



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #11 26TH APRIL 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

Yr6 & Yr5 joined the parish community for Stay and Pray on the 16th & 23rd April. Year 4 will attend on 30th April and Yr2 will attend on 7th May.

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



Group	% Attendance
RW	99.0
4A	98.5
5M	98.2
4B	98.0
6S	97.9
3T	96.8
2F	96.6
RD	96.3
2P	95.8
3R	94.8
6B	94.2
1CD	93.8
1N	92.5
5C	91.7

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

Class 3R Assembly - On Thursday 25th April, we had our class assembly. We wrote our assembly by deciding what we wanted to share with everyone about what we have done in Year 3 so far. We particularly enjoyed sharing our salsa music. We all sang and some people also danced while others played the glockenspiels. We also shared part of our favourite Italian song - Carnevale. We talked about the trips we have been on and the Roman day we had in school.

Year 3 school trip - As part of our Rocks and soils topic in science, on the 17th April, Year 3 set off on a trip to the ancient woodlands of Lesnes Abbey, in Kent. They had a fantastic time exploring soil types and digging for fossils. As Lesnes Abbey was below sea levels, they uncovered a range of sea fossils as well as shark teeth from 54.5 million years ago!



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The Rosary will take place in the new parish prayer garden. This area is accessed via the gate to the right-hand side of the church. For the morning drop-off, the children should be taken to the prayer garden gate to start the day here.

If it is raining, we will re-locate to the covered area in the KS2 playground.

After the Rosary, the children will be taken into school by the school staff.

Parents/Grandparents for each class are welcome to join when it is the day for their child's class. Each morning there will be a focus on one mystery. There will be a short reflection, and we will pray one decade of the Rosary.

Children and parents are welcome to bring their own rosary beads to use for this prayer session. They are not required to buy or bring rosary beads to join in.

Date	Class
Wednesday 1 st May	3R
Thursday 2 nd May	4B
Friday 3 rd May	
BANK HOLIDAY	
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	1N
Wednesday 8 th May	1CD
Thursday 9 th May	2P
Friday 10 th May	2F



The Reception children were very proud to demonstrate their Maths skills to their grown-ups during our Family Maths Day. Children introduced the beloved 'Number Blocks' to their family members and worked on remembering all of the counting skills we have developed over the year. Thank you for helping to make the day such a success!

Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed taking part in a **Virtual Reality Workshop** to learn more about climate change and the impact on our Earth. This workshop was part of our World Earth Day celebrations. Well done children and thank you for taking part with enthusiasm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER - Please be reminded that we are now in Summer Term One and the children should be wearing their summer uniform. As the weather is colder than usual at this time of the year children can continue to wear their winter uniform. However please do not mix and match winter and summer uniform. School uniform is a good way of helping children to feel part of the school community. It is also a practical way of dressing your child for school and we seek the co-operation of all parents in maintaining the exact uniform both during the summer and winter.

Upcoming Diary dates April/May 2024	
Tuesday 30 th April	Year 4 Stay and Pray - parents welcome
Wednesday 1 st May	Rosary starts in a Prayer Garden - see separate information
Wednesday 1 st May	4A resume swimming at Coopers
Thursday 2 nd May	5C Class Assembly @ 2.15pm
Friday 3 rd May	AM - 3R to the Upminster Windmill
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 2 Stay and Pray - parents welcome
Thursday 9 th May	5M Class Assembly @ 2.15pm
Friday 10 th May	Year 4 to Thames Chase

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SPORTS news

On 23rd April, children from **Years 3 & 4** took part in a Tri Golf event at Noak Hill. The was a non-competitive festival style event with 8 different courses to trial. Skills included putting, chipping and target practice. The children had a really fun day and channelled their inner Rory McIlroy!! Well done to everyone who took part.



Thames Chase Fun Run

Sunday, 12 May 2024

10am – 3pm

Arrive from 10am - Fun Run begins at 11am - Distance 1.8miles. Walk, run, jog or dance your way around! Come and take part in the Thames Chase Community Forest Fun Run. Walk around Thames Chase and help raise money for the charity. Enjoy the beautiful landscape, dress up in your best fancy dress costume and receive a medal at the end of the event. Entries are a £4 donation each

Please book via the Thames Chase Visitor Centre: 01708 642970 or via Ticket Tailor Or It is bookable online - Link to book: <https://buytickets.at/thameschase/1203998> We will also have a variety of stalls to enjoy, as well as the Forest Centre Tearoom being open for refreshments. This event is suitable for all ages and abilities and is taking place on the accessible Forestry

England paths suitable for buggies and wheelchairs, dogs on leads are welcome.

For more information call: 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS.

Email: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk

Website: www.thameschase.org.uk

**These are the prayers we will use for the Rosary each morning.
You may wish to use them at home during May.**

THE ROSARY

1. The OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

2. The HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among 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.

3. The GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Let's pray together

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile, show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

