



St Joseph's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026

Weekly Prayer

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart reminds us how much Jesus loves every person. His heart is a symbol of His kindness, mercy, compassion and never-ending love for us. As we celebrate this special feast day, we ask Jesus to help us share His love with others through our words and actions.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving us with your Sacred Heart.

Help us to be kind, caring and forgiving,
just as you are.

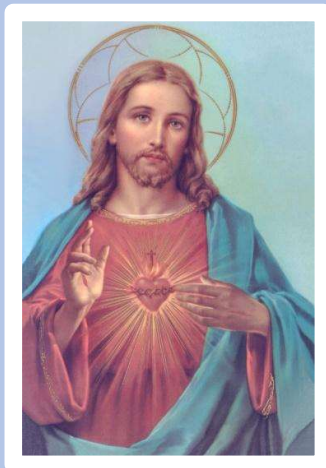
May we share your love with everyone we meet today.

Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Make our hearts like yours.

Amen.



Dear Families,

What a busy week it has been at St Joseph's! Our Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening Check, our Year 4 pupils have tackled the Multiplication Tables Check, and our Year 6 children have taken part in an external Writing Moderation visit. These are important milestones in our children's educational journeys, and we could not be prouder of how they have approached them.

The progress our children have made this year has been remarkable. Even more impressive has been the maturity, resilience and positivity they have shown during what can sometimes feel like high-pressure situations. They have represented themselves, their families and our school beautifully.

Alongside these important assessments, we were delighted to celebrate our First Holy Communicants and our Confirmandi during assembly. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise these significant milestones in their faith journeys and to celebrate them as a school family.

To round off the week, we also kicked off the World Cup season in style, with children and staff proudly wearing their football kits to school. It was fantastic to see so many colours, teams and smiling faces around the school!

A huge thank you must also go to our dedicated staff team, who work tirelessly to ensure every child feels prepared, supported and confident.

As always, I am incredibly proud to be part of such an excellent school community. The achievements of our children this week are a reflection not only of their hard work, but also of the strong partnership between home and school that helps them to flourish.

Well done, everyone!

Mrs Carder

Lourdes

Miss Hartland

This week Lourdes have been reading 'The Gigantic Turnip!' After reading the story, Lourdes used rulers to measure different turnips, and compare which one was the most enormous! We made our own turnips with pladough & natural materials, paying attention to details such as roots &

Knock

Miss Buckingham

A very very busy week in Knock Class. In our mornings we have had a bit of a switch up, first thing when the children arrive there has been a stimulus on the whiteboard for the children to use to write captions and sentences. They have worked so hard and all the children have quickly picked up this new routine!



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shoots! Lourdes also created their own characters, thinking about which animals would be the strongest!

In Forest School we practised mindfulness by deep breathing & naming what natural sounds we could hear, such as the wind & the fire crackling. We then cooked some delicious hot chocolate over the fire to share, and learned some new describing words for the hot chocolate from Knock class!

We also took a walk to Church in the sunshine to make some observational drawings of the beautiful Church gardens, and discussed what Special Celebrations we have attended at Church!

Next week we will be extending our Fairytale knowledge into the world of dragons, so any dragon toys or books are more than welcome!

Maths champion: Jayden
Writing champion: Willow
PRAISE award: Lance
Gospel Values award: Eleanor

In Phonics all of the children have been working immensely hard in their various groups, showing huge improvements with their sound recognition. The Year 1's have blown me away with their effort and determination when practicing for their screening test and in the completion of their tests.

In literacy, the Year 1 children have continued feature spotting within the character description for Little Red Riding Hood. We have unpicked lots of features such as what an introduction is and what paragraphs are, as well as recalling previous vocabulary and ideas from last week.

In the Reception Literacy books they have been writing and drawing their own sentences and pictures based on what they have read in their guided reading books, this has been led by a variety of adults and I have heard such positive feedback from all of the children's approaches to this.

