

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th October 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear Parent/Guardians and friends of the school,

Today has been a special day at St. Joseph's. We had our Harvest Celebration Assembly this morning led by Year 1. They shared the really important message with us about supporting those who do not have enough food. We will be providing Otley Food Bank with lots of items that have been kindly donated. As a community, this is a support network close to our hearts. Thank you to Mr Rickson who accompanied each class singing a harvest song, playing the Ukelele! The songs are well and truly playing around in my head as I am sure they are for those who were able to attend the assembly.

A reading questionnaire has been sent to everyone this week via Microsoft Forms - <https://forms.office.com/e/7MjzAfkVA7>

Please do take time to complete the form so we can begin to implement changes in our reading curriculum. The deadline for this is Monday.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week; our sixth week of the half term.

Best regards and God bless,

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>October 2023</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2023</u>
9th - Y3 Football League	9th – Y3 Class Mass	1 st – Scholastic Book Fair
11th - Learn to Ride workshop	10th – Y6 Assembly	1 st – Y2 Assembly
11th - Bike Maintenance (afterschool)	13th – Anti-Bullying Week	1 st – KS2 Author Visit
12th - Little Jo's Club (for under 4's)	14th - Open Day 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm	6 th – YR/Y6 Vision, Height and Weight
13th - Black History Month Assembly	15 th – KS1 Science Festival	7 th – Y6 Confirmation
16th - Y2 Football League	16 th – KS2 Science Festival	8 th – FOSJ Wreath Making
17th - Y4 Yorkshire Water Visit	16 th – Y5 Class Assembly	8 th – Y3 Assembly
18th - Open Day 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm	16th - Open Evening 6pm	14 th – Christmas Dinner
18th - Open Evening 6pm	17 th – Mission Statement Assembly	14 th – Flu Immunisations
19th - Little Jo's Club (for under 4's)	20 th – Y3 Football Tournament	15 th – Music Assembly
20th - Show Racism the Red Card	23 rd – Y4 Class Mass	16 th – FOSJ Christmas Fayre
20th - YR Assembly	24 th - Y5 Assembly	20 th – YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Productions
23rd - Parents Evening	24 th – EYFS Training Day – Please note,	21 st – Christmas Party Day
25th - FOSJ Bake Sale	School Closed to Reception Parents on this day!	22 nd – Whole School Mass
25th - KS1 Mass (Y2 to lead)		
26th - Little Jo's Club (for under 4's)		
26th - Parents Evening		
27th - Training Day		

As a family with God in our hearts, we love, laugh and learn!

SCHOOL INFORMATION

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Polite reminder that due to allergies, St Joseph's is a nut free school, including peanut butter. Unfortunately, if your child is found with a nuts, the product will have to be confiscated.

BREAK TIME SNACKS



Additionally, please note that children should only be bringing fruit as a snack at playtimes. We are currently seeing an assortment of inappropriate snacks on the playground. If your child brings something other than fruit, we will ask them to put it back in their bag to take home.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



YEAR RECEPTION 2024

OPEN DAY/EVENING



**Wednesday 18th October & Thurs
16th Nov**

Timings: 10am-12pm, 1pm-3pm or a 6pm start for presentation and Headteacher introduction.

We warmly welcome Parents/Carers of children starting school in September 2024 to come and see our school. Mr Gilhooly and Miss Wilkinson will be available to answer any questions and visitors will be given a guided tour by our Year 6 Pupils.

Please feel free to tell your family and friends about our wonderful open days.

We look forward to meeting you!

LITTLE JO'S PRE-SCHOOL PLAY SESSIONS



We are delighted to invite you and your child (babies and toddlers welcome) to come along to our **FREE** Pre-School Play sessions. The session will be run by a member of our teaching team aiming to give you child a taster of life here at St. Joseph's and to meet new people.



To book on to a session, please contact our school office on 01943 463840 or email office@stjosephsotley.org

**12th October
19th October
26th October**

9.15am - 10.30am

CURRICULUM EVENINGS POWERPOINTS

Curriculum Information Evening PowerPoints, which give an overview of the school year, and the Curriculum Newsletters are now available on the school website.

