

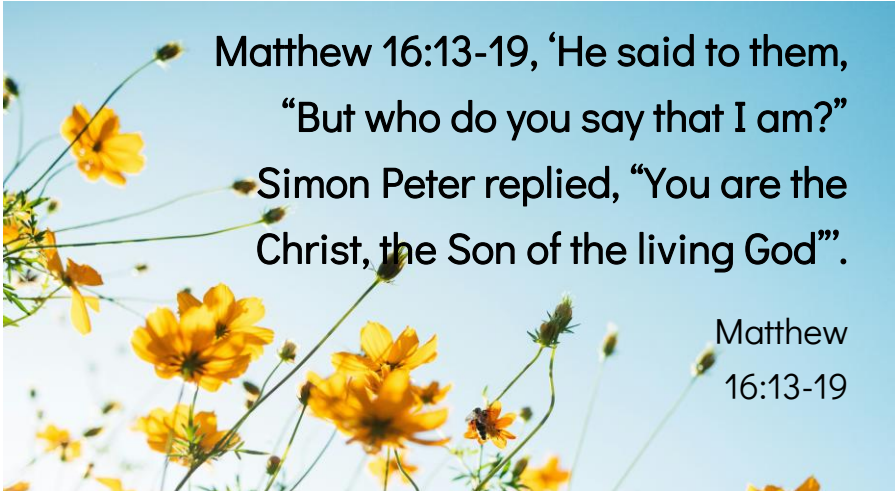
St Joseph's Newsletter

03/07/2026

Sports Days, thank you for your support throughout this week. The children have enjoyed participating in all of the activities.

On Thursday the children in KS2 enjoyed a host of activities led by The National Literacy Trust, supported by Browne Jacobson, giving every child a new book of their choice. The children have also been able to choose another book which will arrive before the end of term! They enjoyed listening to a storyteller, made bookmarks and heard favourite stories read by some of our guests.

Please remember to check for any 'lost' jumpers, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes that are at the main entrance.



**Matthew 16:13-19, 'He said to them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter replied, "You are the
Christ, the Son of the living God"'.
Matthew
16:13-19**

On Sunday we celebrated The Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, we remember the amazing mystery of the Church. The Church, built on Peter's faith and preached by Paul, helps us to grow in faith and confidence to live out our Christian Mission.

St Peter was Jesus' friend and one of the original twelve apostles who was with Jesus through His ministry. Jesus saw Peter's steadfast faith and chose Him to lead the Church – the name Peter means 'the rock'.

St Paul, known as the apostle to the Gentiles (people who are not Jews). He did not know Jesus when He was alive but he met the risen Jesus and dramatically converted to Christianity. He was a great and fearless preacher who travelled and wrote letters to encourage the early Christian communities.

Pope Leo XIV is following in the footsteps of St Peter, the first Pope, who led the early Church after Jesus' Resurrection, through teaching about Jesus, guiding and encouraging, talking to world leaders, appointing cardinals.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week

Nursery

Nursery are continuing to enjoy the vegetables they have planted and been looking after. This week the radishes were ready for eating. The children pulled them up, washed and tasted them. They decided that the radishes were crunchy and spicy! We have been getting ready for our pirate party on Wednesday, the children can't wait to walk the plank, search for buried treasure and make their own pirate ships. We hope that all the parents and carers can spare some time first thing in the morning on Wednesday to join in the fun.



Reception

Reception have been amazing mathematicians this week.

We have been learning our number bonds to 5 and 10. We then used our knowledge to create the bonds using Rekenreks and 10 frames.

We had lots of fun.



Year 1

This week in year one we had dinosaur day! We have been studying Mary Anning in History. We spent all afternoon making fossils, putting together dinosaur bones, and drawing detailed pictures of dinosaurs. In maths we have been learning about different coins. Now that we know how to use coins, we have opened up an Argos in our classroom. Mrs Hemphill has hired cashiers and stockers to keep the store running. Other children have been customers using coins to pay for their purchases. Our school has been very lucky to participate in a community art project. To celebrate 100 years of Salford, we have all designed a gift for Salford. These gifts will be part of an art installation at the Salford Art Gallery. More details coming soon.

