



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #13 10TH 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 4 joined the parish community for Stay and Pray on the 30th April.
Year 3 will attend on 21st May.

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

We would like to introduce our TFL Explorer Ambassadors: Sophia (5M) Lily (5M) Elsa (5C) Darcey (5C)
These children are excited to plan and deliver activities over the coming year to encourage safe travel. They will be organising events across the school with the support of Miss Noll.



Group	% Attendance
6S	98.2
2P	97.1
4B	97.1
1N	96.9
5C	96.7
5M	96.7
2F	96.3
6B	96.1
3T	95.2
RD	94.8
4A	94.0
RW	93.1
1CD	92.1
3R	91.5

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

Class 5N Assembly - This week has been a truly memorable week for 5M, as they had the opportunity to perform their class assembly to parents and all of KS2. It was also Miss Martin's first class assembly here at St Joseph's, and I was blown away by the hard work and effort that went into preparing and performing their assembly. It has been such an honour for all of the adults to work with a class so inspiring with all the incredible ideas that they shared and helped bring forward into our script: their enthusiasm truly shined every step of the way as they brought their roles to life! Well done to all of 5M on a fabulous assembly celebrating all of the learning that we have covered so far this year-it was lovely to see everyone come together as a class to make this assembly a huge success.

Free webinar: Train to teach with Initial Teacher Training

For potential ITT trainees in Essex, Greater London and Kent.

Monday 20 May, 7-8pm BST



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Monday 13 th May	
Tuesday 14 th May	3T
Wednesday 15 th May	5C
Thursday 16 th May	5M
Friday 17 th May	4A
Monday 20 th May	
Tuesday 21 st May	EYFS
Wednesday 22 nd May	6S
Thursday 23 rd May	6B
Friday 26 th May	INSET DAY

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.

SPORTS *news*

On Wednesday 1st May, girls from the football team played a friendly match against Parklands. It was a tough game but the girls showed amazing team spirit and kept positive despite being 3 goals down in the first half. After a half time team talk and change of tactics the girls brought the game back to a 3-3 draw! Jessica produced 2 goals, Rosie 1 and Myah made a great assist. Mrs Willson was so proud of all the children.



Year 3 & 4 played a more complicated competition of Rapid Fire Cricket where communication and organisation was key! The team did amazingly well and achieved third place. A special mention to Abbie, who scored a fantastic amount of 6s throughout the competition and to Joshua G for a spectacular, acrobatic catch!



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On Wednesday 8th May years 1, 2, 3 & 4 took part in a cricket competition at Rainham Cricket Club. The younger children took part in Three Tees which involved hitting three balls off the tees and making as many runs as possible for their team. They had a great time in the sunshine and loved learning lots of new skills.

On the same day, boys from year 6 played in a friendly football competition against Parklands. It was an extremely fast paced game against an impressive team. I am pleased to announce that the boys won 2-1. A special mention for a heroic display by Finlay O who made save after save, keeping us in the game!

Year 6 SATs

Next week, the Year 6 children will sit the end of KS2 SATs tests. They will be welcomed to a SATS breakfast each morning (Monday -Thursday) and will then sit tests in Reading, Grammar & spelling, and Maths over the four days.

We wish all our Year 6 children every success in their tests.

Prayer before an Exam

*Dear Lord, as I take this exam,
I thank you that my value is not based on my performance,
but on your great love for me. Come into my heart
so that we can walk through this time together.
Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life
that are sure to come my way. As I take this exam,
bring back to my mind everything I studied
and be gracious with what I have overlooked.
Help me to remain focussed and calm,
confident in the facts and in my ability,
and firm in the knowledge that no matter
what happens today you are there with me forever.
Amen*

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 sometimes cooler 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.



SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons
You were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly
You can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.
So sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
Remember you are the best!