



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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 1 joined the parish community for Stay and Pray on Tuesday 12th and on Tuesday 26th March. Year 6 will have theirs on Tuesday 16th April and Yr5 on 23rd April

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

Message from Fr Matthew

We hope to see you on Good Friday at 9 am for family Stations of the Cross.

You can find other Holy Week services information on St. Joseph's Church's website.

<https://stjosephschurchupminster.com/holy-week-2024/>



Group	% Attendance
6S	98.9
6B	97.7
RW	97.2
4A	97.1
1N	96.7
5C	96.3
5M	95.4
RD	95.3
3R	95.0
2P	94.4
3T	94.4
4B	93.3
1CD	92.6
2F	91.2

Well done 6S for achieving the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks.

3T's trip to the Windmill

On the 15th March 3T visited the Windmill to trial their new wind workshop and to visit the mill. The children had a fantastic experience and learnt so much about wind, weather and milling.

We would like to thank the parents who supported us on the trip and also the volunteers at the Windmill who made sure that every child had an enjoyable experience.



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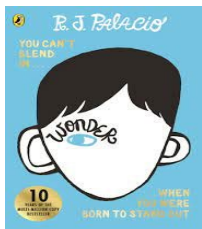
HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

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 (each winning a £10 Roomes Voucher) were:

Evie RW, Joseph C 2P, Joey T 2P,
Lara H 4B, Felicity 3R, Elsa 5C

3T CLASS ASSEMBLY

3T thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning journey so far in Year 3. They presented their learning fantastically and were so supportive to each other in rehearsals and on the day.



Book Club - Children from Y6 who have been attending Mrs Partridge's Book Club enjoyed watching the film of 'Wonder'. They had been reading the book for the last couple of months, and enjoyed comparing the book to the film.

Book Fair - Thank you attending the Book Fair. It was a huge success! Keep reading!



Book Mark Competition - Well done to everyone who entered the book mark competition. We had 35 entries from KS1, and 22 from KS2.

The Reading Ambassadors were delighted to see how many book marks had been made. They commented on how much hard work had been put into them. They each had a favourite one, giving reason such as "it's sparkly", "it's got inspirational words on it" and "it reminds me of my favourite book". We all agreed that we were pleased that Mr. Ross had to pick the winners!



Congratulations to Grace (2P) and Darcey (5C).

QUIZMASTERS

Last week, our Year 6 quiz team took part in the next round of the Rotary Quiz competition at St. Edward's. The questions were much tougher and they faced stiff competition from St. Edward's, Suttons and Crownfield. However, St. Joseph's battled through to be victorious again!

The final of the quiz will take place early next term. We wish our team lots of luck!

This term, to culminate our English topic of Macbeth, Year 5 went on an educational visit to the Globe Theatre. Upon our arrival, we were given a lovely tour of the theatre itself, where we learnt about its history and unusual 'open roof' layout. It was lovely to imagine ourselves as a spectator during the Shakespearean era, and then have the opportunity to get into the role of each of the characters, as we went 'backstage' to perform some of the key scenes from Macbeth. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered and gave up their time to help make this day such a memorable and fun-filled day for us all!



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.

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SPORTS news

RACKET PACK

This week children from **Years 5 & 6** took part in a Racket Pack Festival at Hornchurch Sports Centre. The festival was a fun, non-competitive event for the children to take part in and represent St Joseph's. The children practiced a number of hand and eye coordination skills, assault courses and endurance games.

Well done to all the children who took part and a special thanks to The Campion for providing transport.



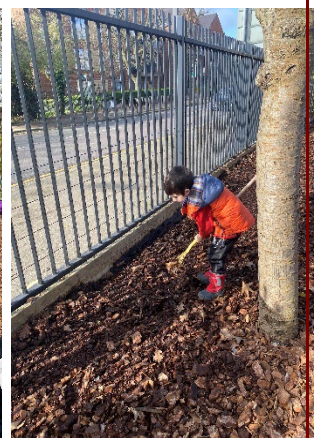
Last week, a number of children from **Year 1** represented our school at a multiskills event over at Upminster Junior School. The event was organised by the Year 6 play leaders who did a fantastic job. The children had a great, albeit very muddy, time trying the various stations including running, jumping, and catching. The event leaders sent a lovely message to say that "all children were a credit to your schools. They were all so sensible, polite and I hope they all enjoyed themselves." **Well done to everyone who took part.**

ECO Wall – A massive thank you to everyone who got involved in our outdoor project. We had a great response from the children, parents and members of staff. They were all not shy to get their hands dirty. We have done lots of digging, chopping and planting. A special thank you to our office ladies who looked after everyone's safety and wellbeing and organised delicious snacks and refreshments.

