



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #16 5TH JULY 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 5 joined the parish community for Stay and Pray on the 25th June & Year 4 on 2nd July. Year 3 will attend on 9th July and this will be the final Stay and Pray of the school year.

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



Group	% Attendance
1N	94.3
5C	94.3
2F	94.2
6S	94.2
3R	93.8
4B	93.8
RW	93.7
6B	93.3
4A	93.0
3T	93.0
1CD	92.6
2P	92.3
5M	92.3
RD	90.2

Well done 1N and 5C for achieving the highest attendance in the last 3 weeks.



Dear Lord

I give you my hands to do your work;
I give you my feet to go your way,
I give you my eyes to see as you see,
I give you my tongue to speak your words,
I give you my mind that you may think in me,
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me -
love the Father and love all humankind.
I give you my whole self, Lord that you may grow in me,
so that it is you who lives, works and prays in me.
Amen

Year 4 enjoyed their walks around Upminster learning about some of the town's local history. This was to start their new topic where they will be learning about how Upminster has changed over the years.



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Over the past couple of terms, 10 Year 5 pupils have been lucky enough to work alongside an engineer from Ford and Primary Engineering to create moveable vehicles. They spent time learning, creating and designing their vehicles and then were able to showcase their vehicles at Ford in Dunton for their celebration event. The children had the chance to talk to the judges and explain how they engineered their vehicles. The children had a great day and it was a fantastic way to open the children up to opportunities to do with engineering. Well done to all of the children involved and a special thank you to our wonderful engineer, Paul!



500 Words

"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, returns in September 2024. Let us know if you take part in this competition, and send a copy of your story to your new teacher. Please find all details by clicking the link below

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge 2024

This year's Summer Reading Challenge aims to fire up children's imaginations and unleash storytelling and creativity through the power of reading. The annual challenge is for children aged 4-11 and is free to take part. It starts on Saturday 6th July and runs to Saturday 7th September. Children can discover new stories, join in the free craft activities at the library, and explore their creativity from junk modelling to music, dance to drawing and painting. More details to follow.



A massive THANK YOU to our PFA and EVERYONE who helped organising this year's Summer Fete. From planning and set up, all wonderful donations to ensuring everything ran smoothly, the contributions were invaluable. The event raised just over £3000

Year 5 – YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

We are thrilled to share the fantastic success of our Year 5 Young Entrepreneur Market Day at the Summer Fete. Thanks to the incredible effort and creativity of the children, and a truly amazing support from their parents, the turnover was an impressive total of £1325.01!

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Year 2 had a fantastic day travelling back to 1666 during our Great Fire of London workshop. The children took part in lots of exciting activities, and made things such as candles, bread and weavings. They became archaeologists and explored artefacts, predicting who they might have belonged to. Many thanks to our brilliant parent volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly.



We are really sad to be saying goodbye to **Mrs Butler** at the end of this term. She is leaving the school to retire after many years of kindness and dedicated service. We know that so many of you will miss her and the staff are really sorry to see her leave. We wish her every happiness for her retirement and hope she will be a regular visitor.

Diary Dates

JULY 2024	
Mon 8 th July	RD Graduation 1.30pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Year3 Stay and Pray – Parents welcome 9.15am
Wednesday 9 th July	RW Graduation 1.30pm
Friday 12 th July	Year4 Museum of Power trip/ Year5 Retreat Day Walsingham House
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass – 7pm
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year6 Leavers Show – Parents welcome 9.30am
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day – 1.15pm finish Year 6 ; 1.30pm finish Rec to Year 5



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<https://young.rspca.org.uk>