

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th October 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

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

We have had another incredible week:

- Little Jo's Playgroup
- Open Day
- Special Visitors

As well as all the learning and fun we have had!

Our children are a credit to us. Our special visitors from across our Trust of schools highlighted just how '**polite, pleasant and hard working**' our children are - well done children! Our colleagues were recognised as being '**dedicated, determined and loving**' - we are truly blessed with the team we have working here at St. Joseph's.

Today we welcomed Reception into our School Family. Year 6 introduced them to the rest of the school and our visitors, and Father Hird blessed everyone in our St. Joseph's family. Thank you to all who organised the assembly; it was beautiful!

On Tuesday, we have our **Times Tables Rockstar Day**. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite Rockstar or Avatar from Times Tables Rockstar. Reception and Year 1 can come dressed as a robot (following our Numbot programme) or a Rockstar **#Rockon!**

We hope you have a lovely weekend (and do not get too wet!) and we look forward to seeing you all next week for the final week of our first Half Term.

God bless and kind regards,

Mr G and Mrs H



DATES FOR THE DIARY

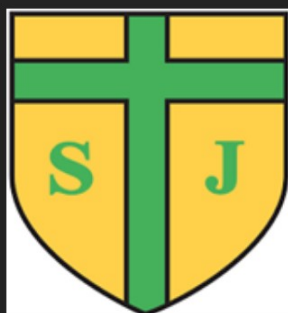
<u>October 2023</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2023</u>
23rd - Parents Evening 25th - FOSJ Bake Sale 25th - KS1 Mass (Y2 to lead) 26th - Little Jo's Club (for under 4's) 26th - Parents Evening 27th - Training Day	9th – Y3 Class Mass 10th – Y6 Assembly 13th – Anti-Bullying Week 14th - Open Day 10am-12pm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



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTAR RE-LAUNCH DAY!

Dress up as your favourite Rockstar and
take part in lots of number games!

TUESDAY
24TH
OCTOBER
2023



SCHOOL INFORMATION

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On Friday, we all wore red clothing to raise awareness about racism in the UK. We thought about why we should treat each other equally, and how we can help end racism by speaking out and reporting incidents.

Show Racism the Red Card was established in January 1996 and is the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity.



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.

We really enjoyed our first week - the theme was 'On the Farm'. We played with farmyard animals, read stories and sang 'Old Macdonald had a Farm.'



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

SPORT

Saturday morning Cross Country

Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country on Saturday morning at Cardinal Heenan. It was great to have enough children in each category for us to have a team for every race. Thank you to all the grown ups for transporting the children and providing support.



There was another cross country event on Tuesday at Wharfe Meadows. Again, we had enough children in each category to have teams in all races. I have not received the official results yet but all the children did really well. Thank you so much to all the grown ups who accompanied us on this trip.

Year 2 Football League

The Year 2 football team got off to a blistering start to the league on Monday night with a 5-0 win. Unfortunately, we narrowly lost our other matches 1-0 but they could have easily been draws or even victories. Thank you to all the grown ups for taking the children and providing support.



Girls football league

Unfortunately, our first match of the season was postponed yesterday due a water logged pitch. It has been rearranged for Tuesday 7th November. Instead, the girls had fun practising their table tennis skills in school because just as were about to go outside for our training session, it started to rain!

Boys football league

We have entered an under 11 football league as well and I am sending emails to other schools to find dates for fixtures. I will keep you posted!!!

REMINDER: FOOTBALL KIT

Please can all football kits be returned before half term - thank you!

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).



ANIMAL CLUB

This term in Animal Club we have been learning about a wide range of beasts, from sharks to snakes, big cats to bears and British wildlife.

For our final session this week, we had some very special guests - Gus and baby Lexi the guinea pigs. The children enjoyed learning about them and were very kind and considerate when they got to cuddle and feed them. Many thanks to Miss Walker for kindly volunteering to bring them in and for sharing her knowledge.



FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S UPDATE

After raising over £5,000 last year, FOSJ are delighted to announce that work is beginning on what we are funding in our school...

We are re-vamping the library, including the following:



- Installing a fabulous electronic signing in and out system for the books so the children can be real librarians!



- School Council are in the process of choosing new lighting and decor including bean bags for a comfy reading area.



- A fantastic Mosaic is also being created for the outside, which will be a collaboration of every child in the school! Something which will be there for years to come!!! (We are all looking forward to seeing what is created).



- We are also getting new bike stands for the playgrounds to help prevent a pile up of scooters and bikes.

We are really excited to see the results of all the above and we will keep you updated with developments

Thank you to everyone for your continued support in raising money for our school and making these wonderful improvements possible.

