



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #14 23RD MAY 2024

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

Year 3 joined the parish community for Stay and Pray on the 21st May
Year 1 will attend on 4th June and Year 6 will attend on 11th June.

Please remember that all parents are always welcome to attend morning Mass in the parish, every morning at 9.15am



Year 6 PGL

As soon as we return from half-term, the Year 6 children will be off to PGL. Fingers crossed for good weather – although the activities continue whatever the conditions! We hope they have a wonderful week away!!



Group	% Attendance
4B	98.1
RD	97.6
4A	96.9
5M	96.5
5C	96.3
2F	96.1
6S	95.5
6B	94.4
2P	93.9
3R	92.8
1N	92.6
RW	91.9
1CD	91.1
3T	90.7

Well done 4B for achieving the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks.

HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

At assembly today, 6 lucky winners were drawn at random to receive a prize. Whenever your child attends a full week in school, their name goes onto a lottery ticket and it goes into the pot for a chance to win. And the lucky winners were:

Jude 2F, Evie 2P, Jomi 1CD

George 6B, Gabrielle 4B, Tom 4A

Key Stage 1 children won a £10 Roomes voucher;
KS2 children won a £10 All4One voucher – this was suggested by the student council.

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

Today is the last day of this half-term. **Friday 24th May is an INSET DAY** and then next week is the half-term holiday.

The children will return to school on Monday 3rd June. Please note that there is one more **INSET DAY on Monday 1st July**.

The school year ends on Wednesday 24th July.

Sports Days

In June, we are planning to hold our Sports Days in the park.

Wednesday 19th June is for INFANTS

Thursday 20th June is for JUNIORS

Both events will take place during the morning, starting as soon as we can. The children will return to school for lunch. Please bear in mind that the events are weather dependent.

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Marian Procession

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' since she is the mother of the eternal Son of God made man, who is God himself.

The title "Mother of God" comes from the Greek word Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". Mary being chosen by God, the Father, to bring Jesus Christ into this world, and her willingness to do so is great cause for celebration and respect.

At the end of her life, Mary, the mother of Christ, was taken body and soul (i.e. both physically and spiritually) into heaven to live with her son (Jesus Christ) forever.

As a sign of respect for Mary, the Mother of God and our mother too, today we processed in prayer, and we crowned her – the Queen of Heaven.

We pray for Mary's guidance and protection. Just as she was a guide and protector for Jesus as he grew under her care, we know that she watches over us now as a loving mother.

Summer Concert

Mrs Harris, Miss Ramsay and Mrs Calver are so very proud of all the talented children who took part in the Musical Mystery Tour Summer Concert this week. You worked so hard in rehearsals and you all looked and sounded fantastic. We know that your loved ones were extremely proud of you too! Breakfast and After School Club, your wonderful decorations really helped create an exciting atmosphere, thank you for your help. We are also grateful to all the staff who gave up their time to help.

You may want to use this special litany prayer at home.

Litany of Loretto

Holy Mary, **pray for us.**
Holy Mother of God, **pray for us.**
Holy Virgin of Virgins, **pray for us.**
Mother of Christ, **pray for us.**
Mother of grace, **pray for us.**
Mother most pure, **pray for us.**
Mother most chaste, **pray for us.**
Mother most loving, **pray for us.**
Mother most admirable, **pray for us.**
Mother of good Counsel, **pray for us.**
Mother of our Creator, **pray for us.**
Mother of our Saviour, **pray for us.**
Mary most wise, **pray for us.**
Mary most blessed, **pray for us.**
Mary most renowned, **pray for us.**
Mary most powerful, **pray for us.**
Mary most merciful, **pray for us.**
Mary most faithful, **pray for us.**
Mirror of justice, **pray for us.**
Seat of wisdom, **pray for us.**
Cause of our joy, **pray for us.**
Spiritual vessel, **pray for us.**
Vessel of honour, **pray for us.**
Mystical rose, **pray for us.**
Tower of David, **pray for us.**
Tower of ivory, **pray for us.**
House of gold, **pray for us.**
Ark of the covenant, **pray for us.**
Gate of heaven, **pray for us.**
Morning star, **pray for us.**
Health of the sick, **pray for us.**
Refuge of sinners, **pray for us.**
Comforter of the troubled, **pray for us.**
Help of Christians, **pray for us.**
Queen of Angels, **pray for us.**
Queen of Prophets, **pray for us.**
Queen of Apostles, **pray for us.**
Queen of Martyrs, **pray for us.**
Queen of all Saints, **pray for us.**
Queen assumed into heaven, **pray for us.**
Queen of the most holy Rosary, **pray for us.**
Queen of families, **pray for us.**
Queen of peace, **pray for us.**

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SPORTS news



On Wednesday 22nd May, Reggie, Ernie, Joey, Abby and I went to Cranston Park Tennis club to play in a tournament. We had Boy 1 and Boy 2 and Girl 1 and Girl 2. Girl 1 and Boy 1 played first and then Boy 2 and Girl 2. I was Girl 2 and Abby was Girl 1. Reggie was Boy 1 and Ernie and Joey were both Boy 2. At first Reggie and Abby played, then Joey, Ernie and I did. We had lots of fun for our first match. After that we had to go to different courts to play. We each played five matches against students from other schools. Thank you to all of the adults who came with us, especially Mrs. Willson and her Dad. *by Iris 3R*



On Wednesday 8th May, Jenson, Albie, Sammy, Ollie, Abby, Joshua, Ethan and I all went to a cricket tournament in Rainham. We really enjoyed ourselves, winning 3 out of our 6 matches. Our first win was by 48 runs, our second by 22 runs and our third by 24. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the final but we came third overall. A special mention to Abby who scored three amazing sixes. Jenson, Joshua and I all caught some high balls to stop the other team from scoring, with Joshua's including a spectacular dive to catch the ball. Ollie, Ethan, Sammy and Albie all really impressed everyone with their all-round performance. A huge thank you to Coach Willson for taking us and organising it all, and to Mrs. Scahill for taking us too! *by Isabella 3R*

Girls' Year 5 & 6 Cricket Competition - A big congratulations to the girls who played in the competition on Monday 21st May. Despite only having 6 players the team were amazing, coming top of their league. They batted with confidence, caught and stumped out many of the other teams, communicated well and showed great team spirit. It was a pleasure to see them play.

Well done team!

Year 3 & 4 Tennis Competition - on Wednesday 22nd May, children took part in a competition at Cranston Park Tennis club, the downpour of rain did not dampen our spirits and we were so proud to come runners up, missing out narrowly to Scotts School. We certainly have a few Murrays & Sue Bakers in our midst! A special mention to Reggie in 3T for his jaw dropping display of tennis throughout the competition and to all the children who showed their support and encouragement to not only to their own team but the opposition as well.



Date	Event
w/b Mon 3 rd	PGL Residential trip for Yr6
w/b Mon 3 rd	Multiplication Table Check (Year 4 only)
Tues 4 th	9.15am Yr1 Stay and Pray – parents welcome
w/b Mon 10 th	Phonics Screening Check week (Year 1)
Tues 11 th	9.15am Yr6 Stay and Pray – parents welcome
Thurs 13 th	2.15pm Class 2P Assembly – parents welcome
Fri 14 th	International Day
Sun 16 th	Father's Day

Goodbye!

From the 14th June, we will be saying goodbye to Claire Willson. She will be taking up a new position in the city. Over the last 5 years, her support and work in the office and her dedication to sports have been greatly appreciated. We will still see her on a Monday until the end of the school year and I am sure you join me in wishing her every success in her new job.