

# St Joseph's Newsletter

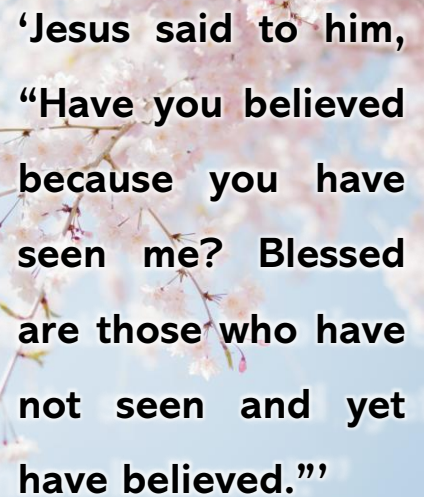
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We are now in the Church season of Eastertide - a 50 day long celebration of rejoicing from Easter Sunday to Pentecost - when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples.

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When we believe in Jesus, even though we cannot see Him, we use our eyes of faith. Our faith grows stronger and helps us trust and follow Jesus – the way, the truth, and the life.



**'Jesus said to him,  
"Have you believed  
because you have  
seen me? Blessed  
are those who have  
not seen and yet  
have believed.'"**

John 20:29

Welcome back to our final term! As ever the calendar is filling up for some very busy weeks ahead!

**Online safety**, thank you for attending the sessions on Wednesday with Terry Franke. He shared a lot of valuable information and ways to ensure that you can keep your children safe. He worked with all of the children throughout the day and staff at the end of the day, it was eye opening!

The class with the greatest parent engagement was Year 2

School Uniform, we have a HUGE collection of cardigans & sweatshirts that have lost their owners! They will be on a table in the gazebo at the beginning & end of the day on Monday.

Maths workshops for Year 3 and 4 parents were well attended on Thursday. We hope that you now have a clear understanding of the Multiplication check that the children will be completing in Year 4, and how you can support them.

Year 6, there is a meeting for all parents & children on Monday 20th April at 2.30pm in the school hall. This will be led by Jo Hardwidge a Moving On Well Coordinator. She will be working with the children during the coming weeks.

Buildings, great progress is being made on both blocks. During the holiday the initial investigations for drainage on the playing fields were completed.



# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have been enjoying our new topic of gardening this week. We have planted lots of different types of seeds ready to plant out in our garden. The children chose to plant peas. French beans, runner beans, radishes, courgettes and cucumbers. They have also planted some flower seeds like cornflowers and sunflowers for the bees and butterflies. We found out that the seeds need soil, sunlight and water to grow. Why don't you try planting some seeds at home with your child? They are becoming expert gardeners and know how to plant and take care of the seeds by themselves.



## This Week's Attendance

Nursery	90.8%
Reception	85.4%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	91.5%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	91.4%
School Total	92.4%

## Reception

Reception have had a lovely first week back. We have been looking at our new topic, Minibeast. We created some lovely junk model insects to add to our role play area, such as ladybirds, spiders and butterflies.



## Year 1

The newsletter this week was written by our students.

This week in year one we were learned about split diagraphs in phonics. In PE we played tig and cricket. In Geography we learned about the countries in the United Kingdom. We coloured a map. In science we learned about trees in spring. The trees grow blossoms. We drew a tree on our playground.

## Year 4

In English, the children began crafting their new "losing tale" stories. I have been so impressed by their imaginative ideas for lost objects, characters, and settings, and I am really looking forward to reading their completed stories.

In Maths, we started our new topic on coordinates. The children have shown great resilience when translating polygons on a grid and writing clear instructions to move shapes from one position to another.

In History, we explored the fascinating pyramids of Ancient Egypt, while in Science we carried out an investigation to discover the noisiest time of day in the hall – unsurprisingly, lunchtime was the winner!

This half term, the children have also had the pleasure of an additional weekly PE session delivered by a specialist cricket coach. The sessions have been thoroughly enjoyed, and it has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement.

## Year 2

Year 2 have had such a wonderful week, everyone has come back from the Easter holidays refreshed and ready to learn. This week in English we have started our new story 'The Tear Thief' and we have been using interesting adjectives to describe the setting and characters in the story. In Maths we have been looking at subtracting 2 digit numbers crossing the ten, we have been using tens and ones to help us. In Art we have started our topic on Jasper Johns and have been looking at his printed pieces and beginning to look at different colours and designs to create our own piece.

## Year 5

It's been a brilliant first week back with Year 5 this week and I have enjoyed hearing about how nice their Easter's were and how much chocolate they had all managed to eat! In class, we have been enjoying our new class text *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and were fortunate enough to get free tickets from the Lowry to a performance of the live show. We all thought it was brilliant and can't wait to learn more about it in class over the next half term!



## Year 6

A great first week back for Year 6, they have been working very hard and it is lovely to see so many of them attending Booster sessions. Lots of children are now on our Top 100 books because they have finished all the books in our scheme, which is amazing! In maths, the children are continuing to work on fractions and percentages which has been extremely useful as we are also looking at pie charts in statistics. In science, the children have been learning about Charles Darwin and his theories and studies. Work has already begun on the end of year show and auditions will be held for parts post-SATs. Please continue to support your children with their home learning and to read, read, read!

## STAR OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Lucas Resilience	
Year 1	Chidera Empathy	Year 2	Lily Respect
Year 4	Asher Resilience	Year 5	Ollie Resilience
	Year 5	Logan Resilience	

## Happy Birthday To...



## WORK OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Lulia	
Year 1	Huzeyfe	Year 2	Kristin
Year 4	Delight	Year 5	Daisy
	Year 6	Astou	

## Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Thursday 23rd April	Year 4 Transition Morning at All Hallows
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed for May Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability Years 5 & 6 all week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closes for the Half Term Break
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for the Summer at 2.30pm