Happy Birthday to....

Tifeoluwa

Kristin

Bella

Ana

Reevah - Mae

Year 2

This week in English we have been planning and writing our own dragon stories, thinking about the setting, the problem and how the problem can be solved. Our class dragon, Crackle also went missing and we found lots of pictures of him on his adventures around the school, eating toast, playing the piano and working in the office! In maths we have been looking at multiples of 2 and which numbers are divisible by 2. We also joined in with the Salford Paper party and created some beautiful projects to celebrate 100 years of Salford.

Year 3

Year 3 have worked hard this week.

In English they have completed tasks based on the short, animated film "For The Birds" in which a group of small birds are mean to an awkward stranger that tries to join them and share their roosting spot. They have looked at reasons for bullying and discussed the lasting impact it might have on the victims. They wrote some fantastic persuasive letters to ask the bullies to consider stopping their behaviour.

In Maths they have begun to focus on comparing and ordering unit fractions by looking at the denominator.

They have done some super cross-stitch work.

On Thursday, the class behaved fantastically at Sport's Day and all participated well. In the afternoon, they were fortunate to receive a new reading book each and have activities delivered by visitors for the Young Readers Programme Event which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 4

In English, we started our new unit on writing a set of instructions. The children showed me what they already remembered about instructional writing, and together we discussed what we could do to make our work even better. To begin with, we focused on using compound and complex sentences to add more detail and clarity to our instructions. We also welcomed some amazing visitors, who delivered a series of workshops designed to encourage and inspire the children to read.

On Tuesday, we took part in a Mass with Year 1. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to come together in prayer and worship alongside the younger pupils. The children were respectful and reverent throughout the service, joining in with the responses, hymns and prayers thoughtfully.

On Thursday, the children participated in Sports Day. I was incredibly impressed by the way they demonstrated determination, teamwork, passion, honesty and respect throughout the event.

In Art, we took part in a community art project called Paper Party to celebrate Salford's 100th birthday. The children enjoyed contributing to this special celebration and creating artwork as part of the project.

Year 5

It has been another great week in Year 5 this week. The class have continued to show how good they are with their fractions and different metric units in maths. Many of them have also been thoroughly enjoying reading Groosham Grange. We have been very fortunate this week to be visited by people from Salford University who discussed engineering and helped our class design and create their own sustainable homes. Well done to Adryan, Harshi, Frankie, Lochlan and Kory who got the most points for their design and will be in competition with pupils from other schools for the most sustainable design next week at the university. Whilst this was happening, many of the class who are in the choir sung amazingly well in the Big Sing event. We also were visited from the Literacy Trust, and the class thoroughly enjoyed the storytelling, bookmark crafting and new books that they all received. At the end of the week they had so much fun creating their amazing art boxes which will feature at Salford Museum and Art Gallery soon. What a brilliant week, well done Year 5!

Year 6

Another busy week for Year 6. On Monday, they took part in Sports Day, and a good time was had by all! They have also been rehearsing Oliver at every available opportunity, and the show is coming along nicely! On Thursday afternoon, the children took part in a variety of reading activities for Young Readers Project, including bookmark making, storytelling and receiving another free book from the National Literacy Trust and they still have one more book to come! They have ended the week by making a gift box to celebrate Salford turning 100! The boxes will make up part of an art exhibition at Salford Museum and Gallery. A very exciting and busy week and there is even more to come!

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	Lara	Year 1	Adam Confidence
Year 2	Konrad Resilience	Year 3	Noah Empathy
Year 4	Ace Respect	Year 5	Gillian Faith
Year 6	Ruftana Confidence		

Work of the Week

Reception	Ari	Year 1	Prithvik
Year 2	Oyin	Year 3	Daisy-Mae
Year 4	Amelia	Year 5	Adryan, Frankie, Harshi, Lochlan and Kory
Year 6	Samuele		

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 5 Visit to Salford University Year 6 Summer Show at 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 9 th July	Y5 Transition Trip All Hallows Trip
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