We are very proud of our Eco Leaders who chose a winning project, helped planting and then officially opened the Eco Wall area by cutting a ribbon. Congratulations to Libby (5C) who was the Project Design winner.

We would like to thank the Darvill family who donated £100 towards the project. That enable us to buy many additional plants.

Thanks to your hard work we can now enjoy a beautiful feature for many years to come.



Upcoming Diary dates April 2024

Tuesday 16 th April	Year 6 Stay and Pray - parents welcome
Wednesday 17 th April	Year 3 trip to Lesnes Abby Wood
Thursday 18 th April	Reception Family Maths Day – Surnames I-Z 9.15am – 10.15am Surnames A-H 2.00pm – 3.00pm

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We have finished the Spring Term with a school service for Maundy Thursday, the first liturgy of the Easter Triduum - the days from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday - and then the joyous celebration of the Resurrection. Thank you to Fr Matthew and our Liturgy Leaders for leading the service. I really hope that this two-week break gives you all a chance to rest and recharge.

A really big thank you to the Year 3&4 pupils and staff for a wonderful Easter service. The service was really inspiring and everyone involved should be really proud of their performance. This has been a special way to prepare for Easter.

Today there will be an Egg Raffle in each class. Everyone has one ticket and an equal chance to win the egg in their class. The egg raffle is a traditional Easter event here at St Joseph's. We are able to continue this tradition thanks to the generosity of a family whose children attended many years ago.

Several items to note:

- Please note that when we return to school, it will be summer uniform – check the website for details.
<https://st-josephs-upminster.net/school-uniform/>
- School will be closed for two weeks for the Easter break – children return on **Monday 15th April**.
- **Monday 6th May** is a May Bank Holiday and school will be closed.
- **Friday 24th May** and **Monday 1st July** are **INSET Days** and the school will be closed.
- Half-term is the week beginning 27th May, and the last day of the school year will be Wednesday 24th July.

Wishing you all every blessing at this Holy time.

A night reflection for Maundy Thursday

Jesus arrested, judged, found guilty and condemned to die is held captive overnight.

If I were arrested and held this night what would I be found guilty of?

That I made friends with people irrespective of their colour, creed or class....

That I shared my bread with the poor....

That my words... and actions... brought healing and forgiveness....

That I made justice and didn't count the cost

That I sought the truth and then spoke of it....

That I recognised my neighbour and loved them as my very self...

That I met God along the way in the healing and forgiveness I received....

That I accepted hospitality at many different tables....

That I was changed by the lives of others....

.... and often repented my arrogance and foolishness in encountering their wisdom ...

That friends and strangers sometimes paid the price for me....

That I never sought out suffering...

..... but journeyed with it to the best of my ability...

That the love of those about me taught me to love myself before God...

You call us out of brokenness

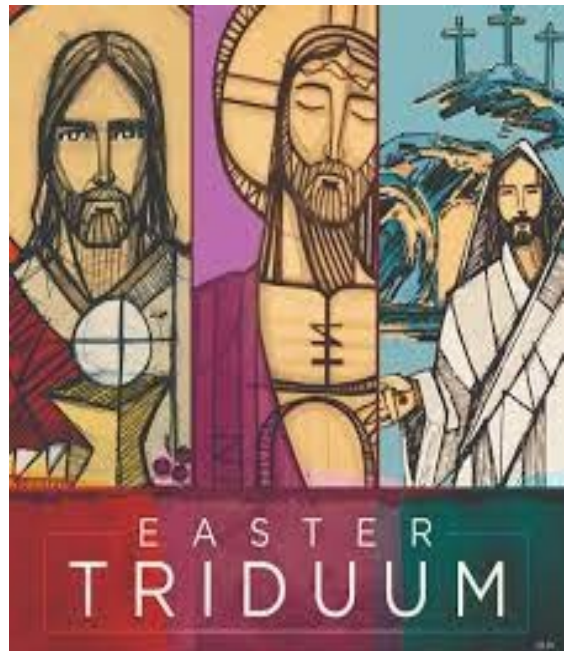
to mend and remake your creation.

Grant us the courage to stay

with all those who are held captive this night.

In the name of Jesus who is good news, Amen.

Pat Pierce/CAFOD



*Happy Easter to
all in our school
and parish
community*

