

St Joseph's Newsletter

05/12/2025

Building

Despite a hiccup with an electrical cable and various other discoveries, the bricklaying has begun.



Therefore

STAY AWAKE

FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW ON WHAT
day your

LORD

Is coming

Matthew 24:41

This week, the new Church year begins with the season of Advent.

Advent is an exciting time of getting ready for Jesus' birthday at Christmas. We also prepare and wait with expectant hope for when Jesus will come again! Each week during Advent, we will count down to Christmas by lighting candles on the Advent wreath.

In this Year of Jubilee, we can 'stay awake' and prepare in expectant hope by:

Knowing who Jesus is and His love for us. Following Jesus' teachings. Growing in friendship with Jesus through prayer and Sacraments.

Happy Birthday To..

Paisley

Junior

Zuriel

Kory

Sai

Loay

Iseoluwa

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have lit the first candle on our Advent wreath this week. We gathered together and talked about the evergreen leaves and the red berries on the wreath. We said a prayer to help us prepare for the coming of baby Jesus. The children acted out the story of the annunciation, when the angel Gabriel came to tell Mary she was going to be the mother of Jesus.



Reception

This week reception have had lots of fun learning about our new book The Jolly Postman. We were very excited to see our new post office role play, and have been busy writing letters to Father Christmas all week and posting them in our new post box.



Year 1

This week in year one, we started another traditional tale, the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We drew trolls and used adjectives to describe them. We had a lot of green, stinky, smelly trolls.

In science, we learned about the different taste receptors we have in our tongue. There is salty, bitter, sweet, sour, and umami. We tasted raspberries, dark chocolate, crisps, lemons, and cheese, then matched the food to which taste receptor we thought it fit.

In Design and technology, we have been building sliders. A bar or rod that slides back and forth or side to side. We have planned, designed our characters, and now designed our backgrounds. We will be assembling and bringing them home next week.

We have spent a lot of time this week preparing for our advent performance on Tuesday the 9th of December. It is at 3 pm and parents are welcome to come!

Year 2

Year 2 have had such a fun week in our history lessons looking at what happened in London after the great fire. We learned that houses were only allowed to be made from bricks, not wood and that London was redesigned so that the streets were wider and safer. The children designed their own maps of London and created them using Lego and junk modelling. In English we have been creating fact files including everything we have learned and they are fantastic! In maths we have been adding and subtracting multiples of ten from a 2 digit number.

Year 3

This week we have got really into the 'bones' of our science topic of the skeletons, where we have looked at other types of skeletons in the natural world. On our travels to the stone age we looked at how they lived and what their homes looked like and even had a go at designing our own stone age homes. We have been learning about 3-digit numbers in math's and how we can position them on number lines and identify their place value. We are finally nearing the end of our adventures with George and his marvellous medicine; the children have created some great writing from this book. We look forward to all the other fantastic bits of writing they produce.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	95.2%
Reception	86.1%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	92.7%
Year 3	92.4%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	97.2%
School Total	93.5%

Year 4

In English, we have been recapping the features of diary writing in preparation for next week's Big Write. The children will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of a Roman soldier, and they are already looking forward to the challenge.

In Maths, we have completed our unit on perimeter, and the children have shown a strong understanding of the concept. We have also begun exploring multiplication, starting with the 3 times table. Mr. Whyte joined us to observe one of our lessons, and he was very impressed

with how independent and engaged the children were.

In RE, we learned about God's gifts of love and friendship. The children worked together to create a thoughtful set of expectations they would have for "a perfect friend."



Year 5

Year 5 have been working hard on their Maths this week and proving just how good they are at multiplying 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers.

The children have really shown how creative they can be, and we have started developing a story about them getting lost in space. This tied in well with science, where we learnt about how the Earth rotates to create the day and night.

In RE, we explored the Advent wreath and the different things it represents as we await the coming of Jesus. The pupils also got to practise more of the Christmas hymns, bringing a lovely festive spirit to the class.

We also enjoyed exploring Ordsall this afternoon, discussing the features of the settlement and its history.

Year 6

Year 6 have only been out once this week so it has been relatively quiet compared to other weeks, but they had a great time at All Hallows and came back with lots of Christmas goodies! They are continuing to impress in maths, using and applying their understanding of 6 and 7-digit numbers. In English, they have created some powerful poetry around the theme of war. A few of them may have futures as heart surgeons based on their understanding of the circulatory system and the functions of the heart and the blood. Another week filled with lots of hard work and effort - please continue to support with your child's reading.

Christmas events – please refer to the calendar.

Chocolate Tombola/Teddy & New Toy Tombola– as we can't have a fayre this year we are asking for donations of any type of chocolate, good as new teddies, toys to be sent into school this week. We will set up the Tombola's during the last week and invite each class to come and have a turn.

Hamper – we will be selling tickets for a fresh meat hamper which will be delivered to the winner on Christmas Eve. Tickets £1 on sale before and after school from next week.

1.4kg Dressed easy carved boneless turkey breast

1.2kg Extra matured prime silverside joint

1.2kg Quality boneless pork loin joint

1.2kg Carefully selected gammon joint

500g Traditional pork sausage meat

450g (8) Traditional butchers pork sausages

350g of Best Back Bacon



STAR OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Thiyash RESILIENCE	
Year1	Borys CONFIDENCE	Year 2	Zahyan RESPECT
Year 3	Tega RESPECT	Year 4	Lola CONFIDENCE
Year 5	Liliana RESPECT	Year 6	Mirella FAITH

WORK OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Dashwin	
Year1	Ifeoluwa	Year 2	Conrad
Year 3	Riyaan	Year 4	Elian
Year 5	Matias	Year 6	Hadeel

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 8 th December	Intra Health Nasal Flu - immunisation catch up
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Christmas 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