



Diocese of Clifton  
Faith, Hope, Love

# St Joseph's Catholic School Newsletter

Tel/Fax: 01453 860311

[admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk) [www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com](http://www.st-josephs-nympsfield.com)



26th June 2023 Term 6-2

From Mrs Howell

The weeks are flying past and so is the summer term, the weather is glorious and there is lots to do - this is one of the busiest terms of the school year. District sports track and field events have come and gone. The track event was incredibly hot and we were concerned about the children but it went ahead as planned. Thank you to Mr Britton for supplying a gazebo that provided the children with shade and to Mrs Beeston for offering to lend us hers! Our children did incredibly well and many made it onto the podium. The best thing about this event is the support that the children show for one another, encouraging and cheering each other on. As usual, the children did us proud and we would like to thank them all for representing the school so well and for being the best that they could be.

The field event was postponed, due to the weather forecast of thunder storms, but took place last Monday. This is quite a challenging event, one that Mr Britton and Mrs Daly have worked on to prepare our children for. Again well done to all of the children who took part and thank you to all of the parents who supported the children for this event. I would like to thank Mr Britton for his hard work and dedication in preparing our athletes for this event. He even rearranged to a Friday night when there was so much disruption to the Monday's training sessions. Thank you also to Mrs Beeston and Dan and Ollie for their help too at some of the training sessions. How lucky we are to have such supporting parents and how much our children benefit from your expertise in this area. We cannot thank you enough.

Last week Year 6 went to Clifton Cathedral for their Leaver's mass, along with many other catholic children in the Diocese. There were around 900 children in the cathedral that afternoon. Our children looked really smart in their uniform and their behaviour was exemplary. We are so proud of them all. Thank you to our Year 6 parents for supporting us with the uniform at this late stage of the year.

This year we hosted the County's internet safety play for Year 4 children, Into the Net. The play demonstrates to the children the importance of keeping safe online - vital in this day and age. It was an interesting experience inviting other school to St Joseph's for this event. Mrs Carr was really proud of our children's enthusiasm and engagement in the play. Well done Year 4.

We have managed to secure 2 bids from the Diocese. There will be significant work taking place over the summer holidays to replace the roof over the Reception and Year 1 classrooms. This will take most of the summer holidays to complete and will affect the drop off and collection of children who are coming to Holiday Club. Marie will be in touch with parents nearer the time with details. We have also secured a bid to upgrade the insulation and tiles along the wall of the hall, although I am not sure that this will be completed during the summer.

Last week the OOSC held their AGM, thank you to everyone who was able to come to support this event. They are looking for new members to join the committee, so if you are interested please speak to Marie or a member of the committee.

Our PTA are also looking for new members to join them, if you are able to help please let Lex or Becky know or speak to your class rep. The ice-cream sales on a Friday are popular and we thank our PTA for their time and effort and for providing this for our children (and parents). Sadly due to a clash in dates there will not be a camp over this year but there will be an Autumn Fair at the end of September - plans are evolving and this is looking like it's going to be a great family event - **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

Mrs Guoite has been moderating for the County. 25% of schools across the County are selected (this is statutory) to take part in this process, so are moderated once every 4 years. This happens in KS2 and KS1. This has been very interesting as it has given her the opportunity to go to other schools to check that their assessments of the children's work in reading, writing and maths are accurate. Also this year, our KS1 assessments have been moderated! As you can imagine this was an organised, seamless process - the moderator that came to St Joseph's last week was delighted with the ease of the process and left impressed with the children that she worked with and of course Mrs Guoite. Thank you Pearl and James for being your amazing selves and showing her your super reading. This will probably be the last time that Mrs Guoite is able to do this for KS1 because as of next year there is no statutory requirements for schools to deliver KS1 SATs.

Whilst the KS1 SATs are currently a statutory requirement, they are there to support teacher assessment. At St Joseph's we do our very best to ensure that our youngest children don't see these assessments as an assessment but rather as a 'fun quiz', something that is enjoyed and not a pressure. This is because ultimately, it is about the quality of teaching and learning, their performance is not something for our children to worry about certainly in KS1.

We welcome Alice Staples to the team, she is a new TA who will spend much of this week completing safeguarding and essential reading but she will be working in classes towards the end of the week.

