



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

## Newsletter – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Welcome back to the shortest summer term 1! I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and May Bank Holiday, your children have come back to school full of beans and are raring to learn.

Thank you for supporting your child in ensuring that they are dressed in the correct uniform, are smart and ready to learn.

The weather has certainly turned up the heat. As the weather is so changeable, please make sure that they come to school ready for whatever that day might throw at us; sun hats, cream, a full water bottle or waterproofs and wellies! As crazy as this is going to sound – we are half way through this term already!

### House Singing



It feels so long ago but what a great event this was. It was a real treat to see the children performing from the front! Any slight tweaks and changes are always welcome after listening to what the children have to say. All of the children did so well. Whilst staff support the children to rehearse, the idea of this event is that the house captains lead it. Well done to the house captains and congratulations to Falcons – the final scores were close but this was a well-deserved win!

### Social media

I understand that some Kestrel parents were disappointed not to see clips of their house song in the reel that was made during the House singing competition. I would like to apologise for the disappointment but explain the reason for this was that most of the children that we do not have parental consent for photographic images are in Kestrels. During the House singing competition, the angle that the member of staff was able to take clips from, meant that she was not able to record this house.

### Trip opportunities

Reception went to Slimbridge WWT today. They had a fabulous time. Thank you to all of the parents who went along to help, Mrs Wooldridge, one of our governors and Mr and Mrs Barron for going on your day off! I would like to thank the staff and especially like to say a thank you to Mrs Daly, who planned and organised this lovely opportunity for her class.



## Parent forum

Our first parent Forum was held last term on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 9am. Thank you to all of the parents who came, There was representation across the school and the discussions were really positive and helpful. The minutes were circulated after the meeting along with the actions. In case you missed them, they can be found here:

### [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School \(Nympsfield\) - Parent Forum](#)

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th June at 9am the agenda will be circulated a week before the meeting. Please do come along, the more parents that come, the wider the representation of parent views that are heard.

If there is anything that you think is worth discussing and you can see ways to improve things for the better for us all – please do let me know and we can see if it can be added to a future agenda.

## Attendance Matters, Moments Count

Forceter Hill being closed for the first 4 days back to school did not set us all up for a nice smooth transition back to school. We had heard rumours that this would be the case and enquired before the Easter Holidays so that we could let you know. Gloucestershire Highways were sure that no work was planned, they remained sure even when the hill was closed! Whilst we have received an apology, this is of no help to you all! On a positive, the work was finished earlier than expected and fortunately, there was only 4 days of inconvenience.

Week 2 showed that we are back to our normal attendance levels.

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, or just before they close will be late for their first lesson of the day - reading.

## Consequences of Lateness:

### Disrupted Learning:

Missing the start of class can lead to missing crucial information, instructions, or announcements, impacting the student's ability to understand the material and stay on track with their learning.

### Negative Impact on Academic Performance:

Missing class time can affect a student's overall academic performance, potentially leading to lower grades, difficulty with homework, and challenges in written assignments or projects.



## Social and Emotional Impact:

Being late can also have social consequences, such as disrupting class dynamics, making the student feel embarrassed or uncomfortable, and potentially creating a sense of being behind.



## PTA News

Thank you so much to the PTA for the Easter event and the parents who gave up their time to help out and Miss Gardiner too. There was a lot involved in the setting up and taking down of the trail, thank you to all of the parents who were involved in that. It was a lovely afternoon, there were fun activities for the children to do, tea and cakes on sale, the sun was out although we still had the Nympsfield wind! The event raised £942.19, which will go towards funding the new blinds in the hall.

## Quiz Night at the Fox

The popular quiz at the Fox is taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Only 2 tables left, Maximum of 6 members to a team, £3 pp. If you'd like to get a team together book a table, please let Jo Smee know or ring the pub. Cheese boards are available to pre-order! There will also be a raffle on the night – if anyone has anything that they are able to donate, we would be most grateful.

## 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

The closing date has come and gone for the PTA logo competition and I am looking forward to seeing the winning design.

## New Blinds for the Hall

Next time you are in school, take a look in the hall. There are new roller blinds and the top windows have a tint on to reduce glare and heat. This has been paid for by the PTA. Thank you so much, we are really grateful to you for paying for this and it will make a huge difference to all of the children.

## Notice Board News

Keep an eye on the PTA notice board in the playground – it will be updated with events and exciting plans.

THANK YOU!

## SEND information Morning



Thank you to Mrs Ponting for holding a SEND information morning last Tuesday and for the parents who came. We hope that you found it useful. She will follow this up with the shared information for all parents sometime soon.



## Stations of the Cross

On the final Friday of term, we were led through the Stations of the Cross. What was lovely about this was that there were lots of children, who are not part of the Chaplaincy Team, that asked to be part of leading this. Of course, Mrs Barron was delighted and whoever wanted to take part, did. It was also lovely to have some parents that were able to join us. I would like to say well done to all of the children that took part, you did a fabulous job. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Barron, who not only prepared the children to deliver their stations so well but also came in on her day off to enable us to enjoy this annual event, which ran like clockwork.

## Pope Francis



As I am sure you are aware, Pope Francis died on Easter Monday aged 88. He led the Catholic Church for 12 years. He was an inspirational leader who was widely admired for his humility, compassion, and dedication to social justice. He's also known for his leadership in addressing the climate crisis and his bold steps towards a more inclusive church. He consistently showed compassion for the suffering, especially the poor, migrants, and refugees, advocating for their rights and well-being.

Pope Francis has been a powerful voice for social justice, advocating for policies that promote human dignity and equality. He has championed the cause of the environment, calling for urgent action to address the climate crisis in his encyclical *Laudato Si*. He has also been a strong advocate for peace and non-violence, condemning war and calling for dialogue and reconciliation. His call for a more inclusive Church, embracing diversity and challenging outdated traditions, has been praised by many. Pope Francis has made significant efforts to promote interreligious dialogue, fostering understanding and cooperation among different faiths.

We have been greatly influenced by Pope Francis, the Eco-Committee, the Chaplaincy Team and this year's Year of Hope.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May, the conclave began to elect the new Pope and last night we found out Pope Leo XIV will be the New Leader of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested in the process of electing the new Pope, please see below:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2025-04/conclave-elect-new-pope-cardinals-beginning-date-may-2025.html>

# LET US PRAY



## Mass Schedule

Mass begins at 10am

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May -Year 1  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Rec  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 2  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July –  
Whole School Leavers' Mass



[May 2025](#)

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 Francis

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for the life of Pope Francis and ask that you open our hearts and minds to his message of love and compassion for all of creation. We ask that his words always inspire us to help make the world a better place.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.

Amen





As the weather is getting warmer, the log trail is back in use and the School Council have reviewed, shared and reminded the rest of the school about the expectations when using the play equipment.

## LOG TRAIL RULES OF USE

- We will look after the equipment
- We will be aware of others around us whilst using the equipment
- We will use our voices, hands and feet kindly at all times
- KS1 – Log Trail from Bridge to Traversing Forest and the clamber stack
- KS2 – Log Trail from Bridge to Traversing Forest, Clamber Stack, Chin Up Bars, Monkey Bars, Up and Over Net – **HOWEVER** the last three should only be used if you can reach unaided to use
- If we see someone struggling we will encourage them
- Y6's will help their Buddies/younger children
- We will start at the beginning of the trail and go to the end (we will not start in the middle)
- We **WILL NOT** use the equipment to just sit on and chat with our friends
- We will not leap off any of the equipment, or support posts onto the ground

### OOSC News



OOSC Summer Holiday Club Bookings are open now. This tends to be a popular one so book early to make sure that your children don't miss out!

# Dates for your



## May

W/B 12<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Y1 and Y4 class trips

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May - PTA Quiz at The Fox

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Half Term

## Summer Term 2

## June

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - INSET day no children to attend

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Y6 Bikeability training starts

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Y2 Multiskills event at Rednock

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Class and leavers photos

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - New Parent's Evening EYFS 7pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Parent Forum 9am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Leaver's Mass at Clifton Cathedral and picnic on the Downs

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - First Holy Communion celebration 5.30pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Transition afternoon

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> - Y6 production dress rehearsal

## July

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Y6 production 2pm

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Y6 production 6.30pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Y6 production 6.30pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> - EYFS Transition afternoon

## **TEACHER RUN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH WEEK ENDING 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

W/B 7<sup>th</sup> - Health Week

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Activities (morning)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day 1.00pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> - reserve Sports day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Reports out to parents

W/B 14<sup>th</sup> - Week of Awe and Wonder

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Whole School picnic - Y6 grow £5 stalls

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Music concert PM

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - Leavers' mass 9.30am

2.45pm - Final celebration Assembly

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - Leavers' assembly 9am

End of the Year 1.30pm