

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th May 2022

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CHOMA

Hi everyone,

Thank you for another great week in school – the children have worked hard and are ready for their well-earned break. Some of the year groups completed their summer assessments this week. Their teachers are very proud of their efforts and sensible approach to the assessments.

As always, it has been a very busy week in school. Well done to all the children who received a certificate this week in our Celebration Assembly for good behaviour and hard work. We have taken part in two sporting fixtures – netball and cricket. Well done to the year 5/6 netball team who won their matches.

Yesterday, Mrs Harvey was very proud of Reception Class in Mass who heartily joined in with the Lord's Prayer. She also said their behaviour was fabulous. Well done, Reception.

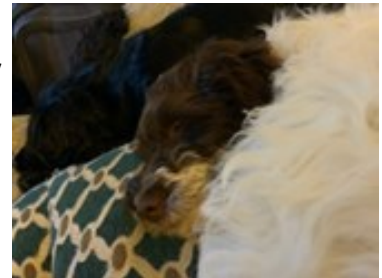
On top of this, we had a Safeguarding Audit, interviews, staff training and a moderation visit. We finished the week with our Jubilee Celebration. It was a fun time playing games and having photographs with the queen!

Friday Celebration Assembly – please note there will be no longer be Zoom assemblies: parents/carers of children receiving an award and the parents/carers of the class leading the assembly will be invited into school to join the assembly.

Molly and Luna: I had a meeting at home on Tuesday – Molly and Luna were pests! They were play fighting, barking and Luna decided to destroy a cushion! As soon as the meeting had finished, guess what? They decided they would go to sleep. I must admit, I felt like waking them up.

Have a lovely half term, have fun and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

From all the staff - be safe; be kind and be happy. God Bless



SPORTS UPDATE

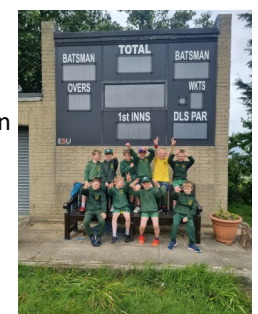
Well done to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 who took part in the netball festival at St. Mary's on Monday. They all played really well and won all of their matches! We had a surprise when our sports leaders turned out to be former St Joseph's pupils. Thank you to Miss Dowd for taking the children.

Well done to the Year 4 children who took part in the cricket festival on Wednesday, they all showed some fantastic bowling, batting and fielding skills, winning two of their matches and narrowly losing the third match meaning they were the runners-up. Thank you to Mr Voller for taking the team.

SPORTS EVENTS AFTER HALF TERM

Girls in Year 5 and Year 6 have been given letters today about a cricket festival at Otley Cricket Club on Tuesday 7th June.

There will also be a football league match on Thursday 9th June on our school field after school. This will be against Ashfield and will be for children in Year 5 and 6. Letters have been given out today.



GOODBYE MISS HOPE

We are sad to announce that Miss Hope is leaving us following over 10 years of service to the school.

We wish her luck and happiness looking after her nephew, and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to school and parish life.

We will miss her hoodies, love of LUFC and football coaching!



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

On Friday, we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a wonderful afternoon of activities. Special thank you to Friends of St Joseph's, Buttercross Belles and our Year 6 helpers for all their hard work!

We loved welcoming all the families onto the field for games, food and



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6th June– Pentecost Day
- 18th June– Otley Carnival
- 1st July - School closed for Jubilee Bank Holiday
- 22nd July- End of term Mass and picnic.



RAFFLE WINNERS

Milk Bar - £10	#021 - 025
Milk Bar - £10	#321 - 325
Geo Middlemiss & Son - £10	#381 - 385
Antalya Barber	#461 - 465
Tapas and Tunes - £10	#041 - 045
Buttercups – One Play Session	#701 - 705
Dodgshons - £15	#521 - 525
Rumblin Tum Café - Breakfast for 2	#091 - 095
Genevieve Gems - £20	#686 - 690
Retro Sweet Hamper	#531 - 535
Puffin Pottery	#396 - 400
Wine x 1 bottle	#731 - 735
Wine x 1 bottle	#606 - 610
Wine x 1 bottle	#316 - 320
Huge Teddy!	#181 - 185

Congratulations to all our winners.
Please collect your prizes from the
school office from Monday 6th June.

