



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through
Faith, Hope, and Love

Newsletter – Friday 23rd May 2025

Here we are at half term already - what a busy term it has been. I hope that you all have a lovely break and come back ready for the beginning of the final term of this academic year! Please remember that Monday 2nd of June is an INSET day.

Trip opportunities

Year 1 and Year 4 both went out on a trip this week. Much fun was had by all of the children. Thank you to all of the parents who supported the trips, enabling them to go and especially to the staff who organised the trip.

Parent forum

Just a reminder that the next parent forum will take place on Wednesday 18th June at 9am, the agenda will be sent out a week before the meeting is held.

Attendance Matters, Moments Count

Just a reminder, children need to be walking through the school gates by 8.45am to be on time for learning. Whilst the gates don't close until 8.50am – any child walking through the gates at this time, of just before they close will be late for their first lesson of the day - reading.

Thank you all for your efforts in getting your child/children to school on time – last week showed the best figures ever when in 5 of our classes every child was on time every day!

This means that this week, the trophy will move around the school, each class enjoying it for a day.



There are a few parents who have recently sent in emails/requests for leave of absence on the day that their child is not in school. If, on the rare occasion you find that this is the case, please complete the LWCET form and sent it to us at least 7 days before the proposed absence. Thank you for your support with this.

SATs Week

Last week, as I am sure you are all aware, was the Year 6 SATs week. Agree with it or not, it is a statutory requirement so our job is to prepare the children the best that we can to enable them to sit the papers.

Last week was a busy one, not only because of the tests but due to the level of scrutiny that we also faced. This is an important part of the process as it provides assurance that we are following the statutory guidance. We received monitoring visits from our LGC, the MAT CEO and the Local Authority - both of which were un-announced.

The feedback was: exemplary practise, best practise demonstrated from all staff involved, how well prepared the children were, how confidently the children tackled the papers and how calm and unpressured the tests were.

Throughout the week the children were saying how much they enjoyed the week, that SATs were 'fun', that they felt confident and prepared to take the tests.

All of this is due to the careful preparation that has taken place throughout Year 6 by our Year 6 staff – I would like to thank Mrs Knight and Mrs Hamlin for supporting the children to 'be the best that they can be' and for doing so in such a way that has saved them from the pressure of testing. I would also like to thank our highly skilled support staff who have been with the children throughout the week, encouraging and supporting them throughout and to all of the teachers, who at some point helped out with the SATs breakfasts and to Mrs Hamlin who went shopping on her day off to make sure there was breakfast to be had!

PTA News

Quiz Night at the Fox

Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz at the Fox in Coaley. To Jo Smee for organising the event, writing the quiz and being question master, Claire Wooldridge for her support at the quiz and for selling the raffle tickets, to all of the parents who donated prizes for the raffle and to everyone who went and joined in the event. It was a great success and we will let you know how much was raised soon.

Worry Boxes

Thank you so much to the PTA for buying each class these beautiful worry boxes that have been made by Mr Barron and the tops decorated to match the worry slips that are put inside. This is something that has been implemented following the recent Safeguarding Review. See Safeguarding Review for more info.



Ice cream Sales



Thank you so much for the parents who have been selling ice creams after school on a Friday – what a lovely way for the children to end their week on a nice day.

Logo Competition

There were a disappointing amount of entries into the PTA Logo competition but, well done to all of the children who took part and congratulations to Henry - Year 3 for designing the winning Logo – your art work will now appear on all of the PTA letters.

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partner



Safeguarding Review

We recently had Georgina Summers from Gloucestershire Children's Safeguarding Partnership (GCSP) come and spend a morning reviewing our safeguarding policies and practises. This was a rigorous morning of interviewing, pupil voice and staff and pupil surveys. I will write to you all formally when we get the report, however there are a couple of statistics I can share with you from my note taking during the feedback session.

- . Staff at school care about keeping children safe? 89/89 children replied Yes
- . My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally? 89/89 children said Yes.

Key stage 2 children completed the survey and there were 89 children in school on the day the survey was carried out. We were delighted with the survey results and equally with the way children articulated their thoughts during the pupil voice.



