

St Joseph's Newsletter

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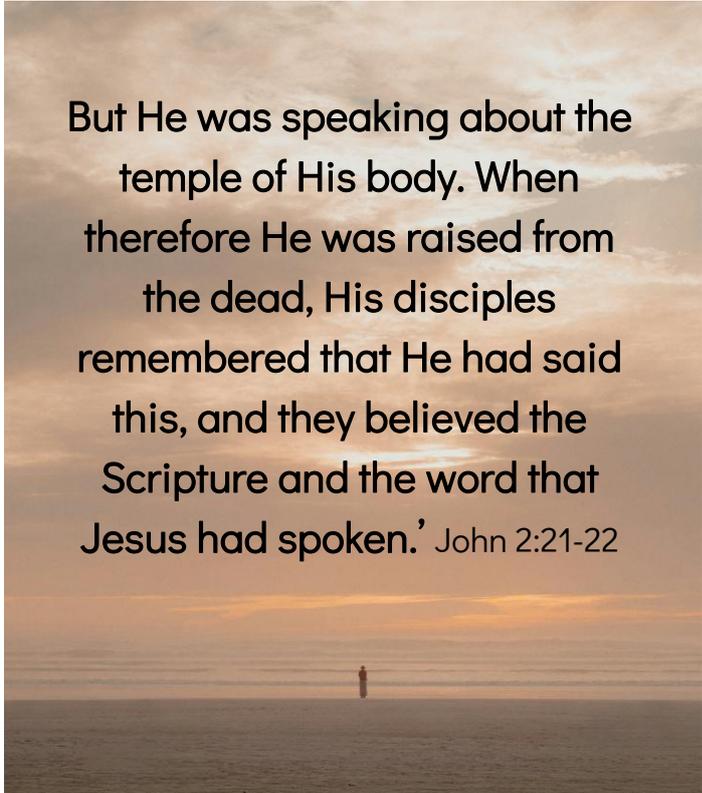
Children in Need – Austin & his ice cream van arrived this afternoon and we raised £141 so far, thank you for your generous support.

Some of our children who sing in the Cathedral Choir will be appearing on television today as part of Children in Need, keep a look out for them.

Congratulations to the children who took part in and won the basketball competition – well done.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	95.8%
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	92.7%
Year 6	93.4%
School Total	95.2%



But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.’ John 2:21-22

Jesus had arrived at the Temple in Jerusalem and He was not happy with what He found. He saw people buying and selling in the Temple. Jesus said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up”? The Temple took 46 years to build, and the people thought Jesus was talking about the Temple building. Jesus’ anger wasn’t just about how the people were treating the physical temple building, it was about their attitude towards God. Jesus was pointing to His death and Resurrection which made a way for all people to have God’s presence living inside of them.

How have we shared God’s presence with those around us this week?

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have been very busy this week. We started the week learning about why people wear poppies and the children made lots of different poppy pictures using paint, glitter and collage. We listened to a story about 2 boys who grew up to be soldiers and always looked after each other and the children all agreed that they liked to look after their friends too. During rhyme time this week we have been learning incy wincy spider and the children have started on their phonics journey learning the sound "s". At home you could ask your child to find some objects that begin with "s", scissors, scarf, socks.



Reception

Reception have been learning about Remembrance Day this week. We looked at who we remember on this day, why we have a two-minute silence and the importance of the poppy.

We then completed lots of activities based on what we had learnt, such as painting poppies and making poppies out of playdough. To finish off our week we wrote some lovely facts about Remembrance Day.



Happy Birthday To...

Arome

Tandi

Kaylee

Krishanth

Samuel

Peculiar

Year 1

As I'm sure you know, this week building work started at our school. Right outside our veranda we had diggers and other construction vehicles. It's been very exciting, and the children have been so sensible about working through the madness.

In English this week we started discussing adjectives. An adjective is a word that describes a noun. We used adjectives to describe the characters and setting of our story Little Red Reading Hood by Lucy Rowland.

In science we started talking about our bodies. We labelled all our different body parts and started talking about what jobs our body parts have.

Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at the story of the Gunpowder Plot this week in our English lessons, we wrote character descriptions for King James, wanted posters for Thomas Percy and used drama to act out different parts of the story before writing a fantastic retelling in our writing books. In Science we have started our new topic of materials and went on a material hunt in our classroom, we identified different materials, we also talked about why certain materials are more suitable than others. On Friday the children enjoyed learning about Children in Need Day, why the work of the different charities is so important and enjoyed a visit from Austin's Ice Cream Van. In Religion on Tuesday the children wrote some beautiful Remembrance poems and created some lovely poppy field paintings.

Year 3

Year 3 had a real treat this week courtesy of the Manchester Film Festival. We were lucky enough to get tickets to see the film Dog Man, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. A suitable treat for all the hard work they have done. We created would-be poets in English as we used our skills to create rhyming couplets and explore alliteration. An easy task for such creative imaginations. We are working hard with our math's bridging 100 and adding and subtracting above and below it. We are also very interested in our new science topic of nutrition and what we need to keep healthy, which has tied in beautifully with our DT project of seasonal foods and eating. We are all looking forward to what the rest of the term brings.



Year 4

We have had another fantastic week in Year 4!

In English, the children have completed their research on earthquakes and have begun writing a non-chronological report. They are working hard to organise information clearly so it is easy to find and relevant to the reader.

This week in Maths, we focused on adding and subtracting four-digit numbers with regrouping. The class then applied these skills to a range of word problems, showing great perseverance and reasoning.



We also took time to mark Remembrance Day. The children honoured the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our country by writing thoughtful prayers of gratitude and respect, and by learning a meaningful poem by heart.

In Science, we launched our new topic: the Digestive System. The children are eager to learn more about how our bodies process food and the different organs involved in this fascinating system.

Year 5

It has been another great week in Year 5. The pupils had an art-filled Thursday with the artist Michelle coming in and teaching the pupils multi-media methods of creating art like the brilliant L.S. Lowry. It was a fantastic day, and the pupils demonstrated just how creative they all are. Throughout the week pupils have also been improving their understanding of negative numbers, and we have enjoyed reading more of 'Cosmic.' We have spent some time thinking about those who fought for our peace with through remembrance poetry and the pupils created some beautiful poems. In Science, we have begun exploring Earth in space and continued finding out about why people create settlements in different areas in Geography.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy week! The children were very well behaved and respectful on Tuesday at The Imperial War Museum and have hopefully started to build an understanding of the events around WWII. They took inspiration from the poet Tony Walsh's poem Mightier Than War to create their own poetry around the theme of war today with some powerful results. On Wednesday, we enjoyed the heartwarming story of The Wild Robot at the cinema - it tells the story of a robot who overrides his coding to show that we can all grow and become better people for a better world! The children have also been working hard in class and impressing in PE and music lessons - ask them to show you armadillo, armadillo, elephant, cat! Another busy week next week, with visitors coming in to work with the children and lots of work in class. Thank you to all who attended parent's evening, it is lovely to see how well supported all the children are with their reading and online learning.

Basketball

Last Friday Riley, Astou and JJ represented the school in the 3 v 3 basketball Salford Finals that they qualified to attend last term by winning the cluster Basketball competition.

It is a great achievement to be able to attend a Salford final, and they even went on to win at the finals bringing home the 2025 basketball trophy. This is the first Salford level win that the school has had so we are immensely proud of these 3 children, the hard work and determination that they showed in all games that they played both at the cluster event and in the finals on Friday.



Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Wednesday 19th November	Y1 and 2 The Lowry Intu Film Festival Trip
Tuesday 25th November	Y4 and 5 The Lowry Intu Film Festival 10am -12pm
Wednesday 26th November	Intu Film Festival at Every Man 10am -11:40 am
Wednesday 3rd December	Y6 Transition to All Hallows 9.25am – 12.20pm
Wednesday 10th December	EYFS Christmas party
Thursday 11th December	Christmas dinner & jumper day
Monday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December	Year 6 and 5 Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December	Year 4 and 3 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December	School closes at 2.30pm
Monday 5 th January	School opens for the Spring 1 Half Term

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

New building – what a lot has happened in a week!



Thank you for adapting so quickly moving around school. Please remember that the school gates will be locked at 9am and if you arrive after this time, children must be brought to the main school office to be registered.