

St Joseph's Newsletter

15/05/2026



Year 6, the children have worked incredibly hard this week and really applied themselves each day during the SATs tests. Well done, we are very proud of you all.

National Literacy Trust were in school on Monday afternoon to celebrate Storytelling Month. They were hosting and filming a live event with some EYFS and Key Stage 1 children and parents based around the fabulous book Stanley's Stick by John Hegley. They were joined by musicians from the Northern Chamber Orchestra. A wonderful time was had by all and we are looking forward to seeing the finished product.

Choir, on Saturday the children sang at the Lowry prior to the Young Writers Ceremony. They sang beautifully and some of the children conducted. They received lots of thoroughly deserved compliments. Well done, we are very proud of you all. Thank you for bringing your children, they are a credit to you.

Astou, one of our Year 6 children read her story to a packed audience in the Quays Theatre. What an experience and a very proud moment.

Bikeability will be taking place next week for children in Year 5 and some children in Year 6, from 18th – 21st May.



The cherished tradition of crowning Mary during the month of May has been a delight to see throughout this week. The children have honoured Mary as the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven. The statue of Mary has been crowned with flowers by the children, accompanied by prayers and hymns.

On Thursday Fr. Frankie celebrated Mass for the Ascension with the children in Year 1 and Year 4.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

As May is the month of Mary, we joined with reception to crown the statue of Our Lady. The children were very respectful as we listened to a passage from the Bible when the angel came to tell Mary she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus. The children decided that God had chosen Mary to be Jesus' mummy because she was kind and always said her prayers. Back in class, we made our own flower crowns for Mary and drew pictures of her.



Reception

Reception have been very busy helping the teachers create a new reading corner. We had a think about our favourite characters from the Julia Donaldson books we read, and the children then painted them onto our new backdrop. The Gruffalo, Superworm, Zog and many more now sit over us watching us read. We are very proud.



Year 1

This week in English we met the Bog Baby. We learnt how to take care of a Bog Baby. We modelled our own bog babies. In geography we modelled UK landmarks. In maths we have been adding and subtracting teen numbers. In RE we have been learning about the Ascension. We crowned Mary and sang to her.



Year 2

This week have been continuing our story of Flat Stanley and have been writing in role as if we are Stanely and went on an adventure to California. We have been looking at expanded noun phrases for Yosemite National Park, Disney Land and the beach. In Religion we crowned Our Lady alongside year 1. We sang hymns, collected flowers and prayed to Mary. In Science we were looking at animal habitats and we went into our school environment to create bug hotels. We thought carefully about what animal we were designing it for and what materials we needed.

Year 3

Year 3 have worked hard this week for Mrs Shaw, Miss Groarke and Miss Amedeka. In Maths they have continued to focus on using their 2, 4 and 8 times tables to solve problems. Remember to support their Times Tables learning by going on TTRS! More children went on last week and have really impressed us.

In English they have completed some tasks learning about Henry V111 and his wives. They will be creating a fact file next week. Please try to hear your child read at home as it helps with their use of vocabulary in their written work. The children are now reading more and they are keen to share their success on accelerated reader tests with us.

We have continued our Science topic of light and looked at how light is reflected by different materials.

Keep up the good work Year 3!

Year 4

In English, we continued reading our class text, How to Train Your Dragon. The children wrote wonderful descriptions of the dragons' nursery, focusing on prepositional phrases, a variety of expanded noun phrases, and similes.

In Maths, we learnt about composing and decomposing mixed numbers and positioning them accurately on a number line.

In RE, we continued learning about one of the most influential Apostles, Paul. This week, we looked more closely at the different ways he spread the Good News.

In History, we explored key events in British history and worked on placing them in chronological order.

In Science, we conducted research on the zoologist Libbie Hyman as part of our Living Things and Their Habitats topic.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic and productive week! In English, the pupils really impressed me with their wonderful poetry writing. In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of multiplying unit fractions. In RE, we explored Paul's letter to the Romans and reflected on his message about being God's children. Their PE lessons allowed the class to continue to build their skills in both baseball and cricket, with great teamwork on display. In Science, we compared the life cycles of amphibians and insects, focusing on frogs, ladybirds, dragonflies and caterpillars, while in Geography we discovered some of the natural wonders of the Americas. The week was rounded off with their wonderful singing with Mr Lee. A brilliant week all round. Well done, Year 5!

Year 6

What an amazing week to be part of Year 6! The children have worked incredibly hard and should be extremely proud of themselves! Their determination, resilience and effort have been unbelievable and nobody could have done more this week - they have all done their best! In addition, they have supported each other throughout the week and remained calm and focused, which has been wonderful to see. Now, we continue to work hard, preparing the children for the end of year production of Oliver and their transition to High school. Thank you for all your support at home - please shower them with praise, love and affection this weekend!

New Intake
meeting for
children joining
us in Nursery
and Reception
is on Tuesday
evening at
5pm.

WORKER OF THE WEEK

Reception	Hadiyah	Year 1	Oliwier
Year 2	Henry	Year 3	Christiane
Year 4	Lola	Year 5	Ollie
	Year 6	Whole Class	

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Eli RESILIENCE	Year 1	Srirudra CONFIDENCE
Year 2	Arome RESILIENCE	Year 3	Kaylee
Year 4	Luca RESILIENCE	Year 5	Gillian RESILIENCE
	Year 6	Whole Class	

Young Writers Ceremony Choir Performance



Happy Birthday To...

Leisha

Roccoe

Kasey

Lydia

This Week's Attendance

Nursey – 93.5%

Reception – 90.8%

Year 1 – 99.3%

Year 2 – 95.6%

Year 3 – 94.8%

Year 4 – 95.7%

Year 5 – 93.4%

Year 6 – 97.5%

School Total 95.2%

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 18 th May	Bikeability Years 5 & 6 all week
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes for the Half Term Break
Monday 8 th June	School Opens
Friday 17 th July	School closes for the Summer at 2.30pm