

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“Love One Another as I have loved you”

Spring 2 Newsletter
March 2026



Headteacher's Message



A warm welcome back to a jam-packed half term. There are lots of events taking place this term including one of my favourite days of the whole year, World Book Day! It has been great to see parents and carers engaging in different projects and themed days we have had in school lately, so I would like to thank you for your continued support. This term is also a time for reflection and to draw closer to God through the celebration of Lent. I wish all of our families spiritual growth as we pray together, remembering what Jesus sacrificed for us all.

Mrs Williams

Spring 2 Dates

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thur 5th March- All Day

YEAR 2- YEAR 6 SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Thur 12th March- All Day

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Thur 12th March- 9:00-12:00am

Y5 SCIENCE DAY AT ST PIUS

Fri 20th March- All Day

Y6 LENT ASSEMBLY

Mon 23rd March- 2:45-3:15pm

Y5 LENT ASSEMBLY

Wed 25th March- 2:45-3:15pm

Y4 LENT ASSEMBLY

Thur 26th March- 2:45-3:15pm

Term Dates

Spring 2

Tuesday 24th February- Thursday 2nd April

BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 3rd April

Monday 6th April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 7th April-Friday 10th April

Summer 1

Monday 13th April- Friday 22nd May

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 4th May

Monday 25th May

MAY HALF TERM

Tuesday 26th May- Friday 5th June

Summer 2

Monday 8th June- Friday 17th July

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 20th July- Wednesday 2nd September

More Spring 2 Dates

Y3 LENT ASSEMBLY

Fri 27th March- 2:45-3:15pm

Y2 LENT ASSEMBLY

Mon 30th March- 2:45-3:15pm

Y1 LENT ASSEMBLY

Tue 31st March- 2:45-3:15pm

FS2 LENT ASSEMBLY

Wed 1st April- 2:45-3:15pm

A Reminder of the St Joseph's Safeguarding Team



Mrs Williams
Headteacher
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Baldi
Assistant Headteacher
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Smith
SENCO
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Glossop
Pastoral Manager
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

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Attendance



Mrs Grainger's Attendance Winners:



Well done to **Year 3** for achieving 95.9% attendance last term!

Spring 1 Toy Museum

An **enormous** thank you to all the parents and carers who supported their child in their incredible contributions to our 'Toy Museum' competition last term. We were blown away by your creativity!



TT Rockstars and Numbots Day

We put our times tables and number bond knowledge to the test last term with a whole-school maths day.



And we certainly **rocked** the dress-up brief!

2026- The National Year of Reading!

Story in a Jar Competition!

Deadline: Friday 6th March

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are inviting children to participate in our 'Story in a Jar' competition. Replicate a magical book-based world inside a jar, box, or any container you have lying around. These could include model characters, clay figures, cardboard or paper decorations, glitter- anything you would like to add some **magic** to your story world!

Good luck, we can't wait to see your entries!

Miss Milnes

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Lent at St Joseph's

As we enter the season of Lent, we begin a sacred and reflective time in the Church's year - a season of prayer, renewal and drawing closer to God.

Daily Reflections and Assemblies

Throughout Lent, each class will take part in a daily reflection at the end of the school day. This will be a calm and prayerful opportunity for the children to pause, reflect and draw closer to God at the end of each day. As part of our journey through Lent, every class will also retell a part of the story of Jesus' final days in a whole-school assembly, helping us to reflect more deeply on the events of Holy Week. Parents and carers are invited to watch these assemblies.

Our Lenten Prayer

Loving God,
During this season of Lent,
help us keep our eyes
on your Son, Jesus,
and our hearts open
to following His example.

Help us grow stronger
by learning to say "no"
to our sins and our failings.

Help us spend more time
in prayer, talking and
listening to you.

Help us see the needs of others
and share what we have with
the poor, the hungry, and the homeless.

