



# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2022-23 #12 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY

*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.*

## Stay and Pray

Yr1 and Reception joined the parish for Mass in recent weeks. Yr5 (6<sup>th</sup> June) and Yr6 (13<sup>th</sup> June) will be next to attend. Parents are very welcome to attend in the church.



## Rosary – Month of May

Thank you to each class for leading us through a decade of the Rosary. It was lovely to welcome the parents who were able to join with us for this devotional prayer.

## Marian Procession

Supported by Fr Matthew, the whole school celebrated Mary, Mother of God and our mother too. We sang, prayed, processed, crowned and offered class bouquets in honour of Mary. The procession was led by our youngest and oldest pupils, who carried an image of our Lady and her special crown, as we prayed our way around the premises. Thank you all for your donations of flowers which played an important part in our celebration. Thank you to Mrs Morgan for the beautiful crown she made for our service.



## **The Hail Mary**

Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst  
women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.



## The Ascension of the Lord

The Children in KS2 attended the parish Mass to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Several parishioners were very complimentary about the children's reverence and behaviour. Thank you to Fr Matthew for making us welcome at the Mass.

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Thank you to the parents who volunteered for the vacant parent governor role and all the parents who voted. Congratulations to **Mhairi Walsh** who was elected into the position.



A massive **WELL DONE** to our Year 2 children for completing the Special Tests this week. You have made Mrs. Partridge and Miss Franks very proud. Thank you to the PFA for getting the ice lollies as a reward for their hard work. The children have also had a lovely day at Rainham Marshes today.



## Year 6

As soon as we return from the half term break, Year 6 will be heading off for their residential trip to PGL. I am sure the children going will be excited.



There will be information for the next trip (for the current Year 5) coming to you before the summer.



Commando Joe's Each class from Years 1-6 really enjoyed a challenging commando session, led by Pete. They had to work as small teams to solve problems or complete tasks, and they had to demonstrate teamwork, communication and resilience. Pete was so impressed with how the children tackled tricky situations and worked together, and we hope to welcome him back again in the future.

## 1N Class Assembly

1N performed their class assembly to celebrate the top ten things of their class. They thought of and shared ideas for the countdown with each other. I am so proud of you all - you are all superstars! I cannot wait to have more fun in the last half term. Well done 1N!!!  
Miss Noll

## 5C Class Assembly

The children in 5C put on a magnificent, updated retelling of Romeo and Juliet in their recent class assembly. 5C managed to recreate one of Shakespeare's most iconic plays and add a modern twist to it. Including sword fights, rap songs and an 80's classic. We're sure that critics will be raving about this for years to come.

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## UJS Boys Football

Last Friday, some of the boys from year 5 and year 6 took part in a friendly football tournament at Upminster Junior School. The children did really well playing against a variety of different opposition and constantly demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done to the boys involved who were exceptional both on and off the pitch.



Class 4CH had a wonderful day visiting the Wapping Police Marine Support Unit. It was an amazing opportunity seeing the equipment, animals and vehicles up close.



## Year 1 Tithe Barn Visit

Year 1 enjoyed exploring Upminster Tithe Barn this week. They learned lots about the local area by looking at artefacts and pictures from the past. Thank you to the adults that volunteered to assist on this trip. It was a fun day enjoyed by all.

Year 4 enjoyed their visit to Thames Chase for their science topic. They took part in a bug hunt, tree trial and some art activities too. They all had a fantastic day.



**CENSUS DAY MENU** Everyone was invited to have a school lunch on census day. Everyone who had a school lunch was entered into a prize draw (a £10 Roomes voucher) and the lucky winner (drawn by Fr Matthew) was... **Lily 6B.**

A big **THANK YOU** to **Aquinas Education**



<https://aquinaseducation.com/> for sponsoring the prizes. They have previously sponsored our football kit and we look forward to continuing to work closely with them in the future.

## Islam Week

In RE lessons from Monday 15th May- Friday 19th May, children learnt about the Islamic faith. Children enjoyed learning about the beliefs and traditions of Muslims around the world. Year 6 enjoyed an opportunity to try some Islamic artwork.



## St Helen's vs St Joseph's

From 8am on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June to 8am on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, we will take part in an intra school competition against St Helen's (Mr Daly's new school). All Rock Stars (Years 2-6) to battle like they've never battled before!

Rock on!



## Attendance Lottery Draw

At the start of term, I explained that we were going to trial a draw to reward good attendance. Every time your child has been in school for a full week, their name has been entered into a lucky dip prize draw. So, if you have been in school every day this half term, you have 6 tickets in the draw. The draw was made at assembly today – three prizes in the Infants and three in the Juniors. Each prize was a £10 Roomes Voucher – the toy department will be delighted to greet all the St Joseph's children!

The lucky winners this half term are:

Key Stage 1: Jaxon 2P, Theo 1N, Sereena RW

Key Stage 2: Mateo 3DT, Daniel 5C, Tabitha 6B

### UPCOMING EVENTS/DIARY DATES

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School re-opens. Children return to school.
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup>- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Residential Trip to Windmill Hill
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5 Stay and Pray, Church – Parents welcome
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Stay and Pray, Church – Parents welcome
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 3 FHC Celebration Mass in Church, Parents welcome
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	2F Class Assembly

SEE DIARY DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: <https://st-josephs-upminster.net/term-dates/>

Details about specific events are sent to classes/year groups via ParentMail