

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th November 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of St. Joseph's,

It has been lovely seeing all the children back to school following our week off!

We have been really impressed at how hard the children are working and just how enthusiastic they are in sessions.

In the newsletter this week, we would like to draw your attention to our 'Reading Rockets' initiative. We recognise that the children read at home, so let's reward them! Reading is so important as it opens up the World for our children. Please continue to encourage them to read at home with yourselves and sign their reading record books so they can receive the rewards. Thank you for your support with this.

Also, we have included information about our 'Mosaic Project' which the School Council are leading. The children have the opportunity to contribute towards our whole school mosaic which will be going outside of our library. Please can all designs be sent into school by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** so the design artist can be sent the plans.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

Kind regards and God bless,

Mr G and Mrs H

## Library Mosaic Design

Our new library is in need of a mosaic to celebrate what our school is all about!

- 1) Grab an **A4** sheet of paper
- 2) Draw what **our school** is about. For example, our subjects, sports, library, faith.
- 3) Put your name and year group on your design and give it to Mr G.

Part of your design will go towards one whole school Mosaic, which will be put outside of our School Library.

**Please hand to Mr G by the 17th November**



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2023</u>
13th – Anti-Bullying Week	1 <sup>st</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair
13th - Odd Sock Day	1 <sup>st</sup> – Y2 Assembly
14th - Open Day 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> – KS2 Author Visit
15 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Science Festival	6 <sup>th</sup> – YR/Y6 Vision, Height and Weight
16 <sup>th</sup> – KS2 Science Festival	7 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 Confirmation
16 <sup>th</sup> – Y5 Class Assembly	8 <sup>th</sup> – FOSJ Wreath Making
16th - Open Evening 6pm	8 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> – Mission Statement Assembly	14 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 Football Tournament	14 <sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations
<b>22nd– Y4 Class Mass—CHANGE OF DATE</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> – Music Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> - Y5 Assembly	16 <sup>th</sup> – FOSJ Christmas Fayre
24 <sup>th</sup> – EYFS Training Day – <b>School Closed to Rec Parents</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> – YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Productions
	21 <sup>st</sup> – Christmas Party Day
	22 <sup>nd</sup> – Whole School Mass

## FOSJ FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Buy your tickets here:

<https://st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school-otley.sumupstore.com/product/family-bingo-evening-friday-8-december>





3



4

# FAMILY BINGO

£3.00 ENTRY

WHICH INCLUDES.....

6 GAMES OF BINGO!

18 PRIZES


TO BE WON!!!!

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 6.00PM



10



13

HOT DOGS AND TUCK SHOP INCLUDING SOFT  
DRINKS. B.Y.O ALCOHOL

[HTTPS://ST-JOSEPH-S-  
CATHOLIC-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-  
OTLEY.SUMUPSTORE.COM/PROD  
UCT/FAMILY-BINGO-EVENING-  
FRIDAY-8-DECEMBER](https://st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school-otley.sumupstore.com/product/family-bingo-evening-friday-8-december)

**BUY YOUR  
TICKETS HERE!!**



# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE



Reception, present...

### "Wriggly Nativity"

on Wednesday 20th December at  
1:30pm

Year 1 & Year 2 present

### "Stable by Starlight"

on Wednesday 20th December at 2:15pm

Each child will be allocated 2 tickets.

We will hold a raffle to raise funds for  
FOSJ - £1 a strip. Card Payment  
available.



## YEAR RECEPTION 2024

### OPEN DAY/EVENING

Thursday 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.

All welcome! Please spread the word to friends and family.

To book on to a session, please contact our school office on 01943 463840  
or email [office@stjosephsotley.org](mailto:office@stjosephsotley.org)



**16th November  
23rd November  
30th November  
7th December  
14th December**

**9.15am - 10.30am**

## SPORT

### CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE CHANGE OF DATE

The Cross Country League race has now been rescheduled for Saturday 25th November at Wharfe  
Meadows with races starting at 10am.

### Y3 FOOTBALL MATCH

Reminder: The Y3 Football Match is scheduled to take place on Monday 20th November at Five Leeds,  
LS14 1NH at 3:45 - 4:55pm.



## READING

Reading is an invaluable skill for our children to learn, so we are implementing class Reading  
Rockets across school.

**5 = 10 House Points**  
**10 = Computer Time**  
**15 = Golden Time**  
**20 = Own Clothes Day**

Please could you ensure that your child's reading record is signed when they have read,  
with a comment to say what they did well or found tricky. A guide to comments has been  
emailed via T2P. Any reading counts - it does not need to be a reading scheme book!

*"The more you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"*



# SCHOOL INFORMATION

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place from **Monday 13th - Friday 17th November**. The theme is Make A Noise About Bullying. Throughout the week, we will be complete various activities and raise the awareness of being kind and reporting acts of bullying.



## ODD SOCK DAY—MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Odd Socks day will take place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week, Monday 13th November to help raise awareness around anti-bullying.