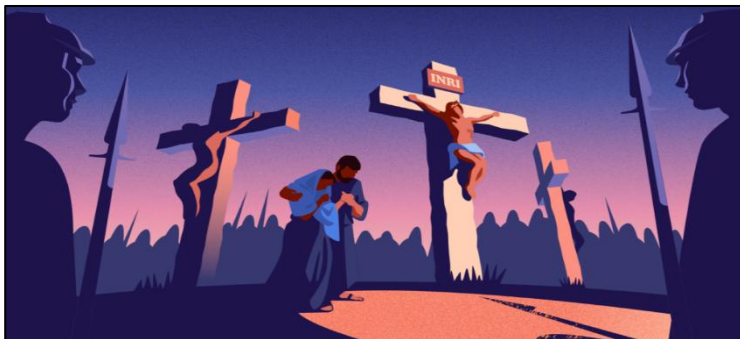
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Lenten Prayer Journal



Year 6



Prayer Journals

Each class has a prayer journal which will be sent home during the season of Lent. We warmly invite families to take time together to write a prayer, strengthening the link between home, school and parish during this important season.

School Council

Our School Council will continue to sell biscuits at breaktimes and throughout Lent to raise money for the 'Good Shepherd Appeal', supporting those in need. We will also be taking part in **The Big Lent Walk** as a school community, aiming to walk a collective 200km in solidarity with communities around the world.

Class Lent Assembly Dates

March- April

Mon 23rd Y6	Tue 24th	Wed 25th Y5	Thur 26th Y4	Fri 27th Y3
Mon 30th Y2	Tue 31st Y1	Wed 1st FS2	Thur 2nd	Fri 3rd Bank Hol

We look forward to journeying together through this meaningful season of prayer, charity and reflection.

Miss Sausby

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Miss Milnes' Author Recommendation

M. G. LEONARD



Read if you like...

HANNAH GOLD AND LINDSAY GALVIN

M.G. Leonard has written a whole host of books for you to get lost in. Her debut novel was the sensational 'Beetle Boy', which is now a trilogy, before she teamed up with Sam Sedgman and began the 'Adventures on Trains' series, which involves Hal and friends solving a range of mysterious crimes! Her latest series is that of The Twitchers: it's detective mystery meets bird watching. As well as all of these fantastic chapter books, M.G. Leonard has also written some picture books like 'The Tale of a Toothbrush'. Which will you choose?

M.G. Leonard says...

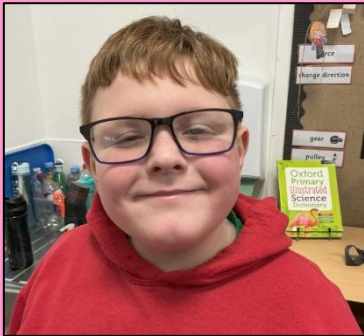
"My tip for writing is... just keep writing! Even if it's not right, keep going because once it's down on paper, you can start making changes, and that's how you find out what is right!"

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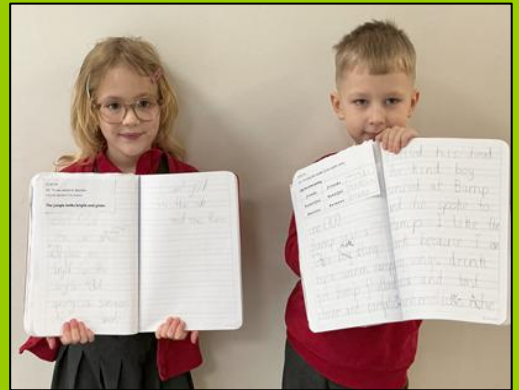
Proud Page



Ethan has been described by Ms Tolson as epitomising the meaning of compassion, trying his best in everything and always wanting to please!



Noah has blown the FS2 staff away with his speedy maths knowledge. He now knows all the number bonds to 10!

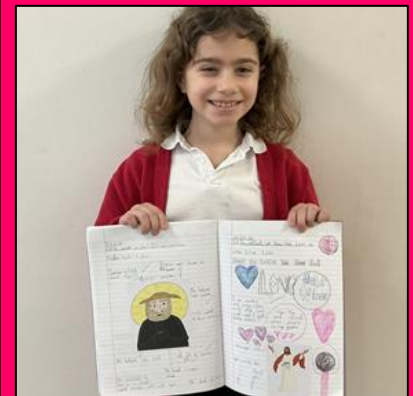


We have two Year 2 Proud Page Winners this term- Thea and Evanas- both for their brilliant enthusiasm towards writing!



Eliana has shone across the Year 6 curriculum all year, but has created some gorgeous setting description and a poignant poem about the Healing of Bethesda this term!

Noelia in Year 4 has presented some beautiful RE work this term, and is always trying her best in everything she does.



A huge well done to Alvina in Year 1 for always practising her phonics at home!



Olivia in Year 3 has made outstanding progress in maths this term- well done!!



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