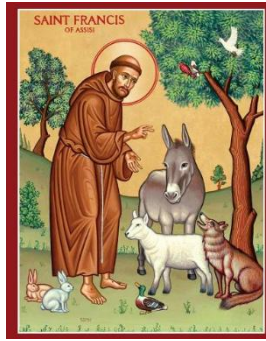




St. Joseph's Weekly News

Friday 1st October 2026

Dear St Francis,
Help us to follow your example
by caring for God's beautiful creation.
Teach us to love and respect
all living things and one another.
May we be kind, gentle and thankful
for the wonderful world God has given us.
Amen.



Celebrating St Francis of Assisi

We have been celebrating the life and teachings of St Francis of Assisi through a wonderful range of activities across our school. Inspired by St Francis' deep love and respect for God's creation, our children have been thinking about how we can care for our world and all living things. The children enjoyed sowing seeds and planting bulbs, helping to create beautiful spaces for nature to flourish. They also made bird feeders to support our local wildlife and created special bookmarks to remind us of St Francis and his message of caring for creation. We finished off this week with our whole school mass dedicated to St Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of our School Trust. It has been wonderful to see our children putting our Catholic values into action, showing kindness, responsibility and respect for the world around us. 🌱 🐣 🌍
Well done to all our children for taking part so enthusiastically!

Here are some pictures to what our children have creating during our special week, dedicated to St Francis of Assisi:



Year 3 prayer service Well done to everyone who took part in the Year 3 Prayer Service this Friday. It was a lovely service and it was a pleasure to share it with our parents. Father John led the service and everyone read their parts well.

Our Prayer Service was a celebration of the Creation from the Book of Genesis and a giving of thanks to God for bringing goodness and order to the world. In Genesis we are told that Creation is a gift and that we are made in the image and likeness of God.

During the Service we gave thanks to God and asked for his help in treating everybody we meet equally. We also asked for strength and determination to act as stewards in caring for our beautiful world. We finished our special Prayer Service with the hymn 'Make me a channel of your peace'.

Parent Reading We are seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to join our reading programme and share the joy of literature with our pupils. As a parent reader, you will have the opportunity to engage with students, fostering their love for reading and improving their literacy skills. We welcome you to participate at a time that suits your schedule. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Entwisle or visit the school office. Your involvement can make a significant difference in our children's educational journey. Thank you for your support!

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Year 2 99.3%

HOUSE POINTS

John

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Noah & Olushola

Reception

Ozias & Anayah-Rose

Year 1

Ayla & Tony

Year 2

Jayden & Rosie Mae

Year 3

Isaac & Mattyas

Year 4

Kaius & Oseriemen

Year 5

Kaima & Joe

Year 6

Faith & George S

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Lorena

Reception

Ivy

Year 1

Emmanuel

Year 2

Ellyana

Year 3

Oselene

Year 4

Kelechi

Year 5

Julian

Year 6

Emilia

At St. Joseph's we live, love and learn by the example of Jesus.
Aspiring for excellence for all, together as a catholic community.

REMINDERS:

Parking

Parents/visitors to our school are kindly reminded:

- Be considerate of road markings and neighbours when parking near our school.
- do not park or stop on yellow lines or zigzags.
- do not ignore road markings.
- do not park over driveways.
- do not cause increased danger for road users.
- do not be abusive or rude to the local residents or other members of the community.

Scooters

Please be reminded that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on school premises.

Please disembark at the school gate and walk/wheel the scooter/bike from the school gate and leave them in the designated bike/scooter area next to the library.

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

- Please remember those healthy items for packed lunches.
- Children are NOT to play on the Adventure Trail or in the access road outside the Royal Avenue gate, as this vehicular gate is in constant use.
- St Joseph's is an 'Allergy Aware School'

AUTUMN TERM 1

Week	Date-	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	31 st August		INSET DAY	SCHOOL OPENS		
2	7 th Sep					Beginning of term Mass
3	14 th Sept	Meet the teacher KS1 @3PM	Meet the teacher KS2 @3PM			
4	21 st Sept				YEAR 5 CUFFLEY CAMP	YEAR 5 CUFFLEY CAMP
5	28 th Sept	Week of events for St Francis feast day				St Francis of Assisi Feast day celebrations & Mass Year 3 prayer service 2:45pm
6	5 th Oct	Chaplaincy Teams Welcome Liturgy				BUDDY ASSEMBLY
	12 th Oct	NATIONAL SPANISH DAY				BUDDY ASSEMBLY
	19 th Oct		NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN AFTERNOON 2PM			

HALF TERM – Monday 26th October 2026 until Tuesday 3rd November – School returns Wednesday 4th November

Healthy Packed Lunch

Suggestions for food to include in a healthy packed lunch

- **At least** one portion of fruit or vegetable every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, beans, soya or hummus), every day
- Oily fish such as pilchards, salmon or tuna
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice noodles, potatoes or other type of cereal every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard.
- Cereal bars rather than cakes or biscuits
- Seeds, crackers and cheese, vegetables or bread sticks with a dip

Drinks

- Water bottles are to be brought into school – water is provided if children run out and need a top up.
- Water bottles are to be brought on school trips – NO other drink.

FUN FRIDAY

Suggestions for food to include ON A FUN FRIDAY in a healthy packed lunch.

- Snacks such as crisps
- Chocolate coated biscuits or wafers **or**
- Small cake e.g. fairy cakes, cake bars, muffins **or**
- Small pudding pot e.g. chocolate mousse)

Foods that should **not** be brought into school (These are foods that we have already asked not to be brought into school)

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars.
- Sweets
- Nuts or nut products (although they can be healthy there is a very serious risk to other children with allergies).
- Fizzy drinks or any soft drinks.