SPORT

Cross Country



Well done to all the children who took part in Cross Country on

Saturday, it was fantastic to see so many children there and lots of new faces. Thank you to all the grown ups for taking the children to the venue and for their support. A form has been sent out for the next race which will take place on Saturday 14th October. <https://forms.office.com/e/BCK772bmsQ>

Year 3 Football League

Good luck to the children in Year 3 who are taking part in the first round of the Y3 football league on Monday. Parents have been sent a confirmation text today if they are playing on Monday. There are still places available for future matches if there are any other children who want to play, please complete the form. <https://forms.office.com/e/xpH6P1HCMT>

Year 2 Football League

A letter has been given out to the children today, detailing which matches they will be playing in the football league. If your child would like to take part in the football league and you have not completed the form then please complete it using this link. <https://forms.office.com/e/JYvBxizYS4>



SCHOOL INFORMATION

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

The nasal influenza vaccination is being offered to all children in Reception -Year 6. If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on Thursday 14th December, please follow this link to complete an online consent form; <https://www.leedsimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The code for your child's school is: EE139355

The link will close on 10th December. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (option 7 ext 2)



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

A massive "THANK YOU" to everyone who brought in donations for our harvest appeal this morning. We were overwhelmed by your generosity.

All the donations will be passed onto Otley Food Bank.

Thank you to our Mini Vinnies for collecting and arranging the food on display.

We thank God for all the food and luxuries we have, and please pray for those in need.

*Plant smiles, grow laughter,
harvest love'*



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Thursday was National Poetry Day, and we were lucky enough to have a visit from the poet Maria Ferguson. She made everyone think about the importance of imagination in assembly and even read some poems she had composed specially for the day!

In the morning, Maria worked with Year 2 in small groups, composing shared poetry around the virtue of Thankfulness and thinking about the gifts the children were grateful for. In the afternoon, she supported Year 6 in creating their own poems around the theme of 'Refuge', tying into their class text 'The Arrival' and their current History work on the World Wars.



Y3 LMEP AND ARTS GALLERY PROJECT

Year 3 have been taking part in a project led by Leeds Music Education Partnership and Leeds Art Gallery. The children have already had a virtual tour of Leeds Gallery and a musical improvisation day in school, but the project culminated in a trip to Leeds. The children took the public bus to Leeds city centre and visited Leeds Art Gallery for a music workshop.

They also took advantage of their trip by visiting Leeds City Museum to do observational drawings of some of the exhibits. These will be used in their Science topic on Rocks, Soils and Fossils. We have had a very exciting few weeks in Year 3 so far!



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day will take place on Tuesday 10th October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

For more information, visit <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of food.

How it brings us together and nourishes us.

We pray for those without, whose harvests and store cup-boards are empty

Help us work together to share the world's resources so that everyone can be fed.

Amen

OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CHURCH

MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 10am

Saturday Evening Vigil: 6:30pm

Sunday Morning: 9:30am & 11:15am

For updates, please check the weekly bulletin for up-to-date Mass times.

<http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html>



FATHER LAWRIE'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, the Parish will be saying their farewells to Father Lawrie who has done so much for the Parish over the past 10 years. There will be a special Mass at 11:15am in Church followed by refreshments. It would be lovely if some of our pupils could be there to show our appreciation to Father Lawrie.



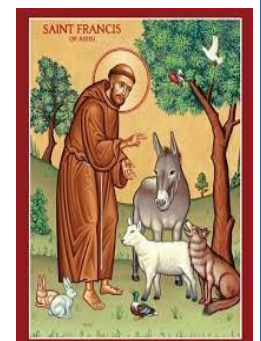
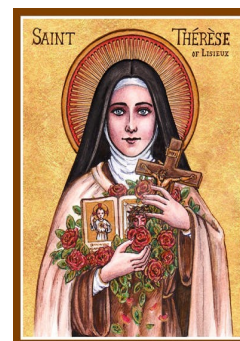
CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

Well done and thank you to all of the Year 6 children who attended the Confirmation Enrolment Mass on Saturday evening. They all took part in the Mass reverently and confidently. Thank you to all of their grown ups for supporting them and to Father Nicholas for leading the Mass, Mrs Russell and Rita for supporting them.



