

St Joseph's Newsletter

17/10/2025

Macmillan Cake Sale, thank you for your tremendous support sending in cakes and joining us to eat them! So far we have raised an amazing £349

Parents meetings will take place after school on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th November. Booking information will be sent out.

WORK OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Richmond	
Year1	Sanvika	Year 2	Zahyan
Year 3	Kaylee	Year 4	Delight
Year 5	Adalia	Year 6	Marilyn

STAR OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Elijah RESILIENCE	
Year1	Bayley RESPECT	Year 2	Freddie EMPATHY
Year 3	Noah RESPECT	Year 4	Sublime CONFIDENCE
Year 5	Grace CONFIDENCE	Year 6	Solomie RESPECT

And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:19



The ten lepers cried out to Jesus and had faith that He would respond. They were not disappointed – they were all healed. But, only one, the Samaritan, came back to Jesus to thank him. God does not expect our gratitude, but He always gives us an opportunity to respond with faith. Showing gratitude for God's gifts to us also helps us to recognise that He is our Saviour. We believe in and are truly grateful for His gifts.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

This month is "Black History Month" and the nursery have been learning about Lewis Hamilton. We found out how his dad got him interested in racing cars and how he saved up his money to Lewis could have a go kart and start racing. The children watched some film of Lewis Hamilton winning the Grand Prix and we saw how fast he drove and how the engineers changed the tyres in less than 2 seconds. The children made their own cars and we pretended to have races outside. We made a big track inside the classroom and raced the cars along it. The children designed their own racing cars using the mobilio and painted pictures of them.



Reception

Reception have had a wonderful week. We have been reading one of our favourite books, The Gruffalo. The children have made amazing junk model Gruffalo's out of toilet rolls, they have re-told the story using our small world figures and some children have even manage to draw scenes from the story independently. To finish our amazing week, we enjoyed a Gruffalo party where we ate orange eyes, terrible tusks, scrambled snake and even roasted fox.



Year 1

This week in English, we have been focusing on verbs. A verb is a doing word. It says what the noun is doing. We went out for break and noticed so many verbs! We were running, climbing, skipping, throwing, and many more. We also thought about what verbs superheroes do. They can fly, save, protect, shield, and smash.

In maths we are now counting all the way up to 100. We started by counting in decades or counting by tens (10,20,30 etc). We can now count forward and backward in decades.

In geography, we talked about community helpers. There are nurses, police officers, firefighters, shop workers, postmen, bus drivers, and so many more.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed finishing our art topic looking at Van Gogh's Sunflowers piece and recreating our own class version. The children have been looking at different lines, strokes and shading as well as how to make their own tints, mixing paints, before starting drawing their own sunflower pictures. In English lessons this week we have been listening to David Attenborough's speeches about looking after our planet. The children have created some of their own important messages they think we should pass on and have created some brilliant posters to share these messages. In maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting by bridging ten, using our knowledge of number bonds to help us.

Year 3

Year 3 have started a new text this week, George's Marvellous medicine, and we have been looking at George's Grandma. A grandma, like no other, I am sure the children will delight in telling you all about her interesting personality. We went out to draw our school in the style of artist Fernand Leger, a Cubist artist. Our school never looked so interesting! We are further investigating plants and their growing habits; we set up an experiment to see how they do without one of their growing needs. Results to be confirmed. As every week they have worked super hard with their singing with Mr. Lee. Our class do very much love a sing song. One week to go year 3, keep it up.

Happy Birthday To...

Ruftana

Ifeoluwa

Kyle

Amelia

Mila

Efosa-Rich

Dhashwin

Year 4

This week in English, the children proudly completed their own versions of The Grotto of Razvani, showcasing fantastic imagination and descriptive writing. They also finished reading The Firework Maker's Daughter and planned a missing chapter to tell the untold story of Razvani's past – their ideas were creative and full of adventure!

In Maths, the class have been working hard on measurement and conversion. They used their skills to tackle a range of practical problems, showing great perseverance and teamwork.

In Science, the children explored how water changes state through freezing and boiling. They carried out hands-on investigations, made careful observations, and discussed how temperature affects these changes – true scientists in action!

In Geography, we concluded our Extreme Earth topic by learning about tsunamis. The children conducted detailed research into the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, developing a deep understanding of the causes and effects of these natural disasters. Their presentations and discussions were insightful and mature.

In RE, we explored Judaism and learned about the significance of the Torah for Jewish people. The children showed thoughtful curiosity and great respect while discussing beliefs and traditions, making wonderful connections to our own school values.

Year 5

It's been another really great week in Year 5 this week. The pupils have worked hard and produced some brilliant work in their books. In maths this week the pupils have been increasingly improving their knowledge of money, notation and the different strategies to quickly add up prices. As this month is Black History Month, we spent some of our time this week learning all about the achievements of Marcus Rashford both on the pitch and his charitable aid to those in need in the wider community right across the UK. The children wrote fantastic biographies that documented his successes so far. Much like how Rashford helps others, we were thinking about how we can use our own God given gifts, qualities and talents to help others in RE this week and the children had some nice ideas. We've been continuing our journey with Beowulf who has had to face a beastly dragon in his final battle. In history, the pupils have been summarising why and when it was that the Vikings invaded and came to settle in England. We also had fun using different gears in science and thinking about how they could be used to create a machine to help water plants.



Year 6

Year 6 have been tested this week but have risen to the challenge! We completed our first set of practice SATs papers and the children approached them with a great attitude! The tests will allow us to see where we need to focus the teaching and learning but also help the children to feel more comfortable and confident with the style of questions and the stamina required to complete the papers. Please continue to support your children with their home learning - we have all the children engaged and motivated with their home reading at the moment so we will be looking to keep that up whilst shifting our focus to Spelling Shed, TTR and Doodle Maths! Please keep a close eye on the app and calendar as we have a busy few weeks coming up after half term with several trips planned. Well done to all the children this week for all their hard work.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	85.4%
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	94.6%
School Total	94.1%

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 21st October	EYFS maths workshop - 3pm – Reception classroom
Thursday 23rd October	KS1 maths workshop - 3pm – Year 2 classroom
Friday 24 th October	School Closes for Half Term Break
Tuesday 4 th November	School Opens for the Autumn 2 Half Term
Monday 10 th November	Parents and Carers Meetings – 3.45pm – 5pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Parents and Carers Meetings – 3.45pm – 6pm