



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023-24 #9 16TH FEBRUARY 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 Tuesday 13th February. Year 4 (27th Feb) and Year 2 (5th March) will after half-term



Group	% Attendance
4A	98.7
5C	98.3
4B	98.0
3R	97.8
RW	97.8
5M	97.7
2F	97.6
6S	97.6
2P	97.0
3T	96.9
1CD	96.3
6B	96.3
1N	95.5
RD	94.1

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

On Monday 12th February, St. Joseph's hosted the first round of the **annual Rotary Quiz** for Year 6 children across a number of primary schools in Havering. Our team of four (Penelope Cross, Harrison Gutridge, Chloe Harris and Thomas Boulcott) faced eight tricky rounds of general knowledge questions against two other teams.

It was neck and neck against the other schools throughout but St. Joseph's managed to finish in first place and move us into the next stage of the competition. The final scores were St. Joes 55 points, Parsonage Farm 54.5 points and Hylands received 48 points. A very close competition!



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

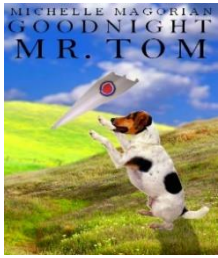
Message from the parish - Volunteers needed: It is wonderful to see so many parents coming into church before and after school and for stay and pray Masses. At the moment we are short of volunteers to keep the church clean. If you are in a position to offer an hour or so of your time to the church community on a monthly basis please contact the parish office - email upminster@brcdt.org



ASH WEDNESDAY – We were very grateful to Fr Matthew for inviting Yrs4-6 to the Church to join the parish service for Ash Wednesday. He also came to lead a service for Reception to Yr3. This was a special way for us to mark the beginning of our Lenten journey.

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BOOK CLUB - Mrs Partridge runs a Book Club for Year 6 every Monday lunchtime. One group has already read 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian. The group enjoyed talking about the text, giving opinions about characters and the plot. After reading the book, the group watched the film with Mrs Partridge.

The current group is reading 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio. We can highly recommend both of these books to our Year 6 readers.



SPORTS news

The girls from Year 3 & 4 took part in a football competition at Noak Hill on Wednesday 7th February. The event was for those children who play or train with football teams/clubs. The girls did absolutely brilliantly, winning every game in their group with a goal difference of +25. We went through to the semi-finals where we narrowly missed out on the final. All the children did amazingly well and a special mention to our goalkeeper **Amelia-Cate**, who was Mrs Willson's player of the tournament.



Group 3		PLD	W	D	L	PTS	GF	GA	GD
1	St Joseph's	4	4	0	0	12	27	2	25
2	Upminster	4	3	0	1	9	18	4	14
3	Towers	4	2	0	2	6	17	10	7
4	St Mary's Hare Park	4	1	0	3	3	2	22	-20
5	Elm Park	4	0	0	4	0	0	26	-26

Today, Thursday 15th February children from **Year 3 & 4** took part in the Sportshall Athletics competition at Harrow Lodge Sports Centre. The children had an amazing time, taking part in relay races, obstacle courses, and various track and field events. The children had a great team spirit and it was a pleasure to take them.



Parents please be reminded to remove children's earrings for PE days

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A Children's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent and when I've given it up, remind me to pray to You instead; to thank You, to love You, to hear from You each and every day in Lent. Amen

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:

Charlie	1N	Theo	RW
Heidi	1CD	Samuel	3T
Ernie	4B	Clara	6B

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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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Year 3 went to visit St. Joseph's church as part of our RE topic.

We gathered together as we do before Mass. We blessed ourselves with the holy water and sat down in the pews. Before we sat down, we genuflected before the Tabernacle. We noticed the red candle was lit to show Jesus' presence. We were very lucky that Fr. Matthew spent a lot of time with us showing us the different parts of the church and the sacristy. He explained what different parts are called and when they are used. For example, the ambo is where the readers read Bible readings from the missal. We saw the Paschal candle with the pins like the nails on the cross and with alpha and omega (the start and the end) written on it.

When we were in the sacristy, Fr. Matthew showed us the chalices, Patens and ciborium. We also saw the Monstrance. We also saw the shell used for Baptism. If we decide to become an altar server, that is where we would get ready.

Thank you Father Matthew.



Ardleigh Green and Havering-Atte-Bower Cricket Club Junior's Programme

With summer fast approaching, we are excited to launch our new Junior programme for the 2024 season.

- Juniors age ranging from 5-18
- Girls and boys welcome
- Qualified coaches on hand every week
- Friday evening training sessions
- Hybrid approach to joining

Scan the QR code below to go to our website and find more details on joining



Taster Session
Friday 3rd May
6:15pm
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Upcoming Diary dates February/March 2024

Wednesday 28 th February	Year 3 - Roman Day
Friday 5 th March	Year 2 Stay and Pray – parents welcome
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day

HAPPY HALF TERM