Y6 SAINT'S DAY

On Tuesday, Y6 celebrated their Class Saint Day. Before their Class Mass to celebrate St Therese's Feast Day, they learnt all about the life of St Therese and how she devoted her life to God. They enjoyed learning about one of St Therese's great qualities which was her little ways to make people happy. In the afternoon, they created a PowerPoint about the life of St Therese and thought about how she was called to serve as a disciple of Jesus.



Y5 SAINT'S DAY

On Wednesday, Y5 celebrated their Class Saint Day. Our Class Saint is St. Francis, the patron Saint of animals and living things. The children spent their morning reading and learning absolutely St. Francis, from his early life all the way through to how he became a Saint.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH AT PARISH CENTRE

Friday 13th October - 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Everyone welcome for a soup lunch and a time of prayer at the beginning of Lent.

Donations to CAFOD



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

In Phonics this week we have learnt four more sounds including i, n, m and d. We have also learnt three new 'harder to read and spell' words including l, the and no.

As part of Drawing Club this week, we heard the story of the Magic Porridge Pot. The children created some wonderful pictures of the wizard, the wizard's house and what sort of potions she might make.

In Maths, we have been learning about matching and sorting. The children enjoyed sorting the autumn objects into different groups including colour, size and texture.

In RE, we continued to learn about the story of The Creation. We thought carefully about how we can care about the world that God has created for us. The children came up with lots of super ideas including not littering, taking care of the animals and using less plastic.

On Wednesday morning, we enjoyed singing at different speeds in our music lesson with Mr Rickson. He brought his metronome and we set it at different speeds and tried to tap to the beat of the music.

YEAR 1 NEWS

As well as leading the assembly this morning, Year 1 have also started looking at our new book in English which is about Rosa Parks, who we will be learning about as part of Black History month. The children have used adjectives and nouns to describe what Rosa Parks looks like and have enjoyed playing in our new bus in class.

In Maths, we have been practising using words such as: more, less, equal and the same to compare numbers within ten. We have also been saying 1 less than other numbers.

In Geography, we recapped the four countries in the United Kingdom and their capital cities then we moved on to looking at famous features in each country such as Big Ben, Loch Ness, Millennium Stadium and the Giant's Causeway.

Our Science work focused on the change in weather and how the day light hours are getting shorter in the Autumn. The children made special dials to show this.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ: Next Wednesday (11th October), Year 1 will be visited by 'Bikes Future' who will work with all the children in small groups during the day helping them to ride balance or first pedal bikes. Children should wear their PE kits on this day. This will be instead of PE on Thursday so they will need to wear their school uniform on Thursday. Thank you.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been busy writing our diary entries as the old woman in 'A Squash and a Squeeze'. Everybody has been working hard to think of one sentence at a time. We are trying to slow down to ensure our writing makes full sense with the correct punctuation. We rehearsed our sentences, wrote it and then read it to check it made sense. We are also trying to take great care of our handwriting.

In Maths, we have been practising comparing objects and numbers. We have been working hard to remember the < less than and > more than symbols to help us compare. We have also worked hard to put numbers on number-lines and estimate the position of numbers on a number-line.

In Science, we carried out an exciting investigation to find out what kind of conditions woodlice prefer. We used a choice chamber which was split into four sections. Section one was light and dry, section 2 was light and damp, section three was dark and dry and section four was dark and damp. We made predictions about which area the woodlice would go to. We found out that woodlice prefer a dark, damp area.

In RE, we enjoyed acting out the story of baby Moses. We then wrote letters as if we were Moses' sister Miriam to her friend to tell them what had happened.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, we used the correct punctuation for direct speech and began to use fronted adverbials in our sentences. We had a Quickwrite competition where the children had to start with a simple sentence and add different grammatical devices. It was a bit messy but really showed the power of editing!

In Maths, we compared and ordered numbers to 1000. The children played a game ordering different number cards, and used the greater than, less than and equal to symbols with place value counters. They also completed lots of challenges!

