



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

27.3.26

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of our Spring term, we can look back on eleven fantastic weeks filled with learning, growth, and wonderful memories. Over the past two weeks, the children have completed their end of term assessments and have all made excellent progress.

We now look forward to a well deserved rest as we prepare for the Easter season and bring our Lenten journey to a close.

This week, we also received some exciting news: we have been successful in securing grant funding for a much needed preschool room for our nursery children. This wonderful project is scheduled to begin after the Easter holidays and we are hopeful for the project to be completed and ready for use when we return in September! We look forward to sharing this journey with our whole school community.

Wishing all our families a very Happy Easter, and thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.



On Thursday afternoon, our Year 3 children gave a beautiful and heartfelt performance of *The Tale of Three Trees*. Through expressive storytelling and song, they shared the story of three trees with big dreams, each discovering that their hopes were fulfilled in unexpected and meaningful ways. We are so proud of their hard work and the confidence they showed on stage—it was a truly uplifting moment for everyone.







Cooking club had their last session before the Easter break, and the children enjoyed a real treat!

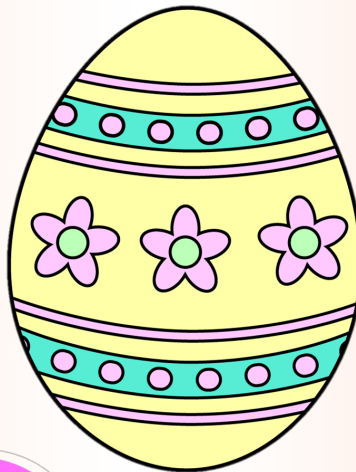
They mixed all the ingredients to make delicious chocolate cupcakes. Once the cakes were baked, they carefully hid a chocolate bunny inside each one, leaving just the ears poking out! The cupcakes were then topped with mini Easter eggs, making them the perfect end of term delight with Easter just around the corner.





This week in Art Club, we embraced the spirit of Easter with some wonderfully creative activities. The children had great fun decorating real eggshells, carefully prepared by Sarah, and showed fantastic attention to detail with their colourful designs.

They also created their own Easter egg templates and explored weaving techniques using wool, producing bright and textured patterns. It was lovely to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through in all their work.





Year 1 had a wonderful time at Forest School on Tuesday afternoon, exploring creativity and nature through a hands-on activity. The children used hammers to gently tap a variety of leaves onto calico cloth, discovering how different shapes, sizes, and textures could be transferred to create beautiful natural prints. They carefully arranged their leaves to design unique patterns, experimenting with colour and composition as they worked. This activity encouraged both creativity and an appreciation for the natural world around them.

After their artwork was complete, everyone gathered around the fire to enjoy a well-earned treat. It was a lovely way to end the session, with lots of smiles, laughter, and a sense of achievement after a fun and creative afternoon Well done year 1!





**LOVIN' the OUTDOORS**

CHEESECAKE SALE



Firstly, a huge thank you to Mrs Seaborn and Evoke Property for their incredibly generous £100 donation towards the ingredients and for the brilliant idea to make Easter cheesecakes!

The children have been busy raising money for their end-of-year trip to Disneyland Paris. They did everything from mixing and layering to decorating their delicious creations and they loved every moment of the process.

A special thank you also goes to Mrs Seaborn and Grace's nan for giving up their time to help — your support made the experience even more enjoyable for everyone involved.

And by popular demand... here is the recipe we used so you can try it at home:

BBC Good Food Vanilla Cheesecake Recipe: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/>





Welcome to our Nursery



The Oakleaves have been using their increasing language to describe nature pictures and daffodils during their planned talk sessions - describing the size, colour and textures.

We have been writing our Lenten promises and this week we enjoyed celebrating together with our special assembly.

We have been busy exploring the world in creative ways by melting ice with pipettes of water and making our lovely Easter cards!





Last Friday, we enjoyed a truly wonderful morning completing our Big Lent Walk for CAFOD in the sunshine. Our walk through Chase Woods was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together, explore nature, and spot the early signs of spring. It was a special event that helped us appreciate the beauty of our local surroundings while raising much needed funds for CAFOD and the incredible work they do to support communities around the world.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported this cause— together we raised an amazing £317!

Well done, everyone!



*Together,
we make a
Difference*





This term in PE, our Year 6 pupils have been developing their leadership skills by planning and delivering activities for our Reception class. With a clear focus on supporting fine motor skill development, they carefully designed and organised a range of engaging and creative tasks.

The children showed fantastic teamwork and initiative, creating activities such as mini golf target challenges and football-based skill games. It has been wonderful to see them take on responsibility, adapt their ideas for younger learners, and lead with confidence.





