

St Joseph's Newsletter

19/09/2025

Flooding – thank you for your co-operation this week when we had to close the Ryall Avenue gate due the flood on the cobbled path.

Earrings – please make sure that children only wear stud earrings. Hoops of any kind are not safe for school as they can easily get caught and tear the earlobe.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	91.1%	Reception	85.9%
Year 1	88%	Year 2	87.7%
Year 3	88.3%	Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	81.3%	Year 6	88.3%
	School Total		88.4%

Happy Birthday To...

Ghaith

Sephora

Astou

Aniebet



Our assembly on Monday focussed on The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Key Scripture: John 3:13-17. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

The children explored the meaning of the Cross as a symbol of love and hope. The Cross reminds us of the love the Father has for each of us as we remember that He sent His only Son so that we can know His mercy and love. We can look to the Cross as a symbol of our faith and be inspired to follow Jesus.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery are settling in so well and enjoying everything we do in school. They have loved their new P.E. lessons this week with Miss Rogers. They have been learning how to use new equipment and developing lots of new skills.



Reception

Reception have been busy learning about the woods this week.

We have loved making our woodland animal masks and using them in our role play area. There were some foxes, squirrels and even owls in our class this week.

The children have been continuing their amazing handwriting sessions, and we have had some wonderful mathematicians in the class this week.

Year 1

This week in year one we have continued our story the Colour Monster. The monster has been happy, sad, angry, and scared. Stories are used to teach us a lesson. This story taught us that when we are feeling a strong emotion, we can do something to calm ourselves back down. We then wrote about our emotions making sure we had a capital, finger spaces, and a full stop.

In maths we have continued discussing our numbers 1-10. We used 5 little speckle frogs to explain what number we use when there are no more speckle frogs left. Zero!

In science, we have been discussing the weather. Manchester has shown us all sorts of weather this week including sun, rain, wind, and hail. Hail seemed to be the most interesting. We also wondered what the weather would be like on our birthday? To know, we had to think about what season our birthday was in.

Year 2

Year 2 have been absolutely amazing in our writing lessons this week. We have been looking at the character of the old man and talking about his emotions at different points in the story and why he feels like that, extending our sentences using different conjunctions. We have also been using interesting adjectives to describe the magical forest that the man makes. In the afternoons we have been working through our computing unit learning what information technology is and how we use it. The children have been thinking about different types of IT around the school and when they are out and about in shops. In maths we have been adding and subtracting multiples of ten using the base ten to help us.

Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed getting really stuck into the Iron Man in English, with descriptive writing that really places you in the book! We have had great successes in our Math's learning, where many children are understanding and mastering the concepts, we have learnt about making our addition easier. We recapped some geography learning from past years to then home in n our own country and where it is in the world. We had a fantastic Science lesson about different seeds and how they are dispersed. We even went for a walk around the school grounds and found so many examples. Great work kids!



Year 4

This week has been very productive. The Year 4 children began reading our new class book, The Firework-Maker's Daughter. We explored the main characters and wrote a letter from Lila to her father, explaining why she had left.

In Maths, we reviewed the addition of 2- and 3-digit numbers and solved problems using these skills. We used a range of manipulatives to support our understanding of the process, ensuring we are well prepared for the next stage.

In Geography, we started our new topic: Extreme Earth. The children are very excited to learn about it! So far, we have explored the layers of the Earth and even went outside to make our own volcano.

In RE, we explored our own family trees and compared them with Jesus' family tree. The children enjoyed making connections between their families and the people who were important in Jesus' life. This activity helped them to see how families are unique but also share similarities. They produced thoughtful and beautifully presented work, showing great care and creativity. Well done, Year 4!

Year 5

Another fantastic week in Year 5. The pupils have demonstrated their skills with decimal numbers yet again. I have also been amazed by how well the class can report the news by recounting the event of Beowulf defeating the evil Grendel in our class text. This has tied in well with our Vikings topic where the children have explored how much of the world the Vikings tried to conquer. We've also enjoyed experimenting the effects of friction using toy cars, stopwatches, and different materials. In RE, the pupils have considered their role in the family and how to be a kind and caring person by following the teachings of St Paul. They have also been fierce with their demonstrations of the haka dance in PE. Four more of our class have joined the choir this year and it has been really nice hearing their talents in music lessons. Well done Year 5!

Year 6

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this week, they have begun looking at balanced arguments in English, and continued working on bar models in maths. They have been on an invertebrate hunt and did not find an octopus! In RE, they have been learning about God's unconditional love. Another great week, where the children have shone brightly!

STAR OF THE WEEK

		Reception	Avyukt CONFIDENCE		
Year 1	Jada EMPATHY	Year 2	Reevah EMPATHY	Year 3	Kyle CONFIDENCE
Year 4	Brodie RESILIENCE	Year 5	Harshi RESPECT	Year 6	Sophie RESILIENCE

WORK OF THE WEEK

		Reception	Amen		
Year 1	Bitania	Year 2	Rashmika	Year 3	Tega
Year 4	Asher	Year 5	Max	Year 6	Natanim

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Wednesday 1 st – 31 st October	Black History Month
Tuesday 7 th October	New to year 1 parents and carers meeting - 3pm
Wednesday 8 th October	EYFS phonics and reading meeting - 3pm
Monday 13 th October 2025	School Photographs (individual and siblings) KS1 Phonics and reading meeting - 3pm
Tuesday 21 st October	EYFS maths workshop - 3pm
Thursday 23 rd October	KS1 maths workshop - 3pm
Friday 24 th October 2025	School Closes for Half Term Break
Tuesday 4 th November	School Opens for the Autumn 2 Half Term
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas
Monday 5 th January	School Opens for the Spring 1 Half Term
Friday 13 th February	School Closes for the Half Term Break
Monday 23 rd February	School Opens for the Spring 2 Half Term
Thursday 2 nd April	School Closes for the Half Term Break
Monday 13 th April	School Opens for the Summer 1 Half Term
Monday 4 th May	School Closed for the May Day Bank Holiday