

St Joseph's Newsletter

07/11/2025

New Building – after a long wait the contractors will be on site from Monday 10th November for 42 weeks. We are looking forward to having 2 new classrooms a new school entrance and reception area.

To facilitate this, the gate at Ryall Avenue will be closed and the 2 entrances to school will be Mayflower & St. Joseph's Drive.

Children going to EYFS will enter their classrooms as normal. Children in Year 1 will enter and leave through the Breakfast Club door. At the end of the day the children in Year 2 will leave from the new door in their classroom.

As the car park will need to be used to access school, no vehicles will be allowed in or out from 8.45am – 9am and from 3.25pm – 3.40pm.

Parents Meetings are being held on Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th November. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher.



'Jesus went up on the mountain... And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."' Matthew 5:1-3 The saints are holy men and women who put God first in their lives and now live with God in Heaven. Jesus taught us what we need to do to live saintly lives through His teaching known as 'the Beatitudes'.

Happy Birthday To...

Daisy

Asa

Ahmed

Lulia

Saanvika

Matias

Ariam

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have been enjoying a lot of activities about bonfire night and fireworks this week. We made different firework pictures with paint, glitter and glue. The children used their fingers to make exploding firework pictures on the light box. Outside, we worked together to make a bonfire picture with leaves and sticks, the children looked around the garden for red, orange and yellow leaves which were the same colours as the flames of the fire. We made yummy edible sparklers with hundreds and thousands and finished the week sitting around the real fire toasting marshmallows. What a lovely week!



Reception

Reception have loved learning all about our new topic, People Who Help Us.

We have spent the week looking at the roles of Firefighters and how important their job is in keeping us safe. We linked their hard work to bonfire night and the dangers that can happen around fireworks and bonfires.

To continue the children's learning of bonfire night, we made amazing firework pictures using glue and glitter, and wrote what sound their firework made when it went off such as POP, BANG, BOOM!



WORK OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Rose	
Year1	Pio	Year 2	Fikayo
Year 3	Daisy-Mae	Year 4	Paisley
Year 5	Daisy	Year 6	Mirella

STAR OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Ari CONFIDENCE	
Year1	Luc EMPATHY	Year 2	Gelila
Year 3	Arisha RESILIENCE	Year 4	Ana Valentina
Year 5	Esme CONFIDENCE	Year 6	Michael RESPECT

Year 1

Welcome back! Hope you all had a relaxing break.

This week we have started discussing traditional tales and fairy tales. We are going back and retelling or rereading tales to see what else we can notice about our story. We have read Snow White, Cinderella, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, and many more. We learned that characters can be heroes or villains.

In maths we have been comparing different ways of measuring things. We have compared the height, weight, and capacity of many different items in our classroom. Next week we will start comparing numbers using the greater than, less than, and equal sign.

In RE, we have been discussing Remembrance Day. We made some lovely poppy wreaths to remember the soldiers and all that they have done for us.

Year 2

This week year 2 have started off the term with a bang! We have been creating some bonfire night poems, using our senses to create adjectives and expanded noun phrases, the children created some wonderful firework poems. We also did some spatter painting to create firework pictures to publish our poems on. In maths we have been looking at solving addition and subtraction problems with statistics, looking at the class favourite fruit and colours to help us solve the problems. In Design Technology the children have started their Christmas project where they are going to be designing and creating their own Christmas ornament. So far the children have been looking at ornaments and evaluating them, discussing what they like and don't like to help create their design.

Year 3

After a lovely break year 3 are back and ready to work hard. We had fun playing with alliteration in English and we have read more of our book, Gerooge's Marvelous Medicine, where we have finally seen what the medicine starts doing. We explored the world's climate zone to see what grows where in DT where we are looking at seasonal eating. Year 3 was flung thousands of years into the past with our topic of the stone age to the Iron age. A fun topic learning about how early humans survived and how easy we all have it today. As the weather gets more wintery, we look forward to the exciting term ahead.

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	92.3%
Reception	92.4%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	98.8%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	98.2%
School Total	95.9%

Year 4

As part of Money Confidence Week, we were delighted to welcome Mr. Prabhu Kumar, Director at EY, who shared with us how he uses maths in his everyday work and how these skills have contributed to his success. The children asked thoughtful questions and were inspired to see how maths connects to real-life careers.

We were also lucky to have Michelle Leigh, a visiting artist, spend the day with us on Thursday. She led a fantastic art workshop where the children explored a range of techniques and created stunning pieces inspired by L. S. Lowry, with a futuristic twist.



I am incredibly proud of how our Year 4 children represented St. Joseph's School this week. Their respect, resilience, and confidence truly stood out. Every visitor commented on their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour, and the warm, positive atmosphere in our classroom.

Well done, Year 4 – what a brilliant start to the term!

Year 5

It's been so lovely to see all the smiling faces back in class after the half-term break. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and we've hit the ground running with lots of exciting new learning! In English, we've started our funny new book *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. The class has already enjoyed meeting Liam, our not-so-average eleven-year-old tall man. In Maths, we've been delving into negative numbers. The children have done brilliantly working out how temperatures, elevations, and number lines can go below zero. Our computing lessons have got everyone thinking creatively as we explore what makes a good video. We've begun our new topic on Belonging in RE, considering what it means to be part of different communities and how belonging can shape who we are. The discussions have been thoughtful and reflective. It's been a wonderful start to the half-term, and we're looking forward to all the exciting learning ahead!

Year 6

The highlight this week has to be our amazing day out at The Lowry Theatre! The children were treated to a delicious lunch in the wonderfully decorated space at the theatre, they then took part in some quick drama games before heading into the theatre to watch the hilarious, slapstick comedy show *A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong!* We have written our reviews and intend to send them to The Lowry for the cast to read. The children have also begun to look at World War II ahead of our trip to the Imperial War Museum next week. This morning, they showed the rest of the school what Remembrance Day is all about by leading a respectful and informative assembly.



Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 10th November	Parents and Carers Meetings, 3.45pm – 5pm
Tuesday 11th 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 12th November	Y6 The Lowry Intu Film Festival Trip, 10am -12pm
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