Thank you to all the businesses who
generously donated prizes to our raffle!



CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

PRAYER FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH

Almighty God, we pray,
that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen,
who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil
and, being blessed with your favour
may, with the royal family,
come at last into your presence,
through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life
and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
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

This morning, Year 1 treated us to a lovely, joyful assembly all about the Queen's Jubilee. They told us about the life of the Queen and different ways the country is celebrating the Jubilee. We were then invited to all sing the National Anthem and they finished by singing a wonderful Jubilee Song. Thank you to all the Year 1 staff for preparing the children so well.

Well done to Year 5 for leading a lovely mass yesterday for the Feast of the Ascension. All the children sang and read beautifully. Reception also deserve a mention for joining in the responses and saying the Our Father so clearly and with such enthusiasm.

O Jesus, let your light from heaven shine down.

Let it shine into our minds and hearts

so that we can spread your love to the people we meet today.

Guard us from all that is wrong and keep us safe. Amen.

On Tuesday, our classes led the Collective Worships for SS Peter & Paul's School and Holy Name with the theme of Kindness which has been our virtue for the past 3 weeks. During this time, we have thought about how we can be kind to each other, our families and also our wider communities.



PENTECOST

It is Pentecost on Sunday 5th June. All children are invited to come to school on **MONDAY 6TH JUNE** in red, orange or yellow clothes.

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

CLASS NEWS

YEAR R NEWS

This week in Reception, we said goodbye to our nine chicks. Farmer Liz came and collected them to take them back to her farm to grow up. She is going to send us updates as they get older. On Monday Mrs Hart brought Ginger the hen in to complete Reception learning about the life cycle of a chicken. Amelia said she liked "when it flapped its wings". Grace said she learnt that "the red things mean it's healthy" when talking about the comb and wattle.



We have continued learning about the Queen's Jubilee this week. We have enjoyed playing in our very own 'Buckingham Palace', designing crowns and painting Union Jack flags.

We have been reading the 'Queen's Hat'. We thought about what type of hat we would design for the queen. We drew our designs and wrote about them. Freddie wrote, "The queen's hat is stripey and yellow and it has feathers and flowers at the side".

In Maths, we have been learning about doubling. We know that when we double we have to add the same. This week we have been using butterfly's wings to match the spots to help us double. Ask your child if they can double different amounts to 5.

Finally in PE, we have been exploring different ways of balancing. We practised balancing using different parts of our body.

YEAR 1 NEWS

Wow, what a jam-packed Jubilee themed week we have had in Y1! We started the week by making our Jubilee puddings: a zesty, lemony trifle and a rich, chocolate mousse tart with raspberries and meringues. The best bit was tasting our creations and they were delicious. We think the Queen would agree too!



In English, we have been editing and improving our writing about the Queen. We focused on varying our sentence starters, using interesting adjectives and conjunctions to add extra information to our sentences.

In Maths, we have been looking at addition through the part-whole model. This representation helps us to visualise how amounts can be combined to make a total. We used counters and a rekenreck to help us.

In ICT, inspired by the abstract paintings of Piet Mondrian, we have been using the paint program to experiment with the arrangement of different sized and coloured squares.

Our week ended with our wonderful, Platinum Jubilee Assembly. It was so special being able to sing and read aloud in front of our parents and carers. We hope you have a wonderful half term and enjoy your own Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

YEAR 2 NEWS

As part of our English work, we imagined that we were the cat of Thomas Farriner. We wrote diary entries from the viewpoint of the cat when the Great Fire broke out. We described the cat's feelings, the sights and sounds surrounding him. We had some wonderful ideas and used lots of expanded noun phrases.

In Maths, we continued our work on shape. We investigated 3D shapes, looking at the number of faces, edges and vertices. To help us with this, we made giant 3D shapes using dowel and plasticine. The dowel showed the edges and the plasticine showed the vertices.

We have worked hard in History and enjoyed the challenge of thinking about why the spread so quickly. We had to find evidence from 2 different pictures to back up our reasons. We then discussed what help was on offer to the people whose houses were burnt down. We found out that King Charles provided canvas for tents and set up fire posts to provide bread and beer!



As part of our Jubilee celebrations, we have enjoyed making crowns and Union Jack flags. We imagined what kind of crown the queen would enjoy wearing and made them bright and colourful.

YEAR 3 NEWS

This week in English, the children have been exploring alternative endings to our story - 'Jim - A Cautionary Tale' by Hilaire Belloc. We have been thinking about different 'sticky endings' for naughty Jim.

In Maths, we began learning about equivalent fractions. We learnt about the meaning and discussed the relationships between the denominator and numerator in different equivalent fractions.

In Music, the children are progressing well with the Ukulele and they can now play the Ukulele and sing at the same time with confidence!

In Science, we went on a search for flowering plants around the school grounds.

In Geography, Year 3 worked in groups to conduct a research project about different US states. They gathered their information before presenting them as eye-catching posters.



YEAR 4 NEWS

We have had Assessment Week this week in Year 4. The children have completed a variety of maths, reading and punctuation and grammar papers and really worked their hardest, so well done Year 4!

As well as assessments, we have also continued our topic on time by looking at years, months, weeks and days. It would really help the children to practise rhymes that remind us of how many days there are in each month, e.g. "30 days have September...". It will also support them with their 7 times table to calculate the days in a certain number of weeks.

In RE, we learned about St Paul's work as a missionary, and how much he contributed to the early Church.

In Science, we concluded our topic on habitats by creating leaflets about British wildlife - the water vole and the swift. The children researched facts about their chosen animal, and the negative impact humans can have on their habitats. Finally, they suggested ways humans can help our native populations.

On Friday, we enjoyed a day all about the Jubilee. We watched a fantastic assembly by Year 1, designed our own Jubilee flags, and finally had a lovely picnic and games afternoon on the field.



YEAR 5 NEWS

In English this week, we have continued reading Beowulf and have practised our skills in using adverbs, parenthesis and relative clauses. In our History topic, the children learnt about how Christianity came to Britain in Anglo-Saxon times and looked at ordering events chronologically.

On Tuesday morning, the children enjoyed playing games of football on the field as part of our PE work and we even had a chance to practise our penalties. In the afternoon on Tuesday, we were learning about asexual reproduction in plants and took some geranium cuttings to see if we could grow some new plants.

In RE, we learnt about our world faith - Hinduism - and Hindu beliefs about life after death. We then used our computer skills to create information posters about it. We hope all the children have a lovely half term and enjoy the Jubilee celebrations.



YEAR 6 NEWS

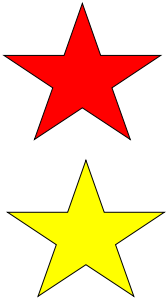
In Maths, we collaboratively planned a Jubilee party. We had a budget of £1000 and had to cater for 70 people. We had to think about venue, food, entertainment, decorations and gifts whilst staying within budget. We had great fun designing our ideal parties - but one group decided to spend £600 on balloons and bunting alone!

In English, we watched an alternative, dark ending to the Three Little Pigs traditional tale. We became journalists and reported the harrowing tale of the wolf being boiled alive. We wrote newspaper reports showing off our journalistic skills.

In RE, we continued to develop our knowledge about Islam. We made links and compared similarities and differences between our faith and the Islamic faith.



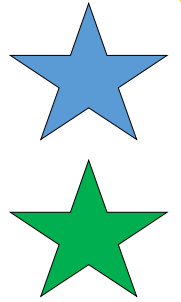
HOUSE OF THE WEEK



WELL DONE TO

ALL TEAMS

FOR EARNING HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



SUNSHINE AWARD

JUDE (YR), ELSIE (Y1), DYLAN (Y2),
CHARLIE (Y3), MOLLY (Y4), ASA (Y5), ABIGAIL (Y6)



MATHS AWARD

EVIE (YR), HARRIET (Y1), ZACHARY (Y2),
ALEXA (Y3), HEIDI (Y4), APRAMEYA (Y5), ZAHRA (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