

St Joseph's Newsletter

26/09/2025

School has been very busy this week, On Tuesday, Mrs Teasdale from All Hallows came to speak to the children in Years 5 & 6. On Thursday afternoon they took part in a Road Safety event, the second part is in a few weeks and the final, if we progress is in November.

On Thursday Year 5 enjoyed a digital art workshop run by the Lowry.

High School – please make sure that you apply for a place before the deadline. Put down first and second choice even if your child has sat entrance exams for other schools. Information explaining how to do this and details of open evenings have been sent home. Please ask if you need any help.

NSPCC assemblies, Speak Out, Stay Safe will be delivered on Monday morning for all children from Reception to Year 6. Information has been sent via the App.

Uniform – please check that your child/children have their school jumper, we have several with no names on the coat hooks outside the main school office. If anyone needs spare jumpers/cardigans please ask.



LOVE THY
NEIGHBOUR AS
THYSELF

Key Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

It can be hard to focus on God when our hearts are distracted! In this week's Gospel, Jesus recalls the two most important commandments - love God and love your neighbour. In our assembly, the children thought about removing Earthly distractions which can help us focus on putting God first in our lives, which in turn helps us to love our neighbours well.

Each day our children demonstrate how they love their neighbours by being kind, respectful and forgiving

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery had a lovely week in the sunshine. We enjoyed lots of outdoor activities such as chalking, making dens, playing in the water and sand and riding the bikes. The children are making lots of new friends and are learning to share and cooperate with each other. This week we found out about the festival of Rosh Hashanah. We made apple playdough and used the apples and paint to make some pictures. The children had apples and honey and tried some pomegranate, as we are hoping for a sweet new school year.



This week reception have been reading the book 'Owl Babies'.

The children had a wonderful time playing in our black tray creating nests for our own owl babies, using twigs, leaves and feathers. We went on a leaf hunt and gathered lots of different coloured leaves to create a mummy owl pictures.

Reception



Year 1

In English, we have been learning all about nouns. Sentences need different kinds of words. Nouns are words that name people, places, or things. We went on a noun scavenger hunt in our classroom. You can also go on a noun scavenger hunt at home. Ask your students what nouns they can find in your home.

In maths, we are discussing more and less. What is one more than a number? What is one less than a number? Next week we start talking about numbers 1-20.

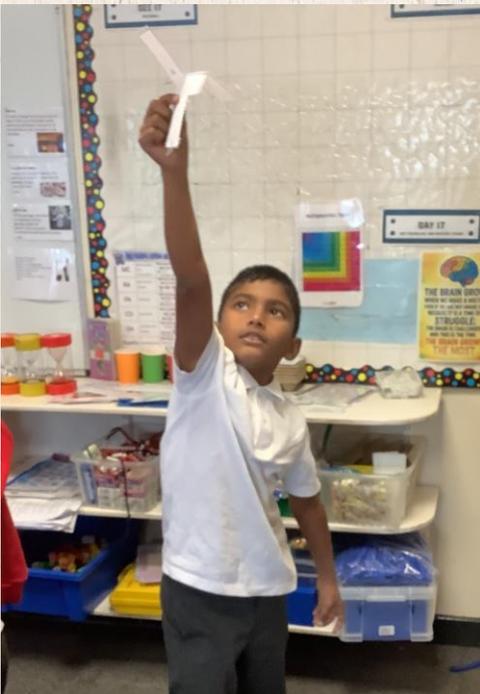
In science we acted out the different parts of a plant. We were seeds, roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. We talked about the various jobs they do for a plant. See if your student can show you all the different parts of a plant.

Year 2

In English this week year 2 have started our new story of Greta and the Giants. A story where the giants have destroyed the beautiful forest and made the animals sad. In our writing we have been using adjectives to describe the forest before and after the giants came and drew our own story maps to help us retell the story. In maths we have been working on numbers from 20 to 99, estimating where numbers should be on a number line. In Religion we have been looking at the Bible, the Old and New Testaments and the different stories.

Year 3

Year 3 has had a great week to match the weather. They have truly stepped into the shoes of the Iron Man as we have been writing monologues as the massive metal man himself. We had some mini getaways in geography as we explored some of our European neighbours and found out about the countries closest to us. In science we have been exploring seed dispersal and we made our own little 'rotocoptors' to explore how plants use the wind to disperse their seeds. Great work this week Year 3!



THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	90.8%	Reception	87.3%
Year 1	95.3%	Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	95.4%	Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	87.3%	Year 6	93%
	School Total		92.5%

Happy Birthday To...

Milan

Tristan

Rashmika

Oyinkansola

Kai

Adalia

Year 4

What a great week it has been!

In English, the children have been learning about different types of conjunctions and expanded noun phrases, and how to use them to extend sentences and add more detail. All of this has been in preparation for our big write next week.

In Maths, we have been exploring subtraction – recapping how to record it in our books and learning some exciting new vocabulary, such as subtrahend and minuend.



In RE, the children explored Jesus' family by looking into his ancestors, including Abraham and Jacob.

In Science, we investigated the properties of the three main states of matter, paying special attention to how particles behave.

In Computing, we learnt about the network devices that make up the internet and how websites are shared via the World Wide Web. I was really impressed by the children's knowledge of this topic!

Year 5

It has been another wonderful week with Year 5 this week where we have continued our hard work on decimals and the class are very good at partitioning tenths and hundredths. We have had a busy week as the class showed off their sporting skills on Tuesday, competing against other schools in different track and field events. On Wednesday, we had visitors from the Lowry, and the pupils created their own digital paintings in the style of L.S. Lowry. We also had visitors who taught the pupils all about the importance of road safety. Amongst this we have continued our journey with Beowulf who has now encountered the vicious mother of Grendel. In RE, the pupils have also been learning how we can use the qualities God has given us to make a pleasant home with our families.

Year 6

Year 6 have continued to get better and better each week so far! They showed great determination in maths this week whilst working on puzzles and problems in Maths. In English, they have blown us away with their balanced arguments and use of vocabulary. In RE, they are continuing to learn about how God's love can support us. They also took part in a Road Safety workshop on Thursday where they were surprised to hear that e-scooters are illegal - they then came up with an idea for a billboard campaign to promote road safety. They are all continuing to impress all the time and all the staff working in Year 6 are very proud of their efforts.

STAR OF THE WEEK

		Reception	Mila EMPATHY		
Year 1	Alfie RESPECT	Year 2	Oyinkansola CONFIDENCE	Year 3	Arghavan EMPATHY
Year 4	Paisley RESPECT	Year 5	Harshi RESPECT	Year 6	Roccoe CONFIDENCE

WORK OF THE WEEK

		Reception	Lulia		
Year 1	Sarah	Year 2	Freddie	Year 3	Ronan
Year 4	Lola	Year 5	Max	Year 6	Riley

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