Nutrition and Hydration Week: 17th –23rd **March 2026**

To celebrate this week's **Nutrition and Hydration Week** the Journalism Club have been looking into healthy eating, and in particular, the 'Eatwell Plate'.

A good diet is important to keep you healthy as well as exercise and a good sleep.

The Eatwell Plate is a plate divided into **5 parts** which are called: dairy and alternatives, oil and spreads, carbohydrates, proteins and fruit and vegetables.

Everyday you need to eat quite a few vegetables and carbohydrates because they are your main source of food, and they have all the nutrients you need for the day.

Make sure you eat your 5 a day! Choose from fresh, frozen, tinned, dried or juiced. Fruit juice and/or smoothies should be limited to no more than a combined total of 150ml per day.

Starchy foods include potatoes, bread, rice, pasta and cereals and should make up just over a third of the food you eat.

Also, make sure to eat some protein such as meat and beans and also eggs. Proteins are very important for helping us grow and build muscles.

You also need a bit of dairy for your bones and teeth and try to eat oils and spreads. The final food group we need to eat less of because it can be unhealthy, such as chocolate, crisps and a lot of junk food. If you just eat chocolate your mind may have difficulty learning.



Happy eating!

Reported by: Abi, Olivia, Viktor, Defne and Miss Sprawson

St Jos School

**Something
exciting
is coming...**

**Back after the
Easter holidays!**

TOY SALE
AT ST
JOSEPH'S



Wednesday 22nd April

Come and grab a bargain at our
Toy Sale! Pre-loved toys, games and
books looking for a new home.

Time: 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Place: Playground

All proceeds support St Joseph's Primary.



Hosted by the School Council

If you're having a spring clean during the Easter break we would be extremely grateful for any toy donations that your children no longer use for our sale- thank you,



On **Thursday 23rd April** we will be celebrating St George's Day here in school. On this day we will be celebrating whole school Mass in the morning followed by a fun filled day of activities from baking scones, to taking part in a design a dragon competition and reenacting the story of St George and the dragon as part of a short play.



From 23rd—27th April Year 5 will be completing their bike ability course here in school. Below is the online link to sign your child up. <https://bikeright.co.uk/events/0a5ad119-c201-431a-b182-ce432a327957/>

They will need a bike that is in roadworthy condition and a bike helmet. Further details are available on the sign up link.

The children can bring their bikes in to school from 23rd April and are welcome to leave them at school as they won't all be able to do the course on the same day. They will need to come to school in their uniform and bring suitable clothing to change into.

FSJ NEWS!



Join us for a fun-filled **Family Bingo Event** on **Thursday 24th April** here at school. Families are warmly invited to come along for an evening of laughter, friendly competition and prize-winning bingo suitable for all ages. There will be refreshments available to buy on the night. Further details about times and tickets, and how to book your place will be sent home shortly – we hope to see lots of you there!

At St Joseph's, we're continuing to encourage all our children to make healthy food choices that support their growth, learning, and overall wellbeing. A balanced, nutritious diet helps children to concentrate better in class, have more energy for play, and develop healthy habits for life.

Please ensure that your child's lunchbox includes healthy options such as fruit, vegetables, and sources of protein (like cheese, eggs, beans, chicken, or tuna). We ask that lunchboxes do not contain chocolate, biscuits, cakes, or sugary snacks, and that drinks are limited to water only — no squash, fizzy drinks, or juice. The children can refill their water bottles during the day to stay hydrated.

Small daily choices can make a big difference. By working together to promote healthy eating, we're helping our children build a strong foundation for learning and lifelong good health. Thank you as always for your continued support.

CORN ON THE COB POPS

HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACK IDEAS

Fruit, veg sticks, cheese, crackers



Rich in vitamins B1 and B5, vitamin C and fibre, sweetcorn makes a really healthy addition to your child's diet.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 mini corn on the cobs
- 4 ice lolly sticks
- Garlic butter to serve

INSTRUCTIONS:

Place the mini corn on the cob in a saucepan of boiling water. Simmer for 6-8 minutes or until the corn is soft and cooked. Drain the water from the saucepan and allow the corn to cook slightly before inserting the lolly sticks in to the centre.





On Thursday we held our Big School Camp Over meeting for parents. This event will take place on the school grounds on Friday 8th May— Saturday 9th May.

A copy of the presentation has been emailed to all parents.



The Scholastic Book Fair Is Coming!

We're excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be at school from 15th–22nd April! Come along straight after school each day and explore a fantastic selection of books for all ages in the library.