In Maths, the reception children have been learning about number bonds to ten, we have enjoyed representing this with cubes, numicon and tens frames. The children have been fantastic in recalling these verbally too. To support this learning, we have been watching and singing along with the Numberblocks episode: *Ten again- Season 3 Episode 15*. It is fantastic at animating this idea and making it engaging! In the Year 1 maths lessons we have been learning that two parts make a whole. Using the part-part whole model to break this down and see it visually. They have used bead-strings to help them work through this, splitting the whole into parts. In provision both groups of children have been excitedly measuring and comparing the lengths of various objects, for their length and height unit.

In RE, we shared an exciting carpet time looking at church artefacts, passing them around and discussing what they are for and what they look like. On Wednesday, we went on a visit to the church garden to make an observational drawing. We discussed the beauty of the garden, what we would see and what it might represent.

Maths champion: Oliwia
English champion: Joshua
PRAISE award: Alfie
Gospel Values award:

Fatima
Miss Chatfield

Medjugorje
Mrs Hamilton

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard on their Phonics Screening Check this week. It has been fantastic to see the progress they have made, especially those who have been practising regularly at home. A huge thank you to our

Another hugely successful week for our 5/6s! They are enjoying their swimming lessons, have become coding masters and have turned detective.



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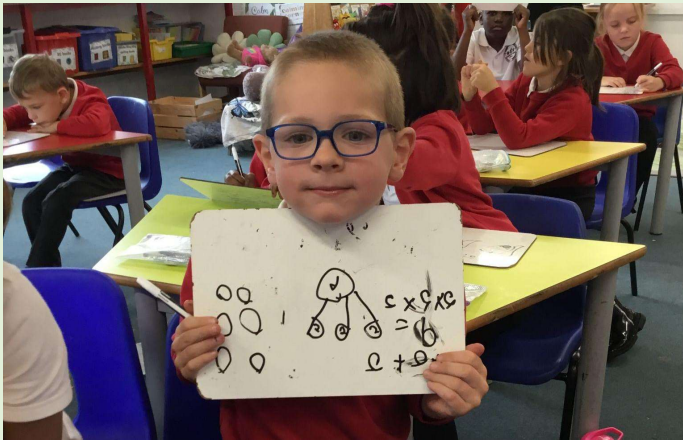


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families for all your support—it really does make a difference!

In Literacy, we began our Hansel and Gretel unit, focusing on setting descriptions. In Art, the children designed their own fairy-tale castles using a range of resources, including Chromebooks, LEGO, collage materials and pens. In Maths, we explored how multiplication and division are linked, using counters and arrays to support our understanding. In geography, children learned about the human and physical features in the UK and compared this to Norway.

We are looking forward to a busy assessment week for Year 2 next week. Have a wonderful weekend!



Maths champion: Dexter
Writing champion: Pippa
PRAISE award: Anis
Gospel Values award: Chael

In English we have become detectives and analysed evidence relating to the disappearance of Alma. From there we established what we knew, next steps and formulated a report to present to our superiors!

In Maths we have looked at how to calculate the area of a triangle and continued with our mental maths and recall of multiplication facts.

In RE we looked at the story of the Beggar by the Temple Gate and the children have retold this story using story boards and speech bubbles. We discussed when in the bible we first meet the Apostles and what their message was for the people.

Next week we will be taking a breath and doing lots in the way of wider curriculum activities!

Maths champion: Max
Writing champion: Lorenzo
PRAISE award: Oscar
Gospel Values award: Lavinia

Walsingham

Mr Dillon

This week in Walsingham Class has been full of important milestones and fantastic learning. A special highlight was celebrating our children who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday. It was a very proud and joyful occasion for the children and their families, and we continue to keep them in our thoughts as they take this important step in their faith journey.

