

St Joseph's Newsletter

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The Big Sing, last week the choir took part in this event at the Corp Acq Stadium. They sang beautifully and were a credit to both their parents and school.

Oliver, both of the Year 6 productions were fabulous. The children rose to the occasion with their wonderful acting and singing, well done. Thanks to Mr Lee and the staff for their hard work.

Hot Weather, please make sure that your child has a water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day and a hat. Children can come into school wearing their PE kit if they wish – plain black shorts and a white/red tee shirt. Children should not be wearing football kits.

DfE, Great British Summer Savings, From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Also, free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England. The attraction finder website allows you to type in your postcode and find participating venues.

<https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



Everyone is ready for a rest, we are at the end of the year and everyone feels a bit tired from all the work we have been doing! Resting helps our minds and bodies recover and get stronger, it recharges our energy levels so we're ready for a fresh start and improves our memory and our mood!

Sometimes our busyness, our work or our worries can weigh us down, a bit like a heavy load in a backpack and Jesus wants to make it easier for us. Jesus invites us to come to Him and rest – to give all our concerns, worries and tiredness to Him. Whose burdens could we make lighter this week by offering a helping hand or a listening ear?

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week

Nursery



Nursery had the best day at our "Pirate Party" this week. The children looked amazing in their pirate costumes and it was wonderful to see all the parents and some grandparents enjoying the morning with their children. We made boats with corks and floated them in the blue sea, we walked the plank over shark infested water, we looked for buried treasure in the sand, made swords with sticks and string and had great fun on our pirate ship. In the afternoon, the children had a party with pirate sandwiches and pirate grog and we danced to our favourite songs. It was a fantastic day.

Reception

Reception had the best morning at their Keep Fit Day. The children loved making lots of healthy snacks, like fruit kebabs and overnight oats. We made refreshing tonic drinks using lemons, limes, oranges and honey, they were yummy.

We had lots of activities outside such as skipping, hurdles, yoga and more. The children loved showing their adults the new skills they have learnt during school.



Year 1

This week in maths we learned about clocks. Time to the hour and the half hour. We looked closely at our fossils and figured out the names of our dinosaur. We then drew a picture of our dinosaur. In English we finished our story Grandad's Island. We made a treasure map on an island and wrote steps to find the buried treasure.

Year 2

This week year 2 have been working hard in maths and developing their understanding of division. They have been looking at 1 and 0 being the factors and solving word problems. The children have done a fantastic job of looking after Crackle, our class dragon and have created a dragon keepers handbook to tell other people how to feed, clean and keep their dragons safe. We have also been learning about different religions in RE lessons. This week we have been looking at some Jewish beliefs, traditions and celebrations.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful week, despite the heat! We have enjoyed taking a lot of our learning outside, I know we all especially enjoyed Wednesday afternoon sat in the shade of the KS1 playground making cross stitch bookmarks, we have a few left to finished before we take them home next week to use we our new books.

In Maths they have begun to look at non-unit fraction, the children have all worked so hard, we are so proud of you.

In English they have completed tasks based on the short, animated film "The Wishgranter" it explores what happens when we make a wish in a fountain. The children worked really hard describing the journey of the coin using positional clauses and some wonderful adjectives.

We are very excited about our trip to Ordsall Hall on Monday- the weather is looking to remain hot so please can all children come to school with suncream applied, a hat and a water bottle.

Another hot week at St Joseph's!

In Maths, we have been learning about time, including how to read, write and convert between analogue and digital clocks using both 12-hour and 24-hour formats. We have also been solving problems involving conversions between hours and minutes, minutes and seconds, years and months, and weeks and days.



Year 4

In English, we revised fronted adverbials, adverbs, imperative verbs and subordinating conjunctions. This will help us as we prepare to write our own set of instructions.

In Science, we investigated different materials to identify which are conductors and which are insulators. We also discussed the importance of electrical safety.

In RE, as part of our Journey in Love unit, we learned about the development of a baby in the womb. The children approached this topic with great maturity and respect.

Yesterday, we visited The Grand Swinton Palais to celebrate our contribution to the National Literacy Trust's creative writing project in Salford. We are proud to say that we are now officially published writers!

Year 5

What a fantastic and busy week we have had in Year 5. This week, the children enjoyed two exciting educational trips. The first was a visit to The University of Salford, where they explored the temperature laboratories and learned how scientists and engineers design sustainable homes that stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The children took part in a range of engaging activities, including exploring different 3D printers, discovering how everyday objects are made, and even creating their own bird boxes. The children also attended a transition morning at All Hallows, where they experienced a variety of secondary school lessons. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to see what life at high school might be like and to develop their confidence ready for transition. On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome the talented artist Michelle back into Year 5. The children produced some more outstanding artwork inspired by L.S. Lowry, demonstrating great creativity and attention to detail. In Maths, we have been focusing on converting units of measurement, with the children showing increasing confidence when solving problems involving different units. In History, the class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Athens and Sparta, comparing the lifestyles, values and traditions of these two famous ancient Greek city-states. Finally, the children delivered some fantastic speeches as part of their campaigns to become our new Head Boy and Head Girl. We were extremely impressed by their confidence, ideas and presentation skills. The final decision will be made over the coming week. Well done, Year 5, for another brilliant week!

Year 6

More? More? Year 6 could not have given anymore this week! From the last-minute rehearsals to the incredible performances on Wednesday and then still coming in and being amazing on Thursday and Friday - they really should be very proud of themselves. The show was evident of how hard work, pushing through and working together can produce amazing results. A big thank you to all the staff who stayed to support on the Wednesday evening, we are so lucky to have such supportive staff, who are willing to go above and beyond. Thank you to all the adults at home who have helped support with learning lines and songs. One week left, with Mass on Tuesday, Assembly on Wednesday and the party of the year to follow! Plenty of rest this weekend.

Happy Birthday to.....

Rosa

Zaid

Hazel

Hadiyah

Elian

Amelia

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 14 th July	Leavers Mass 9.30am
Wednesday 15 th July	Leavers Assembly 2pm
Friday 17 th July	9.15am – Year 6 Class Assembly School finishes 2.30pm
Thursday 3 rd September	School Opens for the New Academic Year and the Autumn 1 Half Term
Friday 24 th October	School Closes for Half Term Break
Tuesday 4 th November	School Opens for Autumn 2 Half Term

This Week's Attendance

Nursery	94.4%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	94.7%
Year 6	98.9%
School	95.7%

Star of the Week

Reception	Eli Resilience	Year 1	Ksanet Confidence
Year 2	Lauryn	Year 3	Afaf Resilience
Year 4	Sublime Respect	Year 5	Adryan Confidence
Year 6	Natanim Respect		

Work of the Week

Reception	Lincoln	Year 1	Borys
Year 2	Kai	Year 3	Riyaan
Year 4	Aurora	Year 5	Max
Year 6	Whole Class		