More Reviews

We welcomed Tanya Hague and Charlotte Blanche into school last Tuesday when we carried out an EYFS review. As you will be aware, we have been working hard on the environment and learning for our reception children and are grateful for the financial support of the PTA – without which, the environment transformation would not have been possible. It is not just about the environment, it is about the curriculum too – which has had as much time and effort poured into its development too. I would like to thank Mrs Daly for her drive and determination to ensure that the learning in reception is the best that it can be, and to Mrs Frankcom and Mrs Piper for their support.

Out of School Club AGM

The OOSC AGM will take place on Wednesday 11th June at 6pm in the school hall. **All questions and queries for AOB agenda item should be sent to the Committee via the Chair's email by 2nd June 2025 please.** Please come along and support the Club, they provide an invaluable service to our parents and children.



Caterlink

There has been a bit of confusion over the recent offer of a baguette for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Whilst it did not say on the information that the lunches would be served in a paper bag, due to the images on the poster that is what we assumed. This however is not the case. The baguettes are served on dinner trays and there has been no change to the puddings so on some days this might be sponge cake and custard!

We thought this was a lovely idea and would enable the children who have a school lunch to join their friends who have packed lunches on the field. The way that they are being served does not make that easy - especially for our KS1 children as the tray needs to be held with 2 hands! We have asked Caterlink if they could provide bags to enable this to happen and it was a definite no!

I know that some children were upset about this on Tuesday and we have come up with a solution – if the children choose a baguette, KS2 children can take their trays outside if they would like to and Reception and KS1 will eat in the hall as normal. I just wanted to make you aware as it might change the meal choice that you would like your child to have - especially if they are in Reception or Year 1.

Walk Where you Can Week!

Thank you and well done to everyone who supported the Eco Committee's Walk Where You Can Week. It should in fact be Walk to School Week which is a bit of a challenge for most of us!

It was great to hear from children that they were parking in the village hall and walking in – something that they don't usually do. The eco-reps have been monitoring their classmates efforts and this was announced in our final celebration assembly of this term.

Thank you to Mrs Piper and the Eco-Committee for organising this fun activity encouraging us all to be more active while doing our bit to reduce carbon emissions.



LET US PRAY



Mass Schedule

Mass begins at 10am

Thursday 5th June – Year 6
Thursday 12th June – Year 5
Thursday 19th June – Year 4
Thursday 26th June - Year 3
Thursday 3rd July – Year 2
Thursday 10th July – Year 1
Thursday 17th July – Whole School Leaver's Mass



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Just a reminder that you are able to access and see the focus for our Liturgies through the Ten Ten monthly Parent Newsletter.

This week we pray for Pope Leo XIV

Dear Heavenly Father

Thank you for giving this man the opportunity to be our Pope,
Please look after him and keep him safe from harm,
Help him lead us to be pilgrims of **hope**,
We are blessed to have him with us,
Give Pope Leo XIV the **resilience** to see us through difficult times,
And help him guide us throughout our time at St Joseph's and beyond,
Help him to inspire us through **Faith, Hope and Love**.

Amen

Dates for your



Summer Term 2 - June

Monday 2nd - INSET day no children to attend
Tuesday 3rd - Y6 Bikeability training starts
Tuesday 3rd - Y2 Multiskills event at Rednock
Wednesday 4th - Class and leavers photos
Tuesday 17th - New Parent's Evening EYFS 7pm
Wednesday 18th - Parent Forum 9am
Thursday 19th - Year 6 Leaver's Mass at Clifton Cathedral and picnic on the Downs
Saturday 21st - First Holy Communion celebration 5.30pm
Wednesday 25th - EYFS Transition afternoon
Monday 30th - Y6 production dress rehearsal

July

Tuesday 1st - Y6 production 2pm
Wednesday 2nd - Y6 production 6.30pm
Thursday 3rd - Y6 production 6.30pm
Thursday 3rd - EYFS Transition afternoon

TEACHER RUN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH WEEK ENDING 4TH JULY

W/B 7th - Health Week
Tuesday 8th - Activities (morning)
Tuesday 8th - Sports Day 1.00pm
Wednesday 9th - reserve Sports day
Friday 11th - Reports out to parents
W/B 14th - Week of Awe and Wonder
Tuesday 15th - Whole School picnic - Y6 grow £5 stalls
Wednesday 16th - Music concert PM
Thursday 17th - Leavers' mass 9.30am
2.45pm - Final celebration Assembly
Friday 18th - Leavers' assembly 9am

End of the Year 1.30pm