

St Joseph's Newsletter

24/10/2025

This half term has flown by, thank you for your tremendous support and ensuring that the children are so smartly dressed in their school uniforms.

The children return after the half term break on Tuesday 4th November.

WORK OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Malak	
Year1	Kai	Year 2	Lily
Year 3	Riyaan	Year 4	Thea
Year 5	Michelle	Year 6	Mawete

STAR OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Harper EMPATHY	
Year1	Renayah CONFIDENCE	Year 2	Tasneem RESILIENCE
Year 3	Kaylee CONFIDENCE	Year 4	Azahel CONFIDENCE
Year 5	Joanne EMPATHY	Year 6	Alice CONFIDENCE



**ALWAYS PRAY AND
NEVER GIVE UP.**

Luke 18:1

Our assembly on Monday explored the parable of 'The Persistent Widow' and the fable of 'The Tortoise and the Hare.' The children discovered that not giving up on prayer leads to a deeper relationship with God. God invites us to talk and listen to Him, because He longs to answer our prayers.

Sometimes, we forget or choose not to pray. But, the more we pray and keep going, the closer our friendship with God will be. We can pray anywhere at anytime, How often have we prayed during this week?

Key Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have had lots of fun this week learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We loved hearing the story of Rama and Sita and finding out how good triumphs over evil. The children have made diva lamps and rangoli patterns. They have acted out the story of Diwali and we set up our house to celebrate the festival. We finished the week by having an Indian banquet and having a go at some traditional Indian dancing.



Reception

Reception have loved learning all about Diwali this week. We have read the story of Rama and Sita and completed some wonderful writing based on this. The children have created lovely rangoli patterns using shapes, peg boards and transient art. We finished the week with an Indian banquet, which the children loved.



Year 1

This week in year one we said goodbye to Beegu. We will miss her very much, but it is time for her to go home. We wondered what Beegu's home planet looked like. We drew her planet and wrote what we imagined her home was like.

In maths, we finished our counting from 20-100. We had some very sneaky animals covering up the numbers on our 100 chart and had to figure out what number they were hiding.

We did an amazing assembly on God's creation of our world. The whole school was really impressed.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	95%
Reception	93.6%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	93.1%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	96.4%
School Total	95.5%

Year 2

Year 2 have continued their work on looking after the environment in our Religion lessons by looking at the story of Noah's Ark. We created poems thinking about all of God's creatures and how we can protect them and look after the Earth. In PE this week we performed our dance as a class that we have been learning over the half term. We thought about African animals and imagined how they moved to create our dance. In English, we finished our work looking at Sir David Attenborough and wrote him a letter explaining all of the important things we have been doing to look after the planet and how we are encouraging others to do so. Turning lights off when we're not using them, using less water and recycling are very important!

Year 3

As the last week of term rushes by us, Year 3 have been hard at work perfecting their English, which has been our focus this week, as they write a character description about Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. Year 3 were very lucky to take part in a Mass at our school led by the wonderful Fr Frankie and chaperoned by Mrs. Dargon, thank you both. They were so engaged and so respectful all the way through, truly doing Year 3 proud. It was so nice to share these moments of being close to God with them. It has been a long and hard half-term, and Year 3 have definitely earned a good break after all the effort they have put in. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

We have finally reached the end of a busy and exciting half term, and what a fantastic eight weeks it has been! I am incredibly proud of our Year 4 children for their hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication throughout this half-term.

We ended the week by celebrating Black History month with an inspiring discussion about astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson and his remarkable achievements in science. The children were particularly motivated by some of his famous quotes and his passion for discovery.

Well done, Year 4—you've worked so hard and achieved so much this half term! Have a wonderful and well-deserved break.



Year 5

It has been a fun last week in Year 5 this week. The class have written some of the best pieces I've seen so far with how well they have retold the story of Beowulf and the Great Dragon. On Thursday, we spent the whole day researching, planning, making, and evaluating our own Viking longboats. It was a busy day, and the children produced some brilliant ships. It has been such a lovely end to a fantastic first half term. Enjoy the well-earned rest Year 5!



Year 6

Year 6 are working incredibly hard right up to the last minutes of this half term! They have produced some amazing survival guides, complete with instructions for how to build fires and rafts and shelters, poetry, diagrams and amazing artwork. In maths, we have been looking at how congruent triangles can be used to make parallelograms - if you are not sure what congruent means then please ask your child and they should be able to explain it. In science, we have completed our work on Carl Linnaeus, the famous taxonomist and it looks great, plus the children have learnt lots about how we classify living things. The children continue to impress with their commitment to reading and respectful behaviour around school. The staff in Year 6 are very impressed and proud of the start they have made to Year 6!

Happy Birthday To...

Hadeel

Aaron

Janani

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 th November	School Opens for the Autumn 2 Half Term Bill Hayhurst Football Match at School 3.30pm – 4.30 pm
Wednesday 5 th November	Y6 – The Lowry Children’s VIP Trip, 10.15am – 4.50pm
Monday 10 th November	Parents and Carers Meetings, 3.45pm – 5pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Y3 Intu Film Festival Trip, 10:00-12:00 Y6 Imperial War Museum, 9am – 3.30pm Parents and Carers Meetings – 3.45pm – 6pm
Wednesday 12 th November	Y6 The Lowry Intu Film Festival Trip, 10am -12pm
Wednesday 19 th November	Y1 and 2 The Lowry Intu Film Festival Trip
Tuesday 25 th November	Y4 and 5 The Lowry Intu Film Festival 10am -12pm
Wednesday 26 th November	Intu Film Festival at Every Man 10am -11:40 am
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y6 Transition to All Hallows 9.25am – 12.20pm
Tuesday 9 th December	KS1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Christmas Show & party
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner & jumper day
Monday 15 th December	KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 6 and 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December	Year 4 and 3 Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	School Closes at 2.30pm
Monday 5 th January	School Opens for the Spring 1 Half Term