On Wednesday, we attended Mass with Medjugorje Class. The children showed great reverence throughout the service, and it was a lovely opportunity for reflection and shared worship within our school community. In Maths, the Y4 children completed the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). They approached this with great focus and determination, and we are really pleased with the effort and progress shown by all pupils. In Writing, the children have made excellent progress. They have been working hard on creating detailed character and setting descriptions, using ambitious

Guadalupe

Mrs Cameron

Well done Guadalupe children for yet another busy and successful week of hard work. Your children have continued to enjoy learning another Fairy Tale (Hansel and Gretel) and have drawn some great pictures and written some fab sentences in their Fairy Tale books. They have also made a brilliant Ginger Bread house ready to be displayed in Carterton Library.

On Wednesday some of us walked to St Joseph's Church to study the Remembrance Garden, they drew pictures of the outside of church and looked at the beautiful flowers. Have a lovely weekend.

Maths champion: Charlie-John
Writing champion: Nico
PRAISE award: Lucas
Gospel Values: Alfie



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vocabulary and carefully structured sentences to bring their ideas to life.

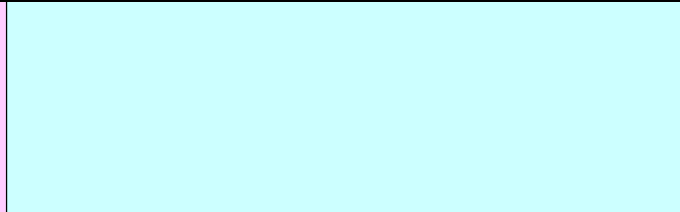
Maths champion: Poppy-Jo
Writing champion: Poppy K
PRAISE award: Walsingham
Gospel Values award: Harvey

Polite Reminder

Please remember not to bring fidgets or toys into school.

They are highly distracting and often get lost or broken.

Let's keep our school a focused, calm and happy place to learn!



Attendance
 Lourdes – 100%!
 Knock-88.6%
 Fatima-93.7%
 Medjugorje –90.7%
 Walsingham-91.8%

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

Today, Tomorrow, Together!

Aim for at least **96%** attendance
 Every school day counts!

HOW ABSENCE IMPACTS LEARNING

Missing just a few days each year can have a big impact on your child's learning. Here's how much learning time is lost at each key stage if your child's attendance is below 96%:

EARLY YEARS (FS1 & FS2)	YEAR 1 – YEAR 2 (KEY STAGE 1)	YEAR 3 – YEAR 6 (KEY STAGE 2)	YEAR 7 – YEAR 11 (KEY STAGE 3 & 4)
Less than 96% attendance	Less than 96% attendance	Less than 96% attendance	Less than 96% attendance
Equals up to 25 DAYS of lost learning each year	Equals up to 37 DAYS of lost learning each year	Equals up to 55 DAYS of lost learning each year	Equals up to 70 DAYS of lost learning each year
This can make it harder to develop early language, confidence and key skills	This can affect reading, writing and maths foundations.	This can make it harder to keep up with lessons and reach your potential.	This can impact GCSE results and future opportunities.

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS:

- Better progress
- More confidence
- Stronger friendships
- Greater chance of success
- More opportunities

BE HERE. ACHIEVE ANYTHING!

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!
 Let's work together for **96%** and above!

Important Dates:

3rd July – Sports Day (Including Family Picnic – please await further information)

15th July – Whole School Mass 9.30 at St Joseph's

16th July- iRock Concert

PTA Colour Run 3:30 (See Dojo for further details)

17th July – End of Term 1.15pm

Dates for School Masses on Wednesdays (9.30am)



We would like to inform you that the dates listed below indicate when your children will be attending Mass at St Joseph's Church as part of our school's faith life.

These occasions are an important opportunity for our pupils to come together in worship and to strengthen their understanding of our shared values and beliefs. **We would be delighted if you were able to join us.** If you are available, please make every effort to come along and celebrate Mass together with our school and parish community.

Your presence helps to show our children the importance of faith, community, and belonging, and it is always a joy to welcome families into these celebrations.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing these special moments with you.

17th June- Fatima

24th June- Knock



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1st July – Walsingham and Medjugorje
8th – Fatima and Knock
15th July – Whole School Mass

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for students to make good progress, build confidence, and fully engage in school life. **While attendance has been a focus for some time, overall levels of attendance are not showing the improvement we would expect, and this remains a concern for some families.**

We understand that there are times when absence is unavoidable; however, we ask all families to make every effort to ensure children attend school consistently and arrive on time each day. **Good attendance supports not only academic achievement but also social development and wellbeing.**

As a school, we have always prioritised working in partnership with families rather than taking formal action.

However, if attendance does not begin to improve, we may need to review our approach, and the use of penalty notices could become a necessary option in line with national guidance.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to support us in improving attendance so that every child can benefit fully from their education.

Your school leadership is now aspirational for every aspect of the school day; starting with attendance.

UPDATED - Summer Term Clubs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	3.15 – 4.00pm	3.15 – 4.00pm	3.15 – 4.00pm	3.15 – 4.30pm
	BOARD GAMES with Mr Dillon	GARDENING with Mrs Lyon	ART CLUB with Mrs Hamilton	MOVIE CLUB with Mrs Carder
	MINDFULNESS with Miss Buckingham	TEA TIME CLUB with Mrs Wickens & Mrs Cameron	FASHION CLUB with Miss Chatfield	LONGER FRIDAY FUN!

Please note: on Mondays, we will offer after school club care, **but there will not be a structured activity any more.**

Payment is essential between 4-5pm.



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WE'RE TAKING PART IN A
COLOUR RUN 

AS A FAMILY, FOR FUN, FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

WE'RE LACING UP OUR TRAINERS AND GETTING COVERED IN COLOUR TO RAISE MONEY FOR A CAUSE THAT MEANS A LOT.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

 **HELP US REACH OUR GOAL** |  **SUPPORT OUR CHALLENGE** |  **CHEER US ON EVERY STEP OF THE WAY**

PLEASE SPONSOR US! 



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EVERY DONATION, BIG OR SMALL, HELPS US MAKE AN IMPACT!

PLEASE PUT FAMILY OR CHILD'S NAME ON DONATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT – IT MEANS THE WORLD TO US!

CARTERTON FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW



VEGETABLES, FLOWERS, BAKING, CRAFTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Carterton WI Hall
SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST

KIDS UNDER 5 GO FREE  **FAM FEST LIVE**

CHELTENHAM, IT'S ALMOST TIME

YOUR FAMILY FESTIVAL DAY OUT IS NEARLY HERE

GET READY FOR

TRIBUTE ACTS • INFLATABLE THEME PARK • STUNT SHOW
 ZONE WALKS • NEWS UNITS • FACE PAINTING • CHARACTERS
 FOAM PARTY • KIDS WOGA • FIRE ENGINES • KIDS DISCO
 & SO MUCH MORE

GET TICKETS NOW

Family day out in Oxfordshire

Take your child to [Crocodiles of the World](#) where you can see different crocodile species and learn all about them – you can even become a keeper for a day!

For younger children, [Fairytale Farm](#) is a great option, with a range of farm animals and plenty of activities. Fairytale Farm is also fully accessible and specially designed with disabilities and special needs in mind. Enjoy a unique sensory experience with their Enchanted Walk – a magical journey inviting you to look, touch, smell and listen along the way.

At [Blenheim Palace](#), the Walled Garden is a joy to visit for all ages, with the Marlborough Maze, Pizza Café and exotic Butterfly House. With plank bridges, ladders, swings, slides and even a sand pit, it is a great place to unwind after a day at the Palace.

Travel back in time to the golden age of the Great Western Railway at [Didcot Railway Centre](#). Savour the sights, sounds and smells of steam as you explore this 25-acre living museum with trains dating from Victorian times to the 1960s.

Near Didcot in Aston Tirrold, [Ridgeway Adventures](#) offers activities for ages 8+, with archery, laser maze heist and more.



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