

St Joseph's Newsletter

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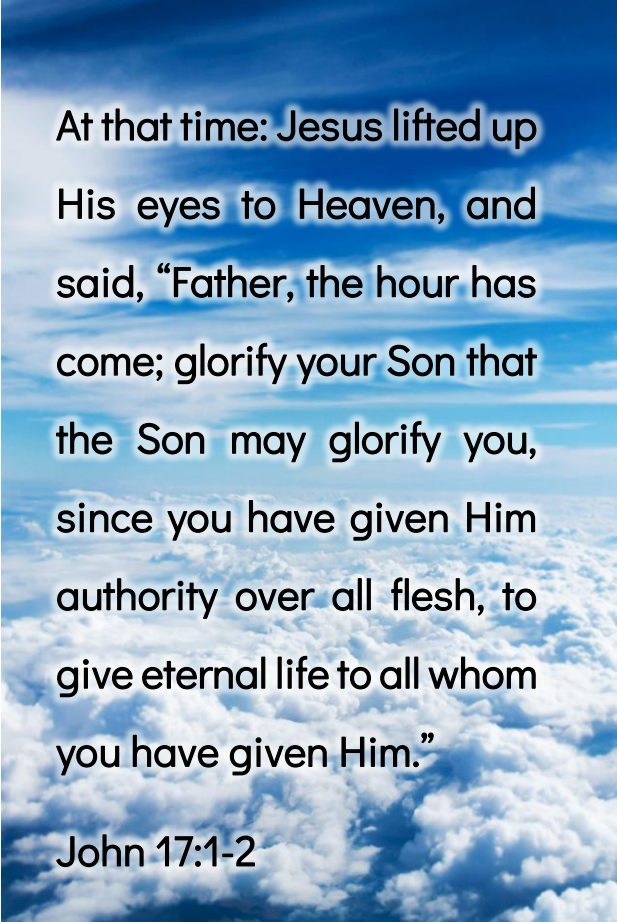
It is wonderful to see some good weather and the children have enjoyed being able to play on the field. Hopefully we will be able to share plans for the further development of these areas when we return after the half term holiday.

First Holy Communion, the children in Year 3 looked radiant on Saturday as they celebrated this wonderful occasion with their family and friends. They had a little celebration with their class on Monday. Well done to you all.

Stanley's Stick, all of the children have been able to watch the musical journey of this story which was filmed in school with some of our children and parents from EYFS and Year 1.

School Closes today for half term.

We reopen on Monday 8th June



At that time: Jesus lifted up His eyes to Heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given Him."

John 17:1-2

On the night of Jesus' arrest, He lifted His eyes in prayer, fully focussed on God the Father's will. Distractions all around us demonstrate that it is not always easy to stay focussed. Children are invited to lift up their eyes and turn to God in prayer, just as Jesus did, to help them to stay focussed on God's way. How easy is it for all of us to do this?

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely last week of term. We have been doing lots of work on our fine motor skills and the children are becoming excellent writers. They enjoy painting, writing and colouring. They have been spreading their own butter and cheese onto their bread at snack time and using the paintbrushes and chalk outside to make fabulous pictures. During the holidays in the sunshine outside, try giving your child a bucket of bubbly water and a paint brush, it will keep them happy for hours. They can draw pictures; practise the sounds they have been learning and even write their name.



Reception

On Wednesday it was Bee Awareness Day.

Reception learnt about the importance of bees in our lives and our environment.

We made bees out of playdough, created a bee friendly garden and loved making a bee awareness banner to hang up in our classroom.



Year 1

This week in maths, we have been practising our measuring. We measured different things in our classroom using Cheerios and crisps. In English, the Bog Baby got sick. We learned we had to help him by putting him back in the wild. We were very sad to say goodbye. In art, we drew our self portrait using shapes and bright colours just like Pablo Picasso did.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy last week of term. In English we have been planning and creating our own chapter of adventures for Flat Stanley. We thought carefully about the setting, characters, problem and solution and made some fun adventures for Stanley. In maths we have been looking at fractions, thirds, quarters and equivalent fractions. In Science we have been talking about animals and their habitats and discussing what might happen to an animal if their habitat changes.

Happy Birthday To...



This Week's Attendance

Nurse - 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%

Year 3

The children have continued to work hard and impress us. They are very knowledgeable about The Tudors and have enjoyed finding out lots of facts about Henry VIII and his six wives! They have all joined in with their cricket sessions with great enthusiasm and we have some excellent bowlers, batsmen/women and fielders, well done!

Year 4 children have been absolutely amazing this week! Mrs Afolabi and I could not be prouder of how wonderfully they represented our school to the OFSTED visitors. The children demonstrated resilience, patience, confidence, and respect throughout—they are absolute stars!

In English, we have been focusing on how to indicate speech accurately in our writing. We also had our final session with David Scott, the author from The Lowry. He worked with us on our stories, which will be published as part of a book alongside contributions from other schools involved in the Creative Writing Project. What an exciting achievement!

In Maths, we have been comparing mixed fractions, building confidence in understanding their size and value.

As we are approaching the Multiplication Check, please ensure that children continue to practise their times tables over the holidays, as we will be completing the tests in the first week back.

Year 4

Year 5 have had another fantastic and productive final week of their half term. This week, the class have been taking part in Bikeability training, with most pupils successfully achieving their Level 2 award. In English, the pupils impressed with their creative image poems inspired by changing views outside a window, alongside beautiful illustrations. In Maths, we have been developing understanding of multiplying fractions by whole numbers. In Science, we explored the life cycle of birds and compared these with mammals, amphibians and insects. In RE, we learnt about the Ascension of Jesus and reflected on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The class continued to build their baseball and cricket skills in PE, showing great teamwork, and the week was rounded off with their wonderful singing in music. A brilliant week all round. Well done, Year 5!

This half term has flown by and we can't believe the Year 6s are so close to the end of their time at St Joseph's! They have worked incredibly hard all year and in particular this half term. We still have lots of learning to do and in amongst the Oliver auditions and rehearsals, the transition sessions and all the other fun on offer, the children have still been working hard on ratio in maths, The Mayans in history and Light in science - they are also still practising and always improving their writing and reading. We still expect the children to be completing an Accelerated Reader test each week and those that have will be rewarded with extra play whilst the other children complete their tests. Thank you for all your support throughout SATs week. We hope you all have a restful and fun-filled two-week break, and we will see you after the holidays!

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 8 th June	School Opens
Friday 19 th June	Year 1 New Brighton Beech Trip
Friday 17 th July	School closes for the Summer at 2.30pm