

St Joseph's Newsletter

18/09/2026

On Tuesday 22nd September the children and staff in Key Stage 2 will be walking to **Salford Cathedral** in the morning to celebrate Mass which will begin at 10am. Our Head Boy, Adryan, Head Girl, Michelle and our new Mini Vinnies, Victoria, Lola, Thea and Aurora will be commissioned.

The Mass will be offered for James Joseph Mulgrew (known by many as 'Jimmy Cricket'), the late father of Fr. Frankie. You are all very welcome to join us.

On Wednesday afternoon the children in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an unexpected visit to the Lowry to watch **High School Musical**. A wonderful time was had by all, joining in singing & dancing.

Parking, please can you be mindful of the residents who live near to the school, cars are being parked on pavements and across residents driveways. Our children are crossing the roads between the parked cars especially at the end of the day. Please take care as you are driving away.

Happy Birthday To...

Nihit

Nivaan

Eden

Naya

*Peter came up and
said to Jesus, "Lord,
how often will my
brother sin against
me, and I forgive
him?"*

Matthew 18:21

In the Gospel we listened to on Monday morning, Jesus teaches about the importance of forgiveness. The children recognised what it means to forgive others, how important it is, and how forgiving others allows us to do as Jesus teaches: to 'love one another'.

Act of Contrition

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace I will not sin again.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery are continuing to settle into the school routines and have been trying out lots of new things this week. We have been to PE every day with Miss Rogers and we love playing red light, green light and the floor is lava. We have been to the hall for a music lesson with Mr. Lee. We learnt some new songs and really enjoyed singing them and joining in with the actions. We are learning where our carpet spot is and have been sitting so well for story and rhyme time. Our favourite rhyme this week has been "Wind the bobbin up".

Reception

Reception have been reading the book Owl Babies this week.

We have loved it! It is one of our favourite stories now.

We completed lots of lovely art work based on the book, such as leaf mummy owls and cotton wool owl babies. It was lots of fun.



Worker OF THE WEEK

Reception	Brookes	Year 2	Adam
Year 3	Konrad	Year 4	Oumeyra
Year 5	Delight	Year 6	Adalia

THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Nursery	98.8%	Reception	97.9%
Year 1	95.8%	Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	98.3%	Year 4	96%
Year 5	93.9%	Year 6	84.7%
School Total		95.3%	

Year 2

Year 2 have been busy finishing our story of The Tin Forest this week and we have enjoyed looking at how the old man created a beautiful forest using recycled materials. We also created our own versions of the forest from the story using different materials. We have been looking at adjectives and characters feelings from the story. In maths we have been adding and subtracting tens and solving word problems. In Geography we have been learning the 7 continents and oceans and have been exploring the different wonders of the world through pictures and songs.

Year 3

Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this week! We have been producing some amazing descriptive writing in English using all of our senses apart from taste as we didn't think it was a good idea to lick the Iron Man! In Maths, the children are using their number facts, such as doubling and number bonds to 10 to add 3 numbers. In RE, we have started looking at the Creation Story. In humanities, we have been reminding ourselves about the oceans and continents before we start looking Spain as our main focus. The children are all very excited to go swimming - thank you for ensuring they are well prepared by having all their things.

Year 4

This week has been very productive. The Year 4 children began reading our new class book, The Firework-Maker's Daughter. We explored the main characters and wrote a letter from Lila to her father, explaining why she had left.



In Maths, we reviewed the addition of 2- and 3-digit numbers and solved problems using these skills. We used a range of manipulatives to support our understanding of the process, ensuring we are well prepared for the next stage.

In Geography, we started our new topic: Extreme Earth. The children are very excited to learn about it! So far, we have explored the layers of the Earth.

In RE, we learnt about Abraham. The Lord – God – speaks to him and calls him to go on a journey and start a new life

Year 5

We've had another fantastic week in Year 5. The children worked incredibly hard in English, creating gripping newspaper reports about the epic battle between Beowulf and Grendel. Their enthusiasm and creativity really shone through. Building on their understanding of tenths, the class have now begun exploring hundredths in Maths and are showing great confidence with this new learning. Science lessons focused on friction, helping the class understand how different materials can affect movement. Alongside this, the children continued to develop their boxing skills in PE, demonstrating determination and resilience. A real highlight of the week was our visit to the Lowry to watch a live performance of High School Musical. The show was fantastic, and the children represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent behaviour and appreciation throughout the trip. Well done, Year 5, on another wonderful week of learning.

It has been another busy week for Year 6. The children were delighted to get the opportunity to visit the Lowry theatre to watch a stage production of the famous High School Musical. It was a high- energy, immersive experience. In class they discussed the performance before writing their own insightful reviews. In science Year 6 have shown excellent knowledge from previous learning as they began the new topic, Living Things and Habitats. Maths lessons this week have been filled with challenges as the children have been using written strategies and known facts to calculate and find solutions to problems. In RE we explored different literary forms found in the Bible, including etymology. With a focus on messages in Genesis, the children explored how God shows love and goodness but also gifts humans with the role of stewardship.



Where St Joseph's School Hall

When Wednesday 23rd September 2026
 3.10pm Parents and Carers in the Hall
 3.30pm Children, Parents and Carers in the Hall

Who Parents, Family, Friends, Everybody!

Parents and Carers are welcome to join us in the hall from 3.10pm

All cake donations are welcome!

Why So people facing cancer can have the support they need to feel more in control of their life, from the moment they're diagnosed, through treatment and afterwards.

Come and join us – everyone is welcome.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception	Ava EMPATHY	Year 2	Asa RESILIENCE	Year 3	Reevah RESPECT
Year 4	Noah RESILIENCE	Year 5	Loay RESPECT	Year 6	Bobby RESILIENCE

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Tuesday 22 nd September	KS2 Mass at Salford Cathedral
Wednesday 23 rd September	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, 3.10pm, Hall
Thursday 24 th September	Year 6 Watersports Trip
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half Term Break, 3.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd November	School Opens for Autumn 2 Half Term
Tuesday 22 nd December	School Closes for the End of Term Christmas Break, 2.30pm
Wednesday 6 th January	School Opens for Spring 1 Half Term
Friday 12 th February	School Closes for the Half Term Break, 3.30pm
Monday 22 nd February	School Opens for Spring 2 Half Term
Wednesday 24 th March	School Closes for the End of Term Easter Break, 2.30pm
Monday 5 th April	School Opens for Summer 1 Half Term
Monday 3 rd May	School Closed for May Day



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Designed to fit around busy family lives, this 4-week course consists of **8 short online modules of 30 minutes each**, easily accessible from a mobile phone, at any time.

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