

St Joseph's Newsletter

20/03/2026



St. Joseph's Day was enjoyed by everyone, Fr. Frankie sent a special message to the children. The sun was shining as our tennis competition took place, Elian and Alfie progressed to the final and Alfie won the final match.

Parents meetings are taking place on 31st March and 1st April, please make sure that you have booked an appointment.

Easter event dates are on the calendar, please check this.



On Sunday we listened to the Gospel according to John where Jesus healed the blind man and he received the joy of sight and faith! How do we celebrate the joy we have in following Jesus, so we can see with eyes of faith who He really is?

'Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back, seeing.' John 9:6-7

This Week's Attendance

Nursery	93.1%
Reception	88.5%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	90.8%
Year 3	91.9%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	91.1%
School Total	92.5%

WORK OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Ani	
Year 1	Luca	Year 2	Gelila
Year 3	Noah	Year 4	Elian
Year 5	Esmee	Year 6	Ele

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery celebrated St. Josephs day on Thursday. We heard how God had chosen St. Joseph to be Jesus' foster father while he was on Earth because he was kind, gentle and humble. The children found out that St. Joseph was a carpenter and we sang a song about him and tried being carpenters ourselves using hammers and nails. In the afternoon we had a picnic to celebrate our school's special day and finished the day with yummy ice lollies. The sun always shines on St. Josephs day, we had a lovely time.



We have had a very busy week in reception.

We have learnt about a new sea creature this week, the crab and found out lots of new and amazing facts about all the different kinds of crab you can find in the ocean.

We also celebrated St Josephs day on Thursday. The children learnt why our saint is special, and wrote some wonderful facts alongside beautiful drawings of our saint. To finish the day we enjoyed a lovely picnic in the glorious sun.

Reception



Year 1

This week in year one, we had our prayer and liturgy focus on Lent. We talked about how Lent is a time to pray, give, and grow. We then made Lenten promises. Thank you to all of the adults who were able to come watch.

In history, we have been discussing old and new transportation. We took a closer look at aeroplanes and the first attempt at flight. The Wright brothers were the first ones to successfully build an aeroplane. We then made our own paper aeroplanes and flew them outside.

In science, we have been discussing everyday materials and the qualities they have. This week, we considered an object's transparency. Transparency is how much light can pass through an object. We asked the question: What would life be like if there were no windows? We then made our own stained-glass windows and hung them up in the classroom.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning outside in the sunshine this week! In geography we have been looking at human and physical features and explored our outdoor area labelling different items into human and physical categories. In English we have been looking at contractions and exclamation marks to help us when writing our postcard as our character, Sunny from Meerkat Mail. In maths we have started working on addition and adding 2 digit numbers together using base ten and finding the missing addends. Some of the year 2 children had the opportunity to go to Salford University on Monday to join in the celebration of the Primary Engineers programme. The children were interviewed by the engineers and tested their locomotives on the tracks.

Year 3

What an eventful week Year 3 have had! We are so lucky to be part of the Copley prize in partnership with the Lowry, where they ran a drama workshop for the children and they saw his painting in the gallery. The children enjoyed recreating some of L.S. Lowry's famous works. St. Joseph's also held a tennis tournament on Thursday where many of the children competed and played very well, they made an amazing effort and some great sportsmanship was displayed among friends. Well done Year 3.



Year 4

In English, we have been reading *The Lost Happy Endings* and learning to memorise a model text inspired by the story. We also focused on how to punctuate direct speech accurately. In Maths, we continued to deepen our understanding of what happens to a number when it is multiplied or divided by 10 and 100. In History, we explored the world of the pharaohs and their importance in Ancient Egypt. In RE, we learned about Good Friday and discussed the significance of Holy Week.

On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph. The children had great fun taking part in a tennis tournament and discovering more about St. Joseph's role and importance. To make the day even more special, we were delighted to welcome back Michelle Leigh, a visiting artist. She led a wonderful art workshop in which the children experimented with different techniques and created beautiful pieces inspired by L. S. Lowry.

Year 5

It has been another brilliant week in Year 5. This week, the pupils have been learning all about Julian Koepcke and her miraculous survival when she fell from an airplane above the Amazon rainforest. The pupils have been considering how they can write the dramatic events from the perspective of the jungle. In Maths, we have been exploring the volume of 3D shapes and the class have impressed me with their multiplication abilities. As it was St Joseph's Day this week, our class thoroughly enjoyed writing poems about St Joseph and playing in the tennis tournament. The winner came from our class, and it was nice to see how proud of him his classmates were. Well done, Alfie!



Year 6

Another busy week in Year 6! The children have now finished their creative writing pieces and Emma has taken them to the judges at The Lowry so now we wait and see if any of our amazing writers will make the final! We have also been learning about the silent strength of St Joseph as part of our St Joseph Day celebrations - the children have been challenged with finding time to be calm and still so they can listen to God and their own thoughts and to show they can walk the walk and not just talk the talk when it comes to spreading The Word. In maths, we are looking at coordinates across four quadrants and in Science, we have started our new topic on Evolution and Inheritance - why not challenge your children to a game of battleships or ask them about how different plants survive in their environments? Thank you again for all your support with home learning - remember the children should be: practising spellings on Spelling Shed, Doodling on Doodle and reading, reading, reading!

STAR OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Amen Faith	
Year 1	Adam Confidence	Year 2	Frankie Confidence
Year 3	Devansh Resilience	Year 4	Paisley Empathy
Year 5	Coby Resilience	Year 6	Samuel Confidence

Happy Birthday To...

Amari-Beau

Lily

Building Update



Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 24 th March	Decorated Egg and Easter Bonnet Competition
Monday 30 th March	Egg Roll Competition
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April	School opens for the Summer 1 Half Term

Lent Prayer and Liturgy Celebration

During Lent each class will be holding a prayer and liturgy celebration. The children would love to share this with their parents and carers. All the celebrations will be held at 3pm. Please check below for the dates.

23rd March Year 2 in the school hall.

24th March Year 4 in the school hall.

25th March Reception in the classroom.

26th March Year 3 in the school hall.

27th March Nursery in the classroom.

30th March Year 5 in the school hall.



Easter Bonnet Competition and Decorated Egg Competition



We will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg Competitions this year. The children can enter one or both competitions in their class.



Decorated Egg Competition

The idea is the children decorate a hard-boiled egg at home and bring it into school on **Tuesday 24th March**.



Each class will display their eggs for the other children to look at. Judging will take place and we will announce the winners before the end of term.



There will be a prize for the best design in each class.



The eggs can be decorated however you like, Easter themed, superheroes, patterned, animals etc.



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EGG ROLL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Roll on Monday 30th March.

Year 1/ Year 2- 9.15am

Year 3/ Year 4- 10.00am

Nursery/Reception- 11.00am

Year 5/ Year 6- 11.45am

All proceeds will go towards our Lenten collection.

The children will need a hard-boiled egg and a suggested donation of a £1.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M. Harris

Deputy Headteacher