



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful week where we have celebrated our special patron Saint, St Joseph.

Lent Stay & Pray Sessions

As we are in the holy season of Lent we would like to invite any family members to visit our school and take part in a short prayer session with our classes. These are not performances but simply a chance for you to experience the prayer life opportunities that we offer in the school. **Please note that due to a double booking the Year 3 and Year 4 session will now be on Friday instead of Thursday.**



The dates are as follows:

- Friday 28th March 2.45pm Year 5 & 6
- Monday 31st March 2.45pm Year 1 & 2
- Tuesday 1st April 11.00am Early Years
- **Friday 4th April 2.45pm Year 3 & 4 DATE CHANGE**

Someone Special Day- A final Reminder

Thank you for your overwhelming support with this fundraiser. We have SOLD OUT. We look forward to celebrating someone special with you all on Thursday afternoon. During the event, there will be a sweet stall and a raffle to win a bunch of flowers from Wilde About Flowers.

Dates for your Diary Next Week:

- Monday NSPCC Workshops in School
- Thursday Someone Special Afternoon School Hall- Ticketed event, SEND Online Meeting 6pm
- Friday EYFS Mother's Day Event 10.30am, Y5 & 6 Stay & Pray 2.45pm

Easter Bingo Thursday 3rd April 5.30-7.30pm. Doors open 5pm.

We are offering a pre-booked meal deal consisting of a hot dog and drink for £1.50 to enjoy during our Easter Bingo. Tickets are available from Monday 3rd March until 12pm Wednesday 2nd April from Miss Ayton. Please note hot dogs will not be available to purchase on the night. We will however have drinks, sweets and a tombola on the night.



On Thursday 3rd April children can wear non-uniform in exchange for a chocolate item towards the tombola for the Easter Bingo.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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Family Fun Afternoon Save the date - Thursday 10th April 1.30pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun! The Easter Bunny needs your help to unlock the Easter Eggs. Can you help save Easter?



Year 6 Sleepover Advance Notice Friday 4th July 2025



NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops

Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our Childline service.



Some children will be taking part in some workshops on this on Monday. Click on the image for more information.

After School Clubs

After school clubs have restarted. Once again, the cost for these clubs is £10 per half-term. This terms clubs are as follows:

- Tuesday MFC Fitness Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Wednesday MFC Fitness Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 (Postponed due to staff absence this week again sorry)

Trust Policy & Procedure on Debt Collection

As a school there are many services that we provide that require a charge. Breakfast Club, School lunches, After school clubs and school trips. Whilst we receive payments from most families ahead of the service being provided, we do unfortunately have some families that end up with a debt owing to school.

Our Academy Trust has a new debt collection policy which we will be putting in place over the next few weeks. This means you may be contacted via email, phone or letter depending on the age of the debt. We will try to work with people where possible but would ask that if you have an outstanding amount on ParentPay you clear this as soon as possible. Please note that the policy has always been to pay in advance where possible to prevent the build-up of arrears.

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Comic Relief Red Nose Day in Catholic Schools

I am just writing to let you know as I have had some queries regarding Catholic Schools supporting Red Nose Day. There is a legacy of misunderstanding that we cannot support Red Nose Day due to money being given to abortion clinics. The Catholic Education Service issued a statement in 2015 from the Bishop's of England and Wales. In it they stated that Catholic schools can support Comic Relief as they have been in dialogue with Comic Relief since 2000 and are reassured that they have never funded abortion services or the promotion of abortions.



We have not supported Red Nose Day wholly this year as we are aware that we have already a detailed plan of fundraising across the school and we are also aware of the financial pressure that many of our families are under.

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked on the theme of **Leadership**

- LJ- Fallon W
- FS1- Lucas S & Kenny B
- FS2- Rosabella RW & Leo S
- Y1- Skylah -Rose P-D & Freddie W
- Y2- Arabella H & Macy F
- Y3- Harry T & Arthur R
- Y4- Harper G & Lewis B
- Y5- George B & James V
- Y6- Lucy M & Lucy D



Final Thoughts/Prayers:

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
Amen.



Have a lovely weekend,

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