

St Joseph's Newsletter

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Year of Jubilee 2025

This morning we welcomed the prayer leaders from St. Thomas of Canterbury school on a pilgrimage to St. Joseph's. They delivered the Diocesan anchor, a symbol of the Jubilee year which Pope Francis had called all of us to celebrate in 2025. The anchor has been travelling around the diocese, passed on by each school.

On Monday morning our Mini Vinnies with some staff, will be taking the Diocesan anchor to the Cathedral School of St. Peter and St. John.



Jesus our light,

In this jubilee year you remind us of our call to love our neighbours and to set free those who suffer.

Help us to treat everyone with dignity; to be fair; forgiving and kind.

To see Jesus in others, and to feel united as God's global family.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

This week nursery have been enjoying the maths rhyme "Five Currant Buns". We made our maths area into a bakers shop and the children made their own buns with the playdough. The children helped to make some real currant buns to take home. They measured the ingredients and even cracked the eggs. When the buns were ready we decorated them with icing and a cherry on the top, just like in the rhyme. The children all brought the rhyme home with them so please sing it with your child at home too.



Reception

This week reception have been reading the book, "Its The Bear!"

We have loved this book.



The children have role played the book in our creative area and created bear headbands to wear at our picnic. Our favourite picnic foods were the cakes, biscuits and of course the blueberry pie.

Year 1

In year one we started a new story in English, Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival. The children were given a worry (pompom) and asked what they worried about. From our story we learned the best thing to do is talk about our worries. The children then drew a picture and wrote a full sentence about their worry. Once they did, their worries shrank!

In maths we practiced counting our numbers 1 to 20. We played a circle game which each child had to take turns counting forward and backwards from 20. This game can easily be played at home. Just take turns counting forward and backwards from 20!

In geography we took a look at our local area. We found our local schools, shops, libraries, parks, police stations and much more.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed taking on the role of different characters in our story Great and the Giants this week. We became the animals of the forest writing our account of how it felt when the Giants came, we also wrote in role as the Giants, writing letters to Greta to apologise for how they treated the trees and flowers and what they could do to help. In maths we have been partitioning numbers and adding and subtracting with ten. In PE the children have been creating their own animal dances in small groups and did a fantastic job performing each stanza for the rest of the class.

Year 3

Year 3 has had an exciting week! The girls had a great opportunity to give rugby a go and thoroughly enjoyed it! We are coming to the end of our story of the Iron Man but not before it helps our young people become poets, telling the tale of a monstrous beast. We explored the country of Italy in geography and in Science we made models to see how far the wind would carry them to see how plants adapt to different types of seed dispersal. As usual they loved swimming and represented the school proudly. Well done for all your work Year 3.



THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	94.2%	Reception	92.4%
Year 1	93.7%	Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	95.2%	Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	95%	Year 6	97.2%
	School Total		94.9%

Happy Birthday To...

Riley

Renayah

Alice

Year 4

We started our week by taking part in a virtual assembly provided by the NSPCC, "Speak out. Stay Safe." This assembly was designed to help children understand abuse in all its forms, including bullying; recognise the signs of abuse; learn how to protect themselves; and know how to get help, including support from Childline.

In English, the children wrote character descriptions of Lila from our class text *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*. They used powerful vocabulary, fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, and a variety of conjunctions. I was really impressed with their hard work.

In Maths, we explored composing and decomposing numbers up to 2000. The children used a variety of manipulatives, such as base ten blocks and place value counters, to represent numbers in different ways. They also practised partitioning numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones, and explained their reasoning using mathematical language. This helped to deepen their understanding of place value and strengthen their problem-solving skills.

In Science, we conducted an experiment called "Dancing Raisins." We carefully made our predictions and later reflected on our conclusions. It was amazing to hear children using scientific vocabulary and sharing creative ideas supported by their prior knowledge.

In RE, we learned about Ruth, a female ancestor of Jesus. We discussed her devotion and kindness, and as a result, created a code of conduct to apply in our own lives so that we can be the best followers of God we can be. Once again, the children impressed me with their thoughtful attitude and excellent ideas.

Year 5

After the busy week of trips and visitors that we had last week, it was nice to get back to our usual routine again in Year 5 this week. The children have continued their hard work on decimals in maths and showed their computing skills by exploring how delivery systems work. In history, we have continued our exploration of Viking warfare and how this impacted Wessex. This has coincided well with our writing, where the children have been writing fantastic biographies about the mighty Beowulf and his many victories in battle. Science was interesting this week as the children tested which materials created the most air resistance for parachutes. Alongside this, the class have also improved their agility skills and learnt more haka dance moves in PE. Some of the girls were lucky enough to train with members of the Sale Sharks rugby team, and the very talented players were selected to participate in a forthcoming tournament. As many pupils in the class are now in the school choir, they also showcased their music skills, singing well in their music lessons. Another great week, keep it up Year 5!

This week in Year 6, it has been all about being balanced! Balanced arguments in English and balanced equations in maths. The children have produced some excellent writing, apologies if they have been trying to persuade you to sail around the world with them! On Thursday morning, the girls thoroughly enjoyed a girls only rugby session provided by Sale Sharks. They have all made a great start to music and PE this year, with full participation from everyone, which is leading to great results. Another great week!

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Wednesday 1 st – 31 st October	Black History Month
Monday 6th October	Girls Rugby Competition 1.00 - 3.00 (Salford Community Stadium)
Tuesday 7th October	New to year 1 parents and carers meeting - 3pm – school hall
Wednesday 8th October	EYFS phonics and reading meeting - 3pm - school hall
Monday 13 th October 2025	School photographs (individual and siblings) KS1 Phonics and reading meeting - 3pm - School hall
Tuesday 21st October	EYFS maths workshop - 3pm – Reception classroom
Thursday 23rd October	KS1 maths workshop - 3pm – Year 2 classroom
Friday 24 th October 2025	School Closes for Half Term Break
Monday 4 th November	School Opens for the Autumn 2 Half Term