I have been looking at the planned Health Week timetable this weekend and what a week - it is going to be. So many of you have signed up to come into school to provide an activity with the children, thank you all so much and to Mrs Daly who is putting the schedule together - details will be coming out soon. We hope that you are able to join us on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July for sports day and the Thursday for the whole school picnic. Year 6 will be running their stalls, like last year, they are doing an enterprise activity where they grow £5, so will be providing lots of fun activities for the children to take part in, the PTA will be selling ice creams and refreshments and the Eco Committee will be offering fun games and competitions to raise money for a marine charity. Class photos were taken last week, we will send them out to you as soon as they arrive in school. Just a heads up for September, when the School Council looked at uniform last year, they decided that they would prefer navy hoodies instead of grey, they feel that this will look smarter - you will now see the navy ones in Batemans. If you have grey hoodies from siblings, please do use them next year, to get value for your money. We see next year as a transition year but from September 2024 all PE hoodies will need to be navy. Thank you for your support with this.

What a busy week ahead we have, tomorrow night the Little Way Partnership will be having their board meeting at St Joseph's, we are looking forward to welcoming them to our school and the Year 6's perform Oliver. Our Year 6 children and staff have been working very hard on the production and we are looking forward to seeing the results! There are 3 performances this week and all are welcome. The children are seeing the dress rehearsal tomorrow afternoon but if you would like to come and see a performance, then do, performances are Wednesday matinee 2pm, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6.30pm. Tickets are £5 each please contact Laura in the office if you would like to come and our amazing PTA will be serving refreshments at the evening performances.

Dear mighty God, thank you for the lovely world we live in. Thank you for all the confidence we have. Thank you for the food we eat, thank you for the drinks we drink, the love in my Mummy, Daddy and Ava. The happiness in myself and around, the shelter you give me, the lakes with creatures. I sing because I am happy, I hope everything is with me, he sets me free. He loves me and I love him, and I know he watches me.

Amen  
By Ava—Year 1



## Class News!



St Mary	Luna - I liked having lunch with Preschool. Sam - I'm really good at my number bonds to ten.
St Joseph	Jemima - I have enjoyed playing with my friends and learning about what sea sides were like 100 years ago. Roman - I liked doing P.E and doing races with my class.
St Peter	James - I really enjoyed break time because I love playing football. Julia - I really liked making the bookmarks using watercolours.
St Patrick	Olive - I liked when we did maths today. I love adding and subtracting capacities! Henry - I love PE because we are doing lots of running. It's my favourite!
St George	Hannah - I like Science because we got to experience stuff we haven't heard of before. I am learning about the digestive system. Bertie - I enjoyed doing History, we are learning about the city of Benin and I enjoy learning about different cultures and the resources they had.
St Teresa	Amelia - I enjoyed designing our Egyptian death masks and am looking forward to making them this week. Pippa - I really enjoyed writing our Alchemist letter and I also enjoyed the teams games we played on Tuesday.
St David	Flo - I enjoyed watching the short film Francis and getting to plan our sequel. Manny - I liked trying on costumes and seeing everyone else getting ready for the play.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Following a new statutory requirement all schools in England have to open for at least 32.5 hours a week. Therefore, from September our school pick up time will change to 3.20pm.



**LAST STAFF SCHOOL RUN CLUB WILL BE FRIDAY 30TH JUNE. THANK YOU.**

PARENTPAY—please keep an eye on your child/ren's dinner account/s. There are 30 accounts at the moment in debit. All accounts must be debt free by the end of term on 21st July 2023 please. THANK YOU.

## Mass on Thursday at 10am

29th June Y3  
6th July Y2  
13th July Y1  
20th July Whole School



Well done to Harmony and Roman for growing the plants on, and we would love to see more updates, hopefully they will get to enjoy some runner beans soon.



This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout June and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



## Diary Dates

28th June	Y6 production at 2pm
28th June	Y6 production at 6.30pm
29th June	Y6 production at 6.30pm
29th June	KS1 transition afternoon
4th July	Music concert at 1.30pm
5th July	EYFS transition afternoon
5th July	SEND parents transition meetings
w/c 10th July	Health Week
11th July	Sports day
14th July	School reports go out to parents
w/c 17th July	Week of Awe and Wonder
20th July	Leavers Mass at 10am
20th July	House Singing competition at 1.30pm
21st July	Leavers assembly at 9am
<b>21st July</b>	<b>School finishes at 1.30pm</b>
4th Sept	INSET day no children
5th Sept	Term 1 begins for all

*Please try to make medical/dental appointment after school or in the holidays. We understand this is not always possible but if you need to take your child to an appointment during the school day please provide proof by a letter or appointment card being emailed or shown to the Admin Team in advance. Thank you.*