

St Joseph's Newsletter

25/09/2026

As ever this week has been very busy. On Tuesday the children in KS2 walked to Salford Cathedral to celebrate Mass with Fr. Frankie. The Mini Vinnies and Head Girl were commissioned.

If you haven't had the chance to visit the Cathedral since the completion of the renovations, try to make time as it absolutely spectacular.

High school admissions, online applications for places are open, if you need any help please ask. The deadline for application is before the end of October.

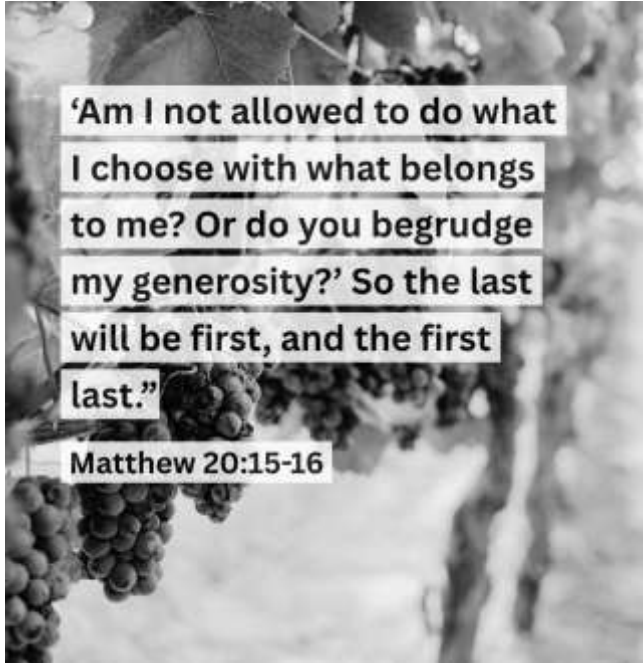
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Adalia

Rashmika

Oyin

Thiyash



'Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

Matthew 20:15-16

In our assembly this week the children had the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of fairness. They listened to Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard who all received the same pay at the end of the day after working for different amounts of time.

I wonder... why did the vineyard workers find the master's generosity difficult to understand? They forgot that the master had kept his promise to them and they were looking at what others received instead of being thankful for what they had. Unlike the workers who thought they had to earn their reward, we know that God's love is a gift. We do not have to earn His love, He freely gives it to us. We are all invited to open our hearts and receive His love.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

This week nursery have been planting some bulbs ready for the spring. The children helped to fill the pots with soil and dug holes to place the bulbs deep down in the pot. We will have a long wait for the bulbs to flower but we are excited to see them when they do. We have also been learning about God's wonderful world. We listened to the creation story in the Bible and painted some pictures of all the amazing things God made.



Reception

The week, reception continued learning about the Creation Story and how God created people.

We talked about how "God saw that it was very good" and what the word good means.

The children then created their own self-portraits using a range of different mark-making materials.

We finished by celebrating that God says each and everyone one of us is good!



Year 1

This week in year one we have finished our story the Colour Monster. We practised different strategies to use when we need to calm down including breathing, colouring, playing with playdough, and movement. We now know that we are in control of our emotions. In science we learned about the different parts of a plant. We then acted out the different parts of the plant and the jobs they have. In geography, we talked about our local area. We explored google maps to talk about our local library, park, police station, hospital and school.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception

Nathan
RESILIENCE

Y1

Kasey
CONFIDENCE

Y2

Shrirudra
RESPECT

Y3

Arome
FAITH

Y4

Karlos
RESPECT

Y5

Amelia
CONFIDENCE

Y6

Kory
RESILIENCE

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed our new story in English lessons this week. We have been reading the story Greta and the Giants, about a little girl who helps the animals in the forest confront the giants who have been building cities and destroying their home. We have been using lots of amazing adjectives to improve our writing and have written letters to the giants to ask them to look after the world. In maths we have been using the base ten to help us identify tens and ones in 2 digit numbers. In Art and Design we have been practising what we learned last week, creating different lines and patterns while creating different sunflowers.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have continued to work hard in all their lessons. We are doing lots of maths, please support your children to access Times Tables Rockstars at home as well as playing lots of board games with them. We have published our writing to go up around our amazing giant Iron Man - unfortunately a dragon the size of Australia might be a bit of a stretch! In RE, the children have amazed me with how well they are understanding the idea of all people being made equal in God's image - we are working to make sure we live our words. In Geography, we are learning about Spain which fits nicely with our Spanish lessons every Friday. Please keep supporting your children with their reading, most children are well on their way to meeting their Accelerated Reader targets. Remember the children have PE on Mondays so should be in PE kits - no earrings please on PE and swimming days.

Year 4

What a great week it has been!

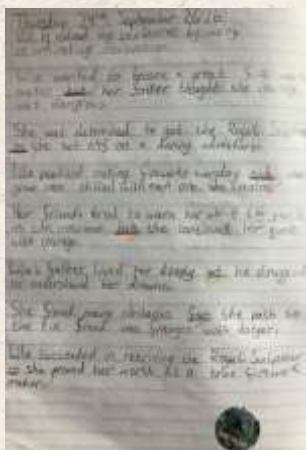
In English, the children have been learning about different types of conjunctions and fronted adverbials, and how to use them to extend sentences and add more detail. All of this has been in preparation for our big write next week.

In Maths, we have been exploring subtraction –

learning some exciting new vocabulary, such as subtrahend and minuend.

In RE, we carried on exploring Abraham's calling.

In Science, we investigated the properties of the three main states of matter, paying special attention to how particles behave.



THIS WEEKS ATTENDANCE

N	97.9%	R	91.4%
Y1	86.7%	Y2	90%
Y3	88.8%	Y4	95.6%
Y5	96.2%	Y6	87.9%
School Total		91.8%	

Year 5

We have had another great week in Year 5. In English, the children finished their brilliant newspaper reports on the epic battle between Beowulf and Grendel. They have now begun exploring Beowulf's next challenge as he comes face to face with Grendel's equally monstrous mother. The class have shown great enthusiasm and imagination as we continue our journey through this exciting story. Building on their knowledge of decimals, the children have been developing their understanding of hundredths, becoming more confident when recognising, comparing and working with decimal numbers. During our RE lesson, we explored the stories of Abraham and Joseph, considering how both accounts demonstrate God's covenant with Abraham and His faithfulness to His people. In History, we focused on how the Vikings expanded across the different British kingdoms through invasion and settlement. The children enjoyed discovering how Viking influence spread and shaped many parts of Britain. A real highlight of the week has been our DT project. The children have continued building their Viking longships, showing fantastic creativity, teamwork and resilience throughout the process. I was amazed by the quality of their finished models and look forward to seeing how successfully they balance and sail in water next week. The class have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. Well done, Year 5, and have a wonderful weekend!

Year 6

It has been another busy week for Year 6. On Tuesday they attended Mass at the Cathedral. They were respectful, reverent and fully involved in the service. The children have also enjoyed a trip to the Watersports Centre at Salford Quays, where they had the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting activities. In English the focus has been on answering comprehension questions linked to Kensuke's Kingdom, encouraging pupils to retrieve information and study the text in greater depth. In RE, we have been exploring the second story of creation and the messages it provides, with the children discussing how we are each responsible for the choices we make.



WORKER OF THE WEEK

	Reception	Eden	
Year 1	Malak	Year 2	Chedira
Year 3	Lily	Year 4	Kaylee
Year 5	Michael	Year 6	Daisy

Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half Term Break, 3.30pm
Saturday 31 st October	The application process for secondary applications for September 2027 closes
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