In History, the children analysed artefacts from the Palaeolithic to Iron Age, thinking about what they told us and creating 'I wonder...' questions for all the things we still don't know about them.

In Science, we learned about 'the Father of Modern Geology' Dr James Hutton, and his ideas which we still use today. It is amazing to think how much one person has influenced the study of rocks and soils!

YEAR 4 NEWS

A super week in Year 4. We have all been working really hard and trying to work together as a team to achieve our class target; 'everybody listening on 5'.

In Maths, we have been looking at rounding to 10, 100 and 1000. We used a rounding rhyme to help us. 5-9 climb up the vine, 0-4 slide down to the floor. We have also been busy challenging each other on TTRS. Keep practicing this at home, logins are in your Maths homework book.

In English, we have been writing poetry called 'I am a Roman Soldier'. We worked together as a group, wrote our own poems and then we performed them to the class.

In RE, we learned about the Jewish Holy book, the Torah. We came up with our own ten commandments as important rules that we should all live by. We also used our iPads to write a dialogue between Abraham and Sarah.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths, we have begun our new topic of addition and subtraction. At the beginning of the week the children were recognising different mental strategies they could use to help them solve different addition and subtraction calculations. For example, if $5+4 = 9$, then they can use this to help them work out $50+40$ and $50,000 + 40,000$ without the need for a written method.

In English, we have been focusing on creating opinions and using these options to plan an opinion-based article that is centred around the four historical female mathematicians featured in our 'Hidden Figures' novel. The children read through an example of an opinion article on Kamala Harris, and made links between her story and that of the four Hidden Figures mathematicians.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Saints Day. Following a morning of research, the children had the opportunity to create their own PowerPoints that documented key aspects of St Francis' life. In the afternoon, the children decorated their own biscuits to represent an animal. They had lots of fun!

YEAR 6 NEWS

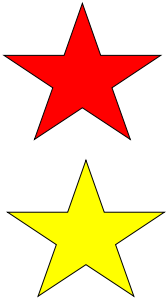
In Maths, we have continued our learning on multiplication and division. We began by looking at rules of divisibility where we learnt that if the digits sum to a multiple of 3, then the number is divisible by 3.

In Guided Reading, we are enjoying reading our Class book - Over the Line. Currently, we know that Jack (the main character) plays for Huddersfield Town and has just won 3-0 against Arsenal. However, Jack is stuck in a situation where he doesn't know whether to continue playing professional football or whether he should enlist for the war.

On Thursday, we enjoyed working with a poet to write poems about: school, refuge and conkers. We included lots of figurative language to engage the reader. The poet said that everyone in Y6 worked incredibly hard and created some great poems!

In Science, we looked at classification using classification keys. Instead of classifying animals, we classified 'liquorice allsort' sweets. We had to think about what yes or no questions would help us to identify a specific sweet.

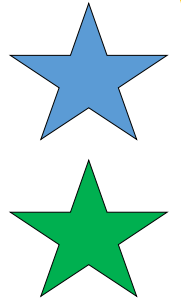
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



NO AWARDS THIS WEEK DUE TO
SPECIAL HARVEST ASSEMBLY



An Intercession to St Joseph

Dear St Joseph

Help us to love and care

To be gentle and fair

Help us to work and play together

Help us to live and grow together

To be always glad to help each other

Happy in your loving care

Amen

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ★ THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER - PARENT MEET AND GREET & AGM

- ★ WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER - CAKE SALE

- ★ FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER- FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

- ★ DATE TO BE CONFIRMED - DISCO

- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE

- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - RAINBOW RAFFLE

- ★ FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY- COCKTAIL MAKING EVENING

- ★ FRIDAY 8 MARCH - MOTHER'S DAY

- ★ FRIDAY 26 APRIL - QUIZ NIGHT

- ★ FRIDAY 17 MAY- GOLDEN TICKET EVENT

- ★ FRIDAY 14 JUNE- FATHER'S DAY

- ★ FRIDAY 28 JUNE - CAMPING TRIP

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