



St Joseph's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026

Weekly Prayer

Sunday 21 June – the feast day of St Aloysius Gonzaga, patron saint of young people, students and youth. Although he died very young, he is remembered for putting God first, showing kindness to others, and serving those who were sick and in need—qualities that link beautifully to our proposed school motto, *Fidelis in Servitio* (Faithful in Service).

Dear God,

Thank You for the example of St Aloysius Gonzaga.

Help us to be faithful in serving others,

to show kindness to those around us,

and to put You at the centre of all we do.

Give us the courage to make good choices,

the compassion to help those in need,

and the joy to share Your love each day.

St Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for us.

Amen.



Lourdes

Miss Hartland

This week we have been extending our fairytale learning to 'Once Upon A Dragon's Fire!' Lourdes have illustrated their own dragon characters for the story (such as "the sea dragon who lives in an underwater cave" and "cloud dragons that you need binoculars to see!") This has been a fantastic way to enhance our vocabulary & story-telling skills! We have been on a dragon hunt in the wild area, made dragon drinks in the water-tray, and even junk-modelled a castle for our dragons to live in! Next week we will be reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and hopefully making some yummy porridge!

In R.E. we learned the story of The Wedding at Cana, and this inspired a wedding in Lourdes class! We will continue

Dear Families,

As we head into the weekend, we would like to wish all of our fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers and the special men in our children's lives a very happy Father's Day. We hope you enjoy a wonderful day filled with love, laughter and appreciation.

Children, don't forget to look after your dads this weekend and let them know just how much they mean to you!



With the very warm weather forecast to continue, we would also like to remind families to take extra care in the heat. Please ensure children drink plenty of water, wear sun cream, hats and lightweight clothing when outdoors, and seek shade during the hottest parts of the day. As we return to school next week, please send your child in with a named water bottle and ensure sun cream has been applied before school. We will continue to encourage regular hydration and make sensible adjustments to outdoor activities to help keep everyone safe and comfortable in the sunshine.

Mrs Carder

Knock

Miss Buckingham

Once upon a time, Knock Class learned all about fairy tales! They enjoyed listening to stories such as 'Little Red Riding Hood' as she walked through the forest to visit her Granny, The 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' as they crossed the bridge in search of greener pastures, and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', where Goldilocks tasted the bears' porridge, broke Baby Bear's chair, and was discovered sleeping in his bed. Finally, they followed the adventures of 'The Gingerbread Man' as he raced away from everyone after escaping from the oven!

We have incorporated these fairy tales into their work this week by writing sentences, sequencing the stories, and talking about the characters.



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| <p>looking at Special Celebrations over the next few weeks, so please feel free to share your own photos of anything you have celebrated recently!</p> <p>I would just like to say that I have been so proud of the friendships & teamwork blossoming in Lourdes, and how much independent reading I am seeing - well done Lourdes! Enjoy your weekend, and I will see you Monday for a new fairytale adventure!</p> <p>Maths champion: Poppy Writing champion: Spencer PRAISE award: Cody Gospel Values award: Willow</p> | <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>Maths champion: Rose English champion: Ayda PRAISE award: Felix Gospel Values award: Joshua</p> |
| <p>Fatima <i>Miss Chatfield</i></p> <p>This week, Year 2 have been very busy completing their SATs. They worked incredibly hard throughout the assessments and should be proud of the progress they are making.</p> <p>In RE, Fatima has been reflecting on how they can share their faith and God's love, following the example of St Peter and St Paul. As part of this learning, they have created kindness bags for parishioners. Each bag includes a kind message, a prayer, a drawing of Mary, a bookmark, and a small figure of Jesus. They will be distributing these during Mass in a couple of weeks' time.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Year 1 have been enjoying some fairy-tale-themed provision in Nursery and Reception. This was a well-deserved treat following their phonics screening checks while Year 2 were completing their SATs.</p> <p>Maths champion: Ava Writing champion: Jackson PRAISE award: Charlie C Gospel Values award: Harriet, Cali, Rupert, Nikodem</p> | <p>Medjugorje <i>Mrs Hamilton</i></p> <p>We are incredibly proud of this class and the resilience, determination and dedication they demonstrate every day. Their commitment to continually striving towards their full potential is a joy to see, and they consistently rise to new challenges with enthusiasm and positivity. Their writing continues to amaze us all; this week, they have been exploring different types of letters for a variety of purposes, showcasing their growing ability to adapt their writing style to suit different audiences and contexts. The children have approached this work with creativity and maturity, producing some truly impressive pieces. They are also thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons, where they have shown the same determination, confidence and willingness to challenge themselves that we see in the classroom.</p> |
| <p>Walsingham <i>Mr Dillon</i></p> <p>Walsingham Class continue to impress us with their dedication and hard work. Their writing has gone from strength to strength this term, with pupils demonstrating increasing confidence, creativity and attention to detail in their work. In Mathematics, the children have been proudly showcasing their very best calculations this week, beautifully illustrating just how much progress they have made over the course of the year. We are incredibly proud of their determination, resilience and commitment to always striving to do their very best.</p> | <p>Guadalupe <i>Mrs Cameron</i></p> <p>This week the children who usually come to Guadalupe have been mostly in their classes to complete their written, reading and maths tests. We did come together on Wednesday where some children completed their tests with me and Miss Wood. We were both really impressed with the knowledge, concentration and effort the children made.</p> <p>We also had fun making cards for Fathers Day, eating melon and learning our phonics.</p> <p>Maths champion: Charlie-John Writing champion: PRAISE award: Alfie Gospel Values: Lucas</p> |



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Important Hot Weather Reminder

As we move into a period of exceptionally hot weather, we would like to remind all families that high temperatures and strong UV levels can pose a significant risk to children's health and wellbeing. Please be assured that we are closely monitoring weather forecasts and UV levels throughout the school day and will make any necessary adjustments to outdoor activities to ensure the safety of all pupils.

The safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority. Therefore, we are expecting **every child** to:

- Wear a sun hat to school each day
- Arrive at school with sun cream already applied
- Bring a named water bottle filled with fresh water every day

Staff will encourage regular hydration throughout the day and ensure children have access to shaded areas whenever possible. Children who do not have appropriate sun protection may have restricted access to outdoor activities during periods of extreme heat.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep all members of our school community safe. By working together, we can ensure that children continue to enjoy their learning while remaining protected from the effects of the hot weather.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

BE SUN SAFE!

SUN SAFETY

Next week please remember...

WEAR A SUN HAT
A sun hat helps protect your face, ears and neck.

WEAR SUN CREAM
Please come to school with sun cream already applied.

BRING A WATER BOTTLE
Stay hydrated! Bring a refillable water bottle every day.

Let's look after each other and enjoy the sunshine safely!

THANK YOU!

Attendance

Lourdes – 95%
Knock- 79%
Fatima-93%
Medjugorje –92%
Walsingham-92%

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 (Y1 & Y2) | YEAR 1 – YEAR 2 (KEY STAGE 1) | YEAR 3 – YEAR 6 (KEY STAGE 2) | YEAR 7 – YEAR 11 (KEY STAGE 3 & 4) |
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| 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!



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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.

24th June- Knock

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.

School Uniform Consultation

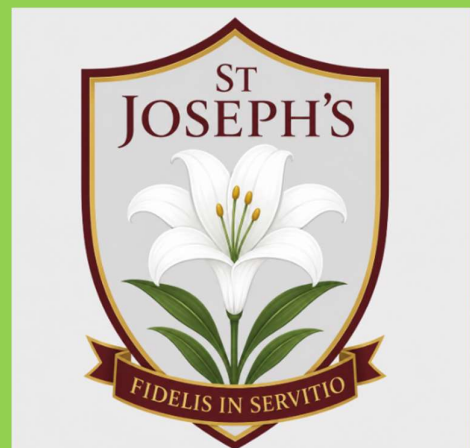
A gentle reminder that our uniform consultation is currently underway.

As part of our proposed rebrand, we are seeking feedback on our new school motto, *Fidelis in Servitio* (*Faithful in Service*), inspired by the faithful example of St Joseph, as well as our proposed emblem featuring the lily, a traditional symbol of St Joseph.

We are delighted by the positive feedback received so far and would welcome any further comments.

Please refer to the original consultation letter for full details of the proposed changes and information on how and where to submit your feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views and help shape the future of our school.





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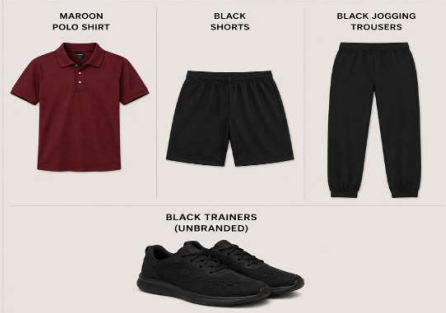


HAIR ACCESSORIES
MUST only be black or maroon.
JEWELLERY
No jewellery apart from studs in ears.
No dangly earrings.
GENERAL APPEARANCE
Neat, tidy and school-appropriate at all times.
UNIFORM STANDARDS
Our uniform reflects our values and our pride in our school community.
“ One uniform. One standard. One community. ”

NEW PE KIT

SMART. INCLUSIVE. ACTIVE. PROUD.

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KIT FEATURES

- COMFORTABLE** Lightweight and breathable fabrics for all activities.
 - DURABLE** Designed to withstand daily wear and regular washing.
 - FLEXIBLE** Allows full range of movement.
 - INCLUSIVE** Suitable for all students, supporting confidence and participation.
 - SCHOOL PRIDE** Representing our school values in and out of the classroom.
- “ Active body. Positive mind. Together as one. ”

Sports Day

ST JOSEPH'S SPORTS DAY!
Friday 3rd July

- ACTIVITY MORNING**
All children will take part in a fun-filled morning of sporting activities.
- FAMILY PICNIC – 12:00PM**
Parents and families are warmly invited to join us for a picnic lunch.
- SPORTS DAY RACES – 1:00PM**
Families are invited to stay and cheer on the children during our exciting races!
- SPECIAL TREAT!**
Every child will receive a FREE ice lolly.
- PTFA REFRESHMENTS**
The PTFA will be selling drinks throughout the afternoon.

Please do come along and support our wonderful children – we look forward to seeing you there!

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Families are warmly invited to join us from 12:00pm for our whole-school community picnic.

Further information will be sent out next week, including a request for families to confirm whether or not they will be attending. This will enable us to plan appropriately and ensure that suitable arrangements are made for all children, including those whose families are unable to join us for the picnic.

We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible for what promises to be a wonderful community event.



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CHELTENHAM, IT'S ALMOST TIME

YOUR FAMILY FESTIVAL DAY OUT IