

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th November 2023

A MESSAGE FROM MR GILHOOLY

Dear parents/carers and friends of the school,

We are so proud of the children this week. Many of them have taken part in assessments and have shown great resilience and determination to show off what they have learnt so far this year - great attitudes to learning have been seen across the week and everyone still has a smile on their face!

You will soon be receiving information with regards to our Christmas run up. On the letter there are several dates and requests from school. Please do take time to note the dates and if you are able to support school throughout this busy, but truly special period, then we would be grateful.

Next week is Road Safety week. The children will be learning about keeping safe around roads. As we all know, Otley is an incredibly busy town and teaching our children about road safety is essential. We appreciate you continuing to discuss road safety with your children at home.

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

Best regards and God bless,

Mr Gilhooly and Mrs Harvey



DATES FOR THE DIARY

December 2023

- 1st – Scholastic Book Fair
- 1st – Y2 Assembly
- 1st – KS2 Author Visit
- 6th – YR/Y6 Vision, Height and Weight
- 6th – Y2/Y4 Christmas Tree Festival
- 7th – Y6 Confirmation
- 7th – YR/Y6 Christmas Tree Festival
- 8th – FOSJ Family Bingo Night
- 8th – Y3 Assembly
- 8th – Y1/Y3/Y5 Christmas Tree Festival
- 14th – Christmas Dinner
- 14th – Flu Immunisations
- 15th – Music Assembly
- 16th – FOSJ Christmas Fayre
- 17th – Christmas Carol Concert
- 20th – YR, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Productions
- 21st – Christmas Party Day
- 22nd – Whole School Mass

PLAYTIME SURVEY

At St Joseph's, we are looking to develop playtimes and we would appreciate your help and views.

Please complete the survey to help us make the right decisions and changes.

Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5LwjfMQgai>



St Joseph's Parent Playtime Survey
(Baseline)





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FAMILY BINGO

£3.00 ENTRY

WHICH INCLUDES.....

6 GAMES OF BINGO!

18 PRIZES

TO BE WON!!!!

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 6.00PM



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

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OTLEY.SUMUPSTORE.COM/PROD
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FRIDAY-8-DECEMBER](https://st-joseph-s-catholic-primary-school-otley.sumupstore.com/product/family-bingo-evening-friday-8-december)

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TICKETS HERE!!**



OTLEY CHRISTMAS

LIGHTS

SWITCH ON

5:30PM - 7:15PM

MONDAY

27TH NOVEMBER 2023

FEATURING:

LIGHTS OUT

NAMELESS

SAM BARRATT

SING UP

OTLEY
BRASS BAND

WHARTONS
CHOIR

LIGHT SWITCH ON @ 7PM FOLLOWED BY
FIREWORKS



SCHOOL INFORMATION

HALF-PRICE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This year, we are excited to be hosting a **HALF-PRICE** Scholastic Book Fair in the lead up to Christmas. Children will be invited to peruse the books during the school day and books will be available to purchase in the school hall on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of December between 3.15pm - 3.30pm.

On Tuesday 5th December at 9am, we will host a parent-only shopping opportunity. Not only is this a great opportunity to purchase some high quality books for Christmas presents, but you'll also be supporting the school as we get money towards purchasing new books for school for every book purchased from our book fair. Books available from just £1.50!

Reading Breakfast

On Tuesday 5th December, we welcome you to join us early to enjoy a reading breakfast with your child. You will be welcomed in to school from 8:15—8.40am to enjoy a light breakfast and a drink for a small donation.

Competition

We will also be holding a competition. It is free to enter and your child could be in with the chance of winning a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair. We will be giving raffle tickets to children for reading during w/c 27th November. Please complete your child's reading record when they have read each day. Children can have up to 5 chances to win, and there are 5 vouchers available!

For details of the books that will be available for purchase at the book fair, please click the [link](#).



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

16th November
23rd November
30th November
7th December
14th December
9.15am - 10.30am



SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY: Good luck to all the children taking part in the Cross Country tomorrow morning at Wharfe Meadows. I shall meet you there at 9:45am.

Y3 FOOTBALL: Well done to the Year 3 football team who played their next round of football matches on Monday. They faced some really tough opposition and showed great perseverance.

KS2 FOOTBALL: There will be a KS2 girls' football tournament at Priesthorpe on Monday 4th December starting at 3:45 until 5:30. A form will be sent out next week.



REMINDERS

.IMPORTANT: Children **MUST** bring a water bottle to school each day as school does not have any spare

.No bananas or nuts allowed

.All children need to bring a coat to school with them. During winter weather, we advise children bring a spare pair of socks and/or shoes.

.Hair must be tied back

.Jewellery should not be worn, especially on P.E days

.Children **MUST** wear the correct P.E Uniform. In particular, sports leggings are not allowed.



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father,
help us to have hope,
trust that You will always be with us,
especially when we feel that we are in darkness.
Shine a light to guide our path.
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)



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Well done to Year 5 who led the worship this morning about friendship. They talked about the importance of being a good friend and how we can be good friends to each other. They sang the Bill Withers song, "Lean on Me."

This week, we continued to think about the virtue of hope. The children listened to the story of Blind Bartimaeus in Jericho who Jesus cured from blindness. In this story, Bartimaeus had hope in Jesus and he was confident that Jesus could and would heal him. We talked about how there may be times when we find life difficult but that Jesus is there for us to give us hope.

On Thursday, we learnt about the celebration of Thanksgiving and thought about what we were thankful for. We listened to the Gospel reading about how Jesus healed the ten lepers and how only one of the men came back to thank him. We talked about how it is important that we remember to say thank you to the people around us as well as God.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving Lord, thank you for placing people in my life that make it better. You've given me friends and people I can count on. Help me to be a friend to them. Most of all, thank you for being a friend that is like no other. You are always trusting, truthful, and there when I need you. Amen.

[Based on Proverbs 18:24] DailyPrayerGuide.net

YEAR 4 MASS

On Wednesday, Year 4 had their Class Mass in Church with the theme of *Trusting God*. We listened to the story of David and Goliath, and how David had trust in God despite feeling worried and scared about defeating the giant. Frankie said, "My favourite part of Mass was singing 'Sing it in the Valleys' with my friends". We are proud to say that members of the Parish came to school to congratulate the children on their impeccable behaviour, reading and singing. We are so proud of Year 4.

CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, we had our last meeting in preparation for Confirmation on Thursday 7th December. We met in Church and practised what will happen on the day. All the children were given a sheet so they can practise the responses ready for the service.

The service will be at Trinity University in Horsforth starting at 7:15pm. Please could all candidates arrive for 7pm? Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

On behalf of the children's liturgy group - Our Lady and All Saints, Otley

If your KS1 or KS2 child would like to take part in our Christmas Eve Mass please contact Denise Emmett (07854 969701) before 1st December.

We are looking for confident readers to be narrators and children to sing perform the parts of the nativity story with some speaking parts.

There will be a practice straight after school in Church on 22nd December.

CLASS PAGES

YEAR R NEWS

This week, we have been creating lots of wonderful pictures in our drawing club linked to an animation called Mr Benn. We had lots of fun creating our own imaginary creatures for the zoo and writing their name.

In Phonics, we have started to look at digraphs - please keep supporting your child with their reading and sound book exercises.

In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers 4 and 5. We looked at objects that represent each number and the composition of each - e.g 5 can be made by adding 2 and 3. We learnt about a five frame and how we can use this to help us with our counting. We talked about the importance of putting our finger on each object once when counting out loud.

In RE, we have been learning about the Annunciation and we acted out the story and then wrote a sentence.

Nativity rehearsals are well on the way and the children are learning the songs beautifully with such enthusiasm - it'll be a show not to miss!

YEAR 1 NEWS

As well as continuing to look at adding numbers within ten in Maths, Year 1 have also started to compare the mass of objects around the classroom to work out which are heavier and lighter. We have used cubes to weigh objects and record their mass.

In English, the children have been writing sentences to write their own versions of Peepo based on what they can see in our classroom. The children have tried to remember to use capital letters at the start of the sentences, finger spaces between words and full stops at the end of their sentences.

On Tuesday morning, Year 1 went for a walk around Otley to identify some of the features of the town. We saw the police station, the River Wharfe, the Chevin from a distance, allotments, shops, churches, restaurants, the flag pole, the market and lots of houses. We pointed out the different types of houses: terraces, semi detached, detached, flats and bungalows. The children enjoyed pointing out where their friends and family lived.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 1 classroom smelt a bit like a curry as we were exploring the sense of smell by painting with paints that had been mixed with various spices and the children also put their sense of smell to the test by trying to guess what were in different pots. The children were quick to identify chocolate but found mint a bit trickier.

In ICT, the children found out about the artist Piet Mondrian and were using the iPads to create their own pictures in his style.

YEAR 2 NEWS

The children have worked very hard on their assessment booklets this week. Mrs Holmes and Mrs Walsh are extremely proud of everyone!

In English, we were all excited when Ernie Arbuckle came to visit us. He left us a piece of writing for us to help him with. We worked hard to edit and improve Ernie's writing and we are sure he will be very pleased with it.

In Maths, we learnt how to make an exchange when we are adding two 2-digit numbers. We are getting good at using the base ten to support us with this and drawing our workings on a place value frame.

As part of our RE work, we learnt about the Annunciation. We listened to the events which took place and imagined what the Angel said to Mary. We acted out what they would have said to each other and recorded our ideas.

In Geography, we learnt about the climate and seasons in the Arctic Circle. We learnt that winter lasts for 7 months and it is extremely cold, with strong winds and snow blizzards, it also stays dark pretty much all day! Summer time lasts for 4 months and although it is still cold, the snow begins to thaw and plants can grow. It is always light in the summer even at night time.

YEAR 3 NEWS

In English, the class received a letter from the Mayor of Hamelin and sorted facts about rats into paragraphs to create a report to send to him. They practised creating multi-clause sentences by joining facts using conjunctions.

In RE, we learnt the story of the Visitation, in which Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth to tell her the good news. We then looked at the Hail Mary thinking about what the different parts mean, before rewriting it in a more modern way in groups.

In Maths, we continued to practise the formal column addition method to add 2 numbers with an exchange across the tens and the hundreds. The children are really working on improving their presentation when writing out the calculations as this makes the exchange and total much easier to read!

In Geography, we focused on using the directional points of the compass when describing where different places are in Otley. We practised finding Otley on Google Maps and on maps of the UK.

In Science, we collated our results for our experiment on soil permeability, and played Around the World to see what Rocks and Soils facts we can recall.

In Art, we got into the cave man spirit! We created cave walls using different textures of grains then painted animals on our walls as if we were cave men!

YEAR 4 NEWS

In English this week, the children used the character descriptions they wrote last week to incorporate into a newspaper report about Hogarth's first sighting of the Iron Man at the edge of the cliff. They focused on ensuring that detailed descriptions were given of the sighting and including a number of quotes from various witnesses.

In DT, we began to explore different ways to join fabric using sewing skills. We looked at a number of different stitches which the children will then experiment with to decide which would be best to use when making their Christmas stockings.

In PE, we continued our unit on fitness with some aerobic circuits. The children worked for 2 minutes at each station making sure they were focusing on their form. For their cool down, the children chose different stretches to carry out as class to target the different parts of the body that had been doing the work in each of our exercises.

YEAR 5 NEWS

In English, the children have been planning and writing their own diary extracts based on the day they found the Lost Thing. The children could identify the differences between a recount and a diary along with recognising the similarities. We have also focused on time adverbials, what they are and where we should include them in our work.

In RE, we have continued to focus on the Ten Commandments and making links between them and our lives. The children identified when and where they still follow the Commandments in their lives and what the consequences could be if we don't follow them. From this, the children then created their own Commandments that they will try and follow.

In Science, the children carried out their experiments testing how fast an object will fall to the floor depending on the gravitational pull. The children were able to carry the investigation out fairly and were able to write a conclusion, detailing things they would change for next time.

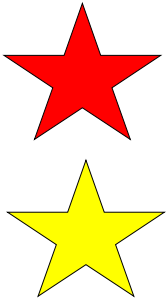
YEAR 6 NEWS

In English, we looked at the blurb for Anne Frank's Diary in the form of a word cloud. As a class, we discussed which words stood out to us and why they did. Daniel said, "Nest stood out to me because it's like a bird's nest that is safe just like the Annex for Anne and her family." We can't wait to read more of Anne's diary.

In Maths, we compared fractions using denominators making sure that we have the same denominator when we say it is less than, more than or equal to. We have continued to work on a times tables by playing on TTRS—well done to those children accessing it at home.

During our RE lesson, we looked at scenarios for justice and injustice and linked them to the British Values. We explored the concept of migration by discussing it as a class and watched a Newsround video. After this, we analysed some Tweets which showed justice and injustice about the migration current situation.

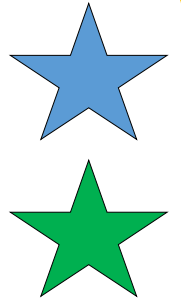
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

EVERYONE

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

HALLE (Y1), OTTILIE (Y2), ALEXANDER (Y3),
MARYSIA (Y4), FIN (Y5), FINN (Y6)

MATHS AWARD

WILLOW (Y1), DYLAN (Y2), SCARLETT (Y3),
OLIVER (Y4), MILLIE B (Y5), NOAH (Y6)

HEADTEACHER AWARD

FINN (Y6)



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



Friends of
St. Joseph's

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

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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

**For more information contact Lisa on:
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