It's a great chance for children to discover new reads, build their love of books, and support our school at the same time. We hope to see you there!



Reception Class have had lots of fun learning about the Easter Story this week and considering the message of hope it brings to all of us. They created some wonderful Easter cards to celebrate this!





For the summer term clubs we will be using parent pay to book places for after school activities. There will be a clubs platform where you can select the club /s you would like to book and so this can added to your basket for payment in advance. Many thanks.

All clubs start back during the first week!

DAY	CLUB	AGE GROUP
Monday	KS1 Football Club	Years R, 1 & 2
Monday	KS2 Football Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday	Homework Club with Mrs Murray	All year groups (KS1 and 5 KS2)
Tuesday	Forest School Club	All year groups
Tuesday	Drama Club – Fiddler on the Roof	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday	Cricket	KS2 (16 places available)
Tuesday	Cooking Club	years R,1,2 and 3 (KS1)
Wednesday	Running Club	All year groups (KS1 and KS2)
Wednesday LUNCH	Gardening Club	All year groups (Maximum number 5 KS1 and 5 KS2)
Thursday	Dodgeball Club	KS2
Thursday	Dance Club	All year groups (KS1 and KS2)
Thursday	Art Club	All year groups (KS1 and 5 KS2)
Friday	Mr Smith's Cooking Club	Years 3,4,5 & 6 (KS2)



WE ARE RECRUITING

Come and join our team at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Now recruiting:

- Nursery Assistant
- SEND Learning Support Assistant
- Contact the school office for further details.

St Joseph's is committed to safer recruitment and safeguarding; an enhanced DBS will be required for successful applicants.

WELL DONE, FOOTBALL TEAM!

Thank you for taking part in the County Tournament





Summer Term Begins

Monday 13th April	Return to school from Easter holidays
Thursday 23rd April	Beginning of Term Mass and St George's Day
Friday 24th April	Family Bingo Night (FSJ)
Thursday 23rd—27th April	Year 5 Bike Ability
Friday 1st May	Non uniform Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Wednesday 6th May	Year 2 trip to Eastnor Pottery Barn
Friday 8th May—Saturday 9th May	Year 3 The Big School Camp Over
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 18th May	Class photos and leavers photos
Tuesday 19th May	New Reception Class visiting 10am – 1:00pm
Tuesday 19th May	Road Safety Training years 3 and 6
Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd May	Year 4 London Residential
Thursday 21st May	Reception Class visit Noah's Ark Farm
Friday 22nd May	Non uniform Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Friday 22nd May	Break up for Half term

Friday 5th June	Summer Fayre
Monday 8th June	Year 1 phonics screening check
Monday 8th June	Year 6 Art Project
Tuesday 9th June	New Reception Class visiting 10am – 1:00pm
Thursday 11th June	Nursery Sports Day
Friday 12th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	Year 3/ Cricket Festival
Friday 19th June	Whole school Summer Music Concert
Monday 22nd June	Year 5/6 Cricket festival
Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th June	Year 5 and 6 Residential to Disneyland Paris
Wednesday 24th June	Year 1 trip to Cattle Country
Tuesday 30th June	New Reception class family picnic @ 1:30pm
Thursday 2nd July	Future Naturalists Day
Friday 3rd July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 6th July	Dress rehearsal for Fiddler on the Roof performance – Monmouth Savoy
Tuesday 7th July	Fiddler on the Roof performance – Monmouth Savoy 6pm
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Friday 10th July	Nursery Graduation
Friday 10th July	Year 6 Surprise Trip!
Monday 13th July	Whole school Colour Run
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 14th July	End of Summer Term



“Wishing all our March birthdays a wonderful celebration filled with joy, family, and friends!”



WYE	94%
AMAZON	93%
DANUBE	99.03%
TIBER	96%
THAMES	96.43%
AVON	95.83%
SEINE	97.8%

Our Year 3 children will begin their weekly swimming lessons on Wednesday 15th April. Please ensure that children arrive at school promptly at 8:40am, ready to leave, and bring their swimming kits with them. Kindly complete the parent consent and bus contribution via ParentPay.

DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP



Parent Information Meeting

13th April at 3:30pm

Please see the letter for more details

**Please remember to order your child's t-shirt and cap for this trip by
31st March.**

SUMMER UNIFORM AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

When we return to school on 13th April after the Easter holidays the girls will wear their blue and white gingham dresses with the St Joseph's light blue cardigan. Please note, you can order these directly from the school office if you need to.

Boy will wear grey shorts and white collar short sleeved shirts with their ties.

Any questions, please ask.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 13th April, for a summer term full of FUN!

God Bless

Mrs Francis

Easter Blessings