It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! We are asking children to wear a pair of odd socks with their normal uniform. We would like to see an array of colours and styles—the brighter, the better!



## FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S UPDATE



### FOSJ FAMILY BINGO EVENING!!

**Friday 8th December! Open to all! Just £3 per person for entry and tickets for 6 games of Bingo!! All adults and children welcome!**



**Limited tickets available!**

**Fantastic prizes including....**

**2 x £50 Amazon Vouchers**

**Lego and Lol sets with RRP's of £100**



Hot dogs and a tuck shop on sale including soft drinks. **B.Y.O Alcohol.**

Book tickets via the link. Limited tickets available so book early to avoid disappointment!

<https://st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school-otley.sumupstore.com/product/family-bingo-evening-friday-8-december>

Please bring your confirmation email as proof of purchase on the evening!!

Many thanks to our wonderful local sponsors of the event who have donated to ensure we have an AMAZING array of prizes! Thank you!



## Next FOSJ Meeting

6:30 on the 15<sup>th</sup> November @ The Horse and Farrier, please come along and join us, no obligation to participate, just join us for a drink and hear what's going on!



# TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

PRESENTS

# ENGLAND ROCKS



14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER 2023

7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)

PLAY IN ANY  
GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT  
PER PERSON!

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!

[TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS](https://ttrockstars.com/online-events)

# Library Mosaic Design

Our new library is in need of a mosaic to celebrate what our school is all about!

- 1) Grab an **A4 sheet** of paper
- 2) Draw what **our school** is about. For example, our subjects, sports, library, faith.
- 3) Put your name and year group on your design and give it to Mr G.

**Part of your design** will go towards one whole school Mosaic, which will be put outside of our School Library.

**Please hand to Mr G by the 17th November**



# Reading Rockets

**Read to succeed!**

All you have to do is read each day and get your reading record signed.



**Own Clothes Day!**



**Golden Table!**



**Computer Time!**



**10 House Points!**



# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Prince of peace, Lord of Light, God of grace,  
As we hear of war and invasion, we pray to you for  
peace.  
In a world of conflict and violence, we pray for all who  
live in fear.

Prince of peace, Lord of light, God of grace,  
Show me how to pray for peace today.  
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](http://www.olasotley.org/bulletin.html)



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Thank you to Year 6 for leading a very thoughtful Collective Worship about Remembrance Day.

They told us about when Armistice Day started and how we remember the fallen in this country.

They recited the poem, "In Flanders Fields" leading us into a minute's silence which all the children respectfully observed.



Poppy Paintings by Reception

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our new virtue to start this half term is hope. The children are being hopeful when:  
they believe and trust that God will not give up on them

- they are positive about the future
- they believe and trust that God will not give up on them
- they don't give up on themselves
- they have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world
- they pray to God placing their life in his hands
- they know God has a plan for me us

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Holy Mary, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint David, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Patrick, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint George, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Bernadette, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Brigid, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Francis, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Therese of Lisieux, PRAY FOR US.  
Saint Joseph, PRAY FOR US.

This week, we reflected on our class saints to celebrate All Saints Day which was during half term. The children listened to the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew and thought about how they can live them out.

### **This week's statement was: I know how to look after myself.**

The children thought about different ways they need to look after themselves, some of their ideas were:

- to drink water
- to eat healthily
- to get plenty of sleep
- to wash regularly

We are all special and God loves us all so it is important we look after ourselves and each other.

On Thursday, we thought about the British Value of Rule of Law during our Collective Worship. We recapped our school rules and why it is important to have these. We then listened to John's Gospel to hear the rule Jesus gave us which is to love our neighbour as ourselves.

## **Y4 CLASS MASS**

Y4 Class Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at 10am in Church, not Thursday 23rd November.





# CLASS PAGES

## YEAR R NEWS

In Maths, we have been sorting the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been showing the numbers in different ways and sorting objects into groups. We have also explored one more and one less for those numbers - thinking about our text Goldilocks: 'There are 3 bears, but baby bear is tired so he goes to bed. Now we have 1 less. How many bears are left?' or 'There were 4 conkers in the pot, but Shirley the squirrel took one away. How many are left?'

In Literacy, we have been sequencing the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We are also reviewing our sounds in Phonics - please keep practising these at home- reading and writing in their sound books!

In Music, we have begun practising our Christmas Carols and nativity songs- the children have done tremendously.

We have also created some beautiful remembrance pictures of poppies and have explored different ways to design them.

## YEAR 1 NEWS

In English this week, we have started reading our new book, "Peepo" which will link in to our new History topic of homes later in the term. The children have enjoyed talking and writing about what they can see in each picture.

Our focus in Maths this week has been addition. The children have been adding objects together, writing addition facts in a different order and practising their number bonds to ten.

In PE this half term we are choreographing a dance to the song, "I just can't wait to be king" from the Lion King. This week, the children chose animals that were in the Lion King and chose movements for them. They chose lions, elephants, mice and hyenas.

On Thursday morning, the children had a nice surprise as our new rug for the carpet had arrived and it looks lovely!

## YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we were very excited to hear from Ernie Arbuckle again. He was being very secretive though! He sent us some envelopes with some sections cut out. Inside was a cover for a book. We had to write down what we could see and ask questions about what we would like to find out. It was a great way to develop our prediction skills. We then had a big reveal to find out what the book was. It is called 'Winter's Child' and we all enjoyed listening to it and making predictions about what will happen.

In Maths, we have been looking at how we can add 2 single digit numbers by making 10. For example, if we were calculating  $8 + 7$ , we could partition 7 into 2 and 5, We can then add 2 to 8 to make 10 then add on 5. We discussed how it is easier to add on to 10 because zero is a placeholder for the ones. We found out that we can also use this concept to add three 1-digit numbers together.

In RE, we all thought very carefully about Big Questions that only God might have the answer to. such as 'What is Heaven like?' We thoughtfully shared our ideas and wondered a lot of interesting things. Maisy wondered, "How many stars are there in the sky?" and Grace asked, "Did God create plants first or the seeds?"

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

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In RE, Year 3 learned about the Muslim 'Aqiqah' ceremony, which Muslims hold when a new baby arrives into their family. We found out that they shave the baby's head and show gratitude to Allah (peace be upon him) for His blessings.

In English, we were introduced to our new book - The Pied Piper of Hamelin. We discussed the features of fairytales before making predictions about the story. We look forward to reading more next week.

In Maths, we were practising subtracting over ones and tens. We used place value counters to help us when partitioning numbers to subtract.

In PE, we practised the skill of agility. We played different games and races practising turning and responding quickly.

In History, we created replica stone age jewellery and Stonehenge out of clay. We enjoyed getting our hands dirty and using our creative skills to make accurate looking replicas.

In Science, we discussed different soil types before we devised an experiment to test the permeability of the three main soil types; clay, sand and silt. We used careful measurements to gather and record data and, using this, we drew our own conclusions about soil permeability.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the second half of the Autumn term. Inspired by their last Science topic and visit to Yorkshire Water, they have written an explanation text about the water cycle. Focusing on the use of technical vocabulary and the use of complex sentences, they have produced some really detailed explanations.

In Maths, we have been recapping column subtraction and the process for making an exchange. The children have worked really hard to ensure they have been answering calculations accurately, using manipulatives to support them in doing so.

In DT this term, the children will be making Christmas stockings. We started our design process by looking at Christmas stockings that are already on the market and analysing both the visual appeal, and functionality of these.

In PE, we worked on fitness - focusing on core strength - by completing a range of activities and trying to improve our flexibility and stability.

## YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have been focusing on factors and common factors. The children were able to recognise different factors of numbers using arrays as well as using Venn diagrams to help them identify the common factors of two numbers. As a class we spent time highlighting the differences between multiples of a number and factors of a number.

In English, we have started to watch the video version of 'The Lost Thing' picture and story book written by Shaun Tang. The children have produced some wonderful show descriptive sentences and pieces of writing that describe the scene and the characteristics of the main character using personification, expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors.

In History, we have also started our new topic that is focused around Ancient Greece. The children were being archaeologists this week and were ordering different artefacts in order of excavation according to their dates.

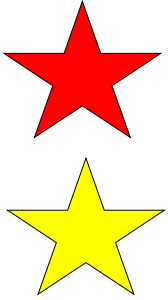
## YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been practising our mental maths strategies to support our arithmetic skills. During the week, we developed ways in which we can answer questions in our head rather than writing a formal calculation. We discussed the importance of using our known facts to help us with calculations too. Additionally, we looked at BIDMAS - order of operations - which helps us to know which order to complete a number sentence with multiple operations in it.

In English, we've looked at famous war poetry - In Flanders Field and Dulce et Decorum Est. We analysed some of the figurative language in the poem which made them picturable. This helped us to think of similes, metaphors, oxymorons and personification linked to war images. We will then use them in our own poems. During our assembly, we performed In Flanders Field after learning it off by heart.

In RE, we learnt about the importance of The Five Pillars of Islam. We really enjoyed learning about how Muslims follow these pillars as they are their core beliefs and practices of faith.

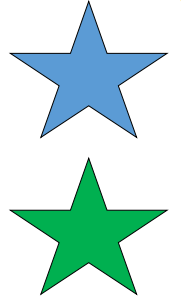
# HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

# EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



NO AWARDS  
REMEMBRANCE  
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
- ★ SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
- ★ FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY - SILENT DISCO
- ★ 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

# OTLEY PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

**JOIN US FOR FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL  
SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

---

**EVERY TUESDAY (TERM-TIME)**

9.30-11.00 am

The Core, Orchard Street,  
Otley, [LS21 3NX](https://www.princehenrys.co.uk)

Tea and coffee available  
Parents and carers of school aged children very welcome

**For more information contact Lisa on:  
07510079959/[mnl@princehenrys.co.uk](mailto:mnl@princehenrys.co.uk)**