FOSJ Bake Sale! Come and buy brownies, buns and cakes galore. Open to the children from 1pm and anything left will be sold after school on Wednesday the 25th October!



Tombola! Calling out for tombola prizes for our Christmas Fayre Tombola! Raid your secret chocolate stash, check the wine rack, search the cupboards - most things accepted! Please give your prizes into the school office.



OTLEY COMMUNITY LARDER

The Otley Community Larder is now open! The Larder is 'Pay as You Feel' and everybody is welcome. There's fruit, vegetables, breads and baked products generally on offer.

Opening hours are: Tuesday: 2:15pm-3:15pm and Thursday: 6:15pm-7:15pm
They are based at Otley Social Club, Hollin Gate, Otley LS21 2DP - blue door to the back left of the building (see on a map here: <https://w3w.co/uptake.saturate.mugs>).

They are still looking for more donations of food, so if you work in a shop, cafe or restaurant, or you have an allotment and have a surplus, please email: larder@otley2030.com



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, I also pray for your presence to be with me throughout the week.
Help me to stay connected to you and to draw strength from your Word.
Fill me with your peace and your joy, and remind me of your love for me in all that I do.
Finally, Lord, I lift up those around me to you.
Bless my family, friends, and colleagues.
Help me to be a blessing to them,
and to share your love with them in all that I do
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>



Reception Welcome Liturgy

This morning, we had a lovely service led by Year 6 welcoming all of our Reception children into school. The buddies introduced each child and they were all given a certificate and a candle to remind them that Jesus is the light of world and he is a light to guide us. Father Nicholas then gave all the children a special blessing. Thank you to all of the grown ups who were able to join us for this special service.

On Wednesday, we gathered together for our Collective Worship about Thankfulness. We shared the reading from Genesis about how God created the World and then watched a video which showed all the beauty around us. The children said which picture was their favourite: hedgehogs, mountains and the forest were popular, but no-one chose the snail! Afterwards, the children wrote on leaves what they were thankful for.

Confirmation

Letters have been given to the Confirmation candidates informing them of the details of the Confirmation service which will take on **Thursday 7th December at Trinity University in Horsforth (formerly known as Trinity and All Saints College) at 7:15pm.**

We hope that having the venue nearer to us makes it easier for everyone.

Key Stage One Mass

Year 2 will be leading the Key Stage One Mass on Wednesday next week in Church at 10am. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Class Masses

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Date</u>
KS1 Mass	25 th October
Y3 Mass	9 th November
Y4 Mass	23 rd November
Y5 Mass	24 th November
Whole School Mass	22 nd December

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

THE **MAGNIFICAT** Prayer

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.



CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

We have had a wonderful week which began with a lovely Autumn Walk. We found lots of Autumn treasures and had lots of fun playing in the leaves. The children were very sensible and we received lots of praise about how well behaved they were.

In Literacy, we have been reading the story 'Oliver's Fruit Salad.' We wrote a list of fruits that we would like to use to make our own Fruit Salad and described what Oliver's house looked like.

In Maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns. We have used lots natural resources such as sticks, conkers and acorns to make different repeating patterns. We also loved using carrots and our fingers to create our own patterns.

The children also had their special welcoming assembly with their buddies. Next Thursday, we will take photos of the children in their uniforms, and with their candles and certificates and post them on Tapestry - they will have officially completed their very first half term in 'big' school!

YEAR 1 NEWS

In English, we finished looking at the life of a Rosa Parks by writing some sentences about her life. The children then thought about what they could do to make the world a better place. They suggested giving their toys to children who didn't have any, picking up litter, helping charities and being kind to other people.

We finished our work on place value in Maths by looking at number lines and trying to work out the missing numbers. Our new topic is addition & subtraction. This week, we have started looking at what the words 'part' and 'whole' mean. Over the next few weeks, we will be writing number sentences, learning number facts and number bonds to 10.

During RE this week, the children heard the story of Noah's Ark. They then had the opportunity to play with a new wooden Noah's Ark with all the animals. Using the iPads, they recorded a question they would like to ask God about the story and they also wrote about the meaning of the rainbow in the story.

On Thursday afternoon, the children created rubbings of different objects using different equipment (oil pastels, crayons, colouring pencils and chalk). The children then reflected on which was the most effective object and equipment.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In English, we have been finding synonyms for colours. We especially focused on the colours of Autumn. We then used our synonyms to help us write poems about Autumn leaves. We thought carefully about how they fall from trees - swirling and twirling, and we even managed to fit in a simile into our poems. Mrs Holmes and Mrs Walsh are very proud of the Year 2's wonderful, finished poems.

In Maths, we have worked very hard to find connections between our number bonds to 10 and then how to make 20. For example, we know that 3 needs 7 to make 10 so we also know that 13 needs 7 to make 20. We also started to look at related facts such as if $3 + 4 = 7$ then $30 + 40 = 70$.

In Science, we have been learning about animal food chains. We learnt that herbivores just eat plants, and they are called herbivores, carnivores just eat meat, and omnivores, like humans, eat both and these are omnivores. We then discussed how food chains usually start with a plant and end with a predator. We made concertina books to show our food chains.

In Art, Year 2 enjoyed using different mediums to create Autumn leaves. We thought carefully about the colours and how to blend them together. We can't wait to display them with our poetry work.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In RE this week, we learnt about the story of Jesus' Baptism. We discussed why he got baptised before looking and thinking about different artwork that represented his Baptism.

In English, we planned and drafted our own historical narratives in the style of 'The First Drawing'. The children thought of their own prehistoric inventions (including flour, the wheel, and the world's first sofa!) and thought carefully about how to include the success criteria in their stories. We will be publishing them next week.

In Maths, the children looked at adding and subtracting multiples of 100 to 3-digit numbers, and spotting patterns in calculations and their answers. We have really been working on what happens to the digits in 3-digit numbers when you add ones, tens and hundreds. It would be helpful for the children to discuss this at home to consolidate their learning.

In Science, we were lucky enough to see some fossils brought in by William - these will really help our understanding of the fossilisation process. We also began drafting rock fact files describing the purpose and formation of different rocks.

In Art, we started looking at prehistoric art. We created line drawings of British wildlife and decided which one we would like to draw on our cave wall.

YEAR 4 NEWS

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a school trip to Yorkshire Water education centre in Headingley. We learned about the water cycle and how water is collected, stored and cleaned before ending up as safe drinking water in our taps. We had a tour of the sanitation centre which was really interesting.

On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed a netball tournament at PHGS. It was great to use the skills and techniques we have learned over the past 7 weeks with Mrs Fenton Green during our PE lessons.

In and amongst our trips out, we have also done lots of learning. In Maths, we have continued to deepen our understanding of column addition and we are now moving on to column subtraction. As always, we are practicing our times tables; this week and next we are focussing on the 6 times table.

In RE, we have written about David and Goliath. We know that David was able to overcome Goliath with his trust in God.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In Maths this week, we have moved on from addition and subtraction and have begun focusing on multiplication and division. The class spent time identifying different multiples of numbers and recognising the difference between a times table and a multiple. We spent time using concrete resources like counters to show different multiples as arrays. We then used pictorial resources to help identify these multiples such as number tracks and timetables number squares.

In English this week, we have been identifying the structural and language features of formal and persuasive letters. The children could explain when and why persuasive letters are used and came up with some fantastic examples. As well as this, the children had the opportunity to pick a subject from a table and persuade the rest of their peers why they should agree with this point. Some were very convincing!

In Art this week, we have been learning about the Terracotta Army as part of our Chinese Art topic. We looked closely at the history behind them as well as techniques that we need to use in order to create our own mini Terracotta Soldiers. There were some fantastic carving and moulding skills being used and the children had a fantastic time sculpting.

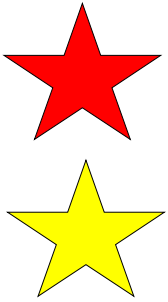
YEAR 6 NEWS

In Maths, we have been learning the method of long division. We did practiced the different steps and writing out our times tables. We also have been practicing our arithmetic skills such as securing addition, subtraction, and multiplication using formal methods.

In Art, we developed different types of sketching techniques such as: scumbling, hatching, cross-hatching, and graded shading. With these skills, we followed small steps to be able to draw a poppy which links to our history topic. We were reflective with our artwork and said what we liked about our art and what skills what need to improve.

In English, we analysed a part of The Arrival - a flash back about a girl who was a slave. With this, we planned out a narrative and used our plans to write the beginning of the story. Our writing was full of brilliant vocabulary and a variety of different grammar techniques. During the week, we edited our work using the class feedback sheet. We are currently in a competition to see who can make the most edits in our writing to improve it.

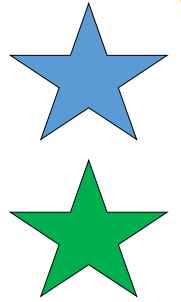
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

FINLEY (YR), AVA (Y1), NOAH (Y2),
AVA (Y3), CAITLIN (Y4), MAX (Y5), OLIVIA J (Y6)



HEADTEACHER AWARD

RHODIE-MAY (YR)



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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EVERY TUESDAY (TERM-TIME)

9.30-11.00 am

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

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