



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

*Truth, Love, Compassion*

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## Newsletter: Summer Term 2: 23<sup>rd</sup>

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*Our Catholic Virtue this week is Wisdom*

*Our Wednesday Word is Courage.*

*Dear Lord Jesus, please give us the courage to always do what is right and to remember that we can always put our faith in you. Amen*



Dear Parents,

We are in full flow of our last half term at St Joseph's which is always a fun and very busy half term. We have lots of events coming up over the coming weeks, including singing festivals and performances, school trips, end of year performances and many more...

Across school our pupils have all completed their statutory assessments for this academic year. Our pupils have worked extremely hard to shine within these assessments and we are so proud of their courage and determination.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance figures are as follows.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage Attendance</u>
EYFS	93.24%
Year 1	99.21%
Year 2	98.53%
Year 3	78.83%
Year 4	87.50%
Year 5	95.56%
Year 6	89.80%

### **Extracurricular clubs:**

Our new clubs on offer this half term are proving very popular with lots of fun and excitement at the end of the school day. A huge thank you to our teachers and support staff who are running these clubs!



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## What's been happening at St Josephs?

### Aspirations Day

Our theme for Aspirations Day was Big Dreams, we launched our day with an assembly to explore why it is important to have big dreams. Our pupils then had an exciting day learning about people who are well known for a talent or skill and who had big dreams.

EYFS learned about Dolly Parton, how she is not only famous for being a talented musician, but also built a charity to provide books for young children. Through the day they found out where Dolly lived, enjoyed some 'American food' and performed a line dance to her famous song 9 to 5. In year 1 and 2 the class learned about Katherine Johnson and her work with NASA. They created a presentation and beautiful space-themed art work.



Marcus Rashford was the focus in year 3 and 4. They found out about how hard he had had to work to develop his amazing football skills and his passion for supporting disadvantaged children in schools. The class enjoyed demonstrating their own football skills. Our oldest pupils, in year 5 and 6 decided that they would like to work in smaller groups to research about different inspirational people. They worked hard to create presentations which they shared during our assembly.

### Inventors Science Theme Day

St Joseph's enjoyed a fabulous assembly learning about famous inventors and learning about the impact the inventions have had on everyone's life and then it was onto the playground for the whole school to watch an invention in action. Much fun was had across the day, exploring and learning about inventions we love such as Lego. A huge thank you to Mrs Hill for organising the day! Our day ended with a brilliant fundraiser, selling some fun science toys for children to take home.



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## Moving on into our classrooms...

In EYFS we are loving our topic of fairy tales, with have had great fun acting out the stories Aladdin and Snow White. As part of our learning about other faiths, we found out about celebrations for the Jewish festival of Shavuot. We made banana milkshakes and we painted with flowers as part of our learning.



In Year 1 and 2 we enjoyed finding out about Ole Kirk Kristiansen, who invented Lego, as part of our scientists and inventors themed day. We had the opportunity to work in groups to create some Lego Theme Parks after virtually exploring Lego Land in Windsor. This week we were introduced to Captain James Cooke and his exploration of Australia and New Zealand. We were lucky enough to have some of our parents join us for our Inspire Workshop. We build models of ships, designed boomerangs, created collages of the Great Barrier Reef and painted animals in the style of aboriginal art. We had a great afternoon and loved sharing our learning with parents.

This week, Years Three and Four have been working hard learning about 2D shapes. We have become experts at naming and describing quadrilaterals and triangles. On Thursday, we invited parents to join us for our Inspire afternoon and it was great to show them all we've learned about shapes. In writing, we have been reading and writing persuasive letters. This week, we have been planning a letter to Mrs Cooke asking her to build a leisure complex on the school grounds. The children have had some great ideas for their writing! In history, children have found out about crime and punishment in Victorian times. We have learned about the growth of the police force. In RE, we have found out about seasons in the church year and in science we are learning about famous scientists.



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We have had a fabulous couple of weeks in Year 5 and 6, with many of our topics well underway! We have continued our learning of World War 2, looking at The Battle of Britain, The Blitz, Propaganda and how it was used in war time, as well as the different sides involved in the war. We even centred our INSPIRE afternoon around WW2, when we invited many of our parents into school, who helped in the creation of gas masks and model Spitfires and Messerschmitt 109's (two of the most prominent fighter planes involved in the war). Further to this, we are well underway with our practice for our end of year production. Children have been busy practising their lines, acting and singing all for this special performance in just over 2 weeks' time, it's certainly been all hands on deck!

### Diary Dates

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Booster Swimming sessions (selected pupils Years 3,4,5 & 6)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Sports Day - <b>whole school</b> . 1pm-3.30pm
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>EYFS Inspire Workshop</b> . 2pm-3.30pm. Parents welcome
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	SEND Parent's Evening 3.30pm onwards
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	St Joseph's Bake-Off Challenge Week
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Production – 10am & 5.00pm <b>NOTE change</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Fayre – 2pm-3.30pm
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5&6 class trip
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole school transition day
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	EYFS and KS1 class trip
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole school transition day
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Family Bingo Fundraiser – 3.30pm-5pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year reports sent home to parents
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Mass – 10am School Hall - Parents welcome</b> <b>NOTE change</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	End of year assembly – 2pm School hall – Parents welcome
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	School closes for <b>all pupils</b> for the summer holidays. 3.30pm

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# Fundraising this half term



**Ice pop Friday's** - This half term we are bringing back ice pop Friday's. Ice pops will be sold on the playground at the end of the school day. 30p per ice pop.



**St Joseph's Bake Off** – Show off your baking skills by entering our Bake Off Competition. Entries to be brought to classes for 9am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. There will be an interclass bake off across school this week as well. Which class will bake the winning biscuits?



**Summer Fair – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – join us for some summer fun and games from 2.00pm.



**Family Bingo** - We are hosting another Family Fun Bingo Fundraiser and we hope you can join us.

**Date:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. **Time:** 3.30pm-5pm. **Venue:** School Hall

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# Sporting News

## What's been happening?

What a wonderful week of PE in school. The weather has been fantastic, and we have ensured the children have stayed well hydrated in their PE lessons and beyond.

This half term the whole school focus is athletics, linking into the much-anticipated Sports Day!

Not only have the children brought their A game to practicing in races they have also sampled a range of other athletic sports, including discus, shot putt and the elements of a triple jump.

## Sports Leaders

The sports leaders had their first official meeting last week and have some fantastic ideas. The children have organised lunchtime activity clubs twice a week and have supported in the preparations for the new sport taster sessions and sports day. Thank you sports leaders.

## Taster Day

As part of National Sports Week we organised a taster day, allowing our children to sample sports and activities which would ordinarily appear in the curriculum. The children engaged with lacrosse, tchoukball, kurling and boccia amongst other things. The feedback has been amazing and something that we will be doing again in the future.

## Swimming Reminder

Children attending booster sessions for swimming will need their swimming things with them on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June



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