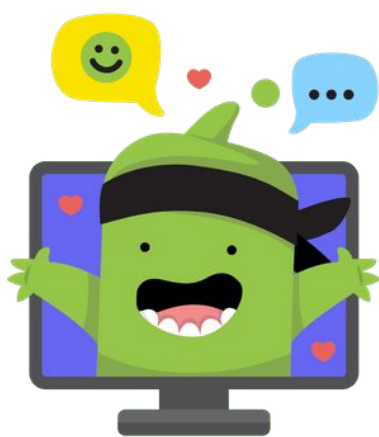




St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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ClassDojo

St. Joseph's School is committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Nichola Day

Deputy Child Protection Officer: Emma Wilson

Named Governor for Child Protection: Stephen Riedlinger

Stars of the Week



Layla Archie Daniel Niamh



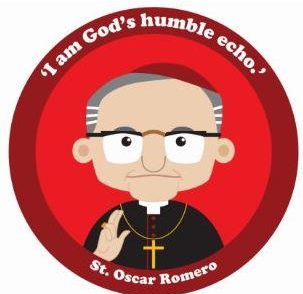
Tori India Year 2 Corey



Lily-Mae Alfie Junior Freya



Jude Kye Filip Isla



Robin Riley-Jay Paige Harry



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
6 June	Non Pupil Day
13 June	St Oscar swimming (6 weeks)
29 June	Y5/6 Music Day Buckfast Abbey
1 July	Y4 Olympic Day
14 July	School Sports Day
19 July	Y6 Leavers Mass
21 July	St Oscar & St Teresa- River Dart
22 July	St Vincent & St Clare- River Dart
26 July	End of term



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of my first half term here, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents, children, staff and governors for their warm welcome at St Joseph's. Although Mrs Pascoe and I have only been part of the 'family' for five short weeks, it has felt like we have always been here.

Over this time, we have prioritised getting to know the children, both in person and through their learning. We can now put far more names to faces and are getting to know individual characters in more depth. Our time on the morning gate has allowed us to get to know you better too and those casual conversations really do help with us carrying out our roles more effectively.

The children have been delightful; a credit to you, their parents, and to the school. From the morning greeting to the mannerly way that they conduct themselves around the school, we can see that there are high expectations for behaviour from the staff and from one another. Where there have been issues, we have been able to solve them and have put in systems to improve on practice.

Catholic Life



All classes were visited by one of our school governors, Steve Riedlinger, in his capacity as a charity fundraiser for Aid to the Church in Need UK. The charity gifted the school with 200 sets of rosary beads which the children have been using to pray the rosary in support of Ukraine throughout the month of May. Steve led a session in each class, teaching children about the different decades of the rosary and our school pledge. Ask your child about how their class have been praying the rosary and why.

Curriculum Enrichment

There has been much excitement around the school this week with the hatching of the chicks outside St Teresa class. Thanks to Mr Caddy, we were able to capture the event with awe and wonder via a web cam. Miss Hannaford has produced a short video diary with the footage which is unfortunately too large to add to Dojo but I am working on getting it onto the school website to share with everyone at home.



Statutory Testing

I must congratulate Y6 (St Oscar Romero class) on their effort and determination throughout the national SATS week. They worked incredibly hard and gave it their absolute bests during the tests and have continued to do so since whilst working on their writing – which is assessed internally and externally moderated. The Y2 children in St Clare's also sat their national papers and were equally as hard-working. The results of the KS2 SATS are not released to us until early July and we will inform you of the outcomes once collated. KS1 works a little differently as their test is marked internally and only forms part of their final grading, along with teacher assessment. Again, you will be informed of the outcomes in July.

Next term we have two more statutory assessments taking place: the Y1/2 National Phonics Screening (NPS) and the Y4 National Multiplication (NMC) This check assesses pupils' fluency in all times tables up to and including 12 x 12.

The phonics screening is a 1:1 test to check pupils phonetic knowledge. It is for all Y1 pupils and any Y2 pupils who did not meet the national threshold last year.

Miss Suarez kindly organised two workshops for parents last week and I was astonished to find that not one parent attended. Workshops in school take a lot of organisation and time and they are always designed to benefit your children directly. The screening will take place in the week beginning 6 June which is straight after the half term.

The Y4 NMT will take place the following week beginning the 13 June. There will be no authorised absence during these periods.

Platinum Jubilee

The children (and staff) enjoyed a wonderfully royal celebration on Tuesday picnicking together as a whole school. Thank you to everyone involved in making this a memorable event for the children.

All that remains to be said for now is that I hope that you have a wonderful half term holiday spending quality time with your children. Please remember that it is a staff training day on Monday 6th June so the children will be back in school on Tuesday 7th June.

God bless,

Mrs Nichola Day

Headteacher