

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

Thank you to Canon Kevin for celebrating with us last week. The special Mass dedicated to St Joseph the Worker was wonderfully received by the children. My thanks to Sr. Brigid and to Charlotte and Mia as our altar servers.

On Tuesday 12th, we will have a special assembly led by Canon **Kevin dedicated to The Crowning of Mary, in school**. CVCs have been asked to organise flowers for this special assembly. **Many thanks in advance for your generous donations.**

Thursday 14th, Years 3, 4 and 5 will be attending Our Lady's Church to celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Children will leave school at 9:40, **please do let your child's class teacher know if you are able to accompany us.**

As always, our congratulations to our merit winners this week. Additionally, my thanks to Josh and Luca for their help and indeed ideas in sharing David Attenborough's 100 Birthday during our Friday Assembly. **The boys have asked me to share a special quiz with parents. Please see the link below.**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1e2pdw1808o>

Continuing the natural world theme, Year 5 have had a wonderful week in Sayer's Croft. Nature walks, team building activities and survival techniques have appeared to be the name of the game. We look forward to welcoming children and adults back to school this evening. **The anticipated arrival time back to school is anticipated to be before 4pm. We will of course keep parents updated.**

School Council, in association with Mrs Deacy and the Misses Ward, have proposed a competition to reinvigorate our Climate Club.

Everyone in the St Joseph's Community is automatically enrolled in the Climate Club, which is a pupil led group focussed on environmental action, sustainability action and improving our school's ecological footprint. **We take our inspiration from Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical 'Laudate Si' which was addressed to every person on this planet, asking us all to protect our common home: 'The earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder. And it belongs to everyone. The whole human family needs to work together to care for our planet earth so that we sow beauty. Let's put love for the world and love for our neighbours, into action, by living together in harmony, and caring for nature.'**

We are looking for a logo design and/or a tagline to epitomise Climate Club at St Joseph's. Pupils can submit entries individually or in a class or family group and parents are actively encouraged to get involved in the rebranding. **Entry details will be released next week, but in the meantime, whether its a phrase, a sketch or a digital graphic endeavour - lets start getting creative!**

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Our very own Mrs Ferla is walking 13 miles this weekend to raise money to support those affected by dementia. I am incredibly pleased to share the following Just Giving link as I know many parents and families will wish to support our esteemed colleague in her walk. **Mrs Ferla will share her experience and total monies raised in our next newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support and best wishes.**

https://www.justgiving.com/page/irene-ferla-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

As we look forward to the next week, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs papers. We wish all the children the very best of luck.

As we approach our final, full term, we naturally start to make plans for the next academic year, starting September 2026. Our community is such that many families have international links, whether that be employment or other ties. I would like to politely ask parents (except for our current Nursery, Reception and Year 6 classes) to chat to Mr. Bowles or myself if their child will not be returning to us in September. This will help us to plan (as much as reasonably possible) for the next academic year. Your understanding is greatly appreciated here.

And lastly a word from our Lay Chaplain Caroline Moulinet. On Thursday, we will celebrate Christ's Ascension, and during half-term, the feast of Pentecost. Please find attached a reflection for parents and staff to support their spiritual and pastoral journey

Dr N. Viana
Mr K Bowles

Week ending 08/05/2026

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Massimo	Raphael
PINK2 Miss Jackson & Mr Starbuck	Nico	Antonella
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Philipp	Karrel
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Felicitas, Manuel & Simon	
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Lawrence	Joshua & Lucca
VIOLET 1 Miss Eason	-	-
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Matias & Louis	-

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage	Late %
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	Attendance (target >97%)	
RECEPTION 1	98.8%	0.6%
RECEPTION 2	94.3%	0.0%
Y1 PINK 1	98.9%	2.7%
Y1/2 PINK 2	96.5%	1.5%
Y2 PINK 3	98.6%	0.5%
Y3 BLUE 1	93.6%	1.1%
Y4 BLUE 3	94.2%	1.0%
Y5 VIOLET 1	95.7%	0.0%
Y6 VIOLET 3	93.5%	8.5%
Totals	96.0%	1.8%