contact the finance team so that decisions regarding the trip or workshop can be made in a timely manner. Payments for events which have already taken place or are due to take place can be found in the Payment section on the ParentMail app and website.

Year 3 & 4 Racket Tournament

Children from Year 3 & 4 took part in a Badminton/Racket Pack event at Hornchurch Sports Centre on 23rd January.

The children enjoyed different activities with the aim to improve their racket skills, whilst accumulating points for their team. St Joseph's finished 2nd in the competition.

Well done to everyone involved.

Y4 Interview with Fr Matthew

Year 4 interviewed Fr. Matthew as part of our RE topic about Community. We asked him about his role as a priest and what he enjoys about leading our Parish community. We also found out about his interests, hobbies and talents. Thank you to Fr. Matthew for sharing this time with us - we thoroughly enjoyed it.

Year 6 B Class Assembly

A huge well done to 6B who welcomed their parents into school to watch their class assembly. They really did plan the perfect assembly, completed with songs, dance and Harry Potter jokes. We are very proud of their hard work and great performance.

Year 6S Class Assembly

6S performed their class assembly for the Juniors and their parents on Thursday 2nd February. They shared what they have been learning so far this term including the circulatory system in science and the novels 'Holes' and 'Harry Potter' which they have been reading in English. For the finale, the children performed a song learnt 'Rock Day' to open maths week. Well done it was a fantastic effort.

Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Competition

On Tuesday 31st January some of the year 5 & 6 pupils took part in the league matches at Noak Hill. Whilst we did not progress to the next stage of the competition, the children had a great time. Comments were made by other schools about the children's positive attitude and good manners.

**Children's Liturgy**

St Joseph's Church Children's Liturgy takes place every Sunday in the Social Centre (on St Mary's Lane, next to the school). It will be open to children old enough to be left in the care of catechists, up to those who are of First Holy Communion age. Parents are asked to drop children off before 9am with the catechists.

Please see the Church Newsletter for full details.

TT ROCK STARS DAY

Thank you for all the children and teachers for making a great effort and dressing up for this special day. Everyone had a wonderful time.



FOR ALL DIARY DATES PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

[Diary-Dates-Spring-2023-2.pdf \(st-josephs-upminster.net\)](https://www.st-josephs-upminster.net/Diary-Dates-Spring-2023-2.pdf)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – starts the week beginning 13th February.

School re-opens as usual on Monday 20th February 2023.

Have a great half term break