

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

“Love One Another as I have loved you”

Summer 1 Newsletter
May 2026



Headteacher's Message



Parents and carers, thank you for your continued support during a very busy previous half term. We have so much to reflect on and be proud of, including our whole school celebration event on the last day during Lent. As a school, we raised a fantastic £1,349.10 for Save the Children UK charity, showing our love and compassion for others, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, please can I remind you to send your child in with sun cream (with their name on), a hat and water each day to help protect them in the sun. We look forward to all of the upcoming events planned and working alongside you to celebrate more special moments.

Mrs Williams

Term Dates and INSET Days

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

Upcoming Summer 1 Dates

**WISHING ALL OF YOUR YEAR 6s A VERY
GOOD LUCK FOR THIS WEEK!**

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

Wed 11th May- Thur 14th May

YEAR 6 COLOUR RUN AT RCS

Friday 15th May 9:30-11:00am

YEAR 3/4 CRICKET AT ST PIUS FOR SELECT CHILDREN

Tuesday 19th May 9:00-3:20pm

WALK AND WHEEL CHALLENGE WEEK

Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May

Upcoming Summer 2 Dates

SPORTS DAY

Monday 22nd June

KS1 10:00-11:30am

KS2 1:30-3:00pm

RUFC INFLATABLES DAY

Thursday 2nd July

FINAL YEAR 4 SWIMMING LESSON

Tuesday 7th July

YEAR 6 ST PIUS PUPILS TRANSITION

Monday 6th July- Tuesday 7th July

WHOLE-SCHOOL TRANSITION

Monday 6th July- Tuesday 7th July

YEAR 6 RCS PUPILS TRANSITION

Tuesday 7th July-Thursday 9th July

YEAR 6 LEAVERS DISCO

Friday 10th July- 5:30pm

YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 15th July- 2:30pm

YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS

Thursday 16th July- 10am

A Reminder of the St Joseph's Safeguarding Team



Mrs Williams
Headteacher
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Baldi
Assistant Headteacher and 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 the second term in a row!) for achieving 95.7% attendance last term!

Summer 1 Family Project: Dream it, Design it and Improve it!

This half term, we are inviting every family to take part in an exciting whole-school Geography project. Together, we would like you to help your child redesign our school grounds and imagine how they could be transformed into a greener, more sustainable and wildlife-friendly environment. Children should think carefully about how land is used now and how it could be improved to benefit both people and wildlife long term.

Designs might include ideas such as:

- Turning grey spaces into green areas
- Creating wildflower zones or wildlife habitats
 - Adding trees or shaded areas
 - Designing an outdoor classroom
 - Including a pond or prayer garden

Children can present their ideas in any creative format. It could be a labelled bird's-eye map, a detailed sketch or plan, a 3D model made from recycled materials, a digital design... the outcomes are endless!

All entries should clearly show your child's geographical thinking — including labels, explanations and reasons for their choices.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to work together, discuss environmental issues and help shape the future of our school.

Completed projects should be brought into school for Monday 18th May.

On Friday 22nd May, between 8:30 and 8:45am, parents and carers will be invited to view our whole-school exhibition to celebrate the children's creativity, effort and geographical skills. Designers will also have the exciting opportunity to see elements of their designs brought to life as part of our school development project.

We can't wait to see your entries- good luck!

Miss Taylor

A message from Mrs Gibbs and the School Council:



This term, we have launched the 'Walk to School Campaign'. This aims to encourage physical activity and reduce congestion around school. Members of school council will act as 'Walk to school ambassadors' by encouraging children to log their journey to school. Children who walk at least once a week will earn a badge each month.

Biscuit sales have been a big success. Thank you for your support. We have raised £..... which will be donated to The Good Shepherd Appeal.



On Friday 17th April, we also had an exciting visit from The Mayor of Rotherham – Councillor Rukhsana Ismail. After a tour of school and watching a performance from our performing arts club, the School Council were given the opportunity to hear about Madam Mayor's role and ask her questions. This was a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about local government.

Mrs Gibbs

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World Book Day 2026!

As usual, we celebrated World Book Day in style at St Joseph's, and it was a roaring success! There were some incredible costumes, and we enjoyed a whole day celebrating all things reading- with a special 'Traitors' twist this year!



Story in a Jar Competition

Here are the proud winners of our 'Story in a Jar' competition, whose creative masterpieces are being displayed in our school library!



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Sponsored Big Lent Walk & Dance



On Thursday 2nd April, we took part in a sponsored Big Lent Walk & Dance. We embarked on a 1km walk around the school grounds by completing 5 laps of the field, visiting each station of the cross as we walked. This encouraged us to follow in Jesus' footsteps, allowing for multiple opportunities to pause and reflect. We then gathered on the playground to perform a whole-school dance that Mrs Holden choreographed.



Thanks to your donations, we raised an **incredible £1,349.10** for Save the Children UK. We are blown away by your generosity- thank you.

Sporting Superstars!

We are so proud of the children who have recently represented us at different sporting events. Year 5/6 girls attended Rotherham Leisure Centre, and Year 3/4 girls participated in a netball event- all as part of Rotherham Girls Week.

Our Year 5/6 boys also demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship in the 9-a-side football match at St Gerard's.



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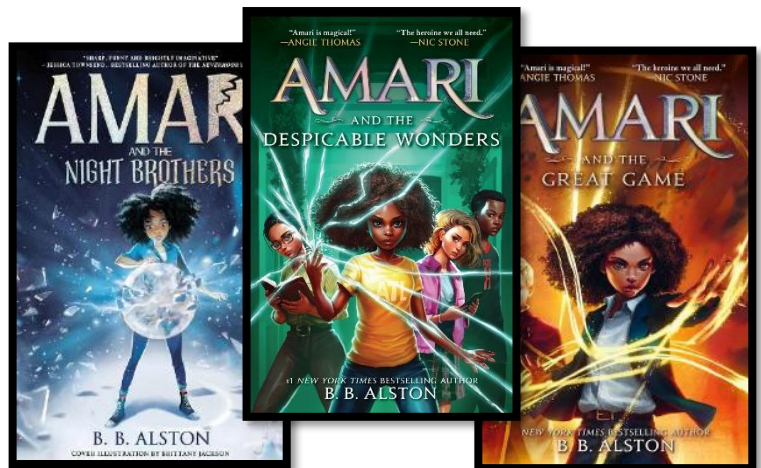
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Miss Milnes' Author Recommendation

BB ALSTON



Read if you like...

J.K. ROWLING AND PHILIP PULLMAN

Enter a wonderful world of magical powers, unlikely friendships, and an abundance of mythical creatures, and you'll be in Amari's world.

BB Alston's debut children's novel is a thrilling page-turner that includes themes of race, friendship, magic, and adventure. The first book in the series is currently being made into a major motion picture!

BB Alston says...

"As a writer, I've always thought of stories as being their own kind of magic, especially fantasies, for their ability to transport you to wondrous places alongside compelling characters. And so, as a writer of stories, it's my hope to create magic on the page with every story I write."

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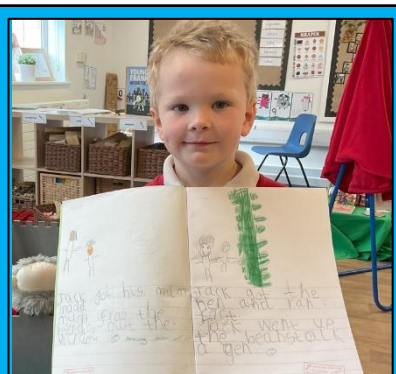
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Proud Page



Ivy's resilience and determination shine through in her learning, leading to superb progress across the curriculum. Well done, superstar!



A huge well done to Noah who is a super sentence writer, writing his own independent sentences about Jack and the Beanstalk!



St Joseph's has its very own film star in Year 4! Aisha has recently featured in Lee Cronin's 'The Mummy', and portrayed her character perfectly. What an unbelievable experience!



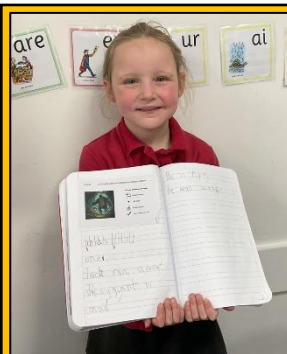
Lexi's writing over the last half term has made her stand out along with her continued determination and resilience to achieve in maths.

She has blown Mrs Gibbs away!

Ms Tolson has chosen Georgia for her creativity, her empathy, and her willingness to help others. Thank you for making a difference, Georgia.



Lily has achieved an outstanding amount of progress in Year 6 due to her consistent hard work, and is now more than ready to tackle her SATs!



Lily's sentence writing has improved so much in Year 1- Miss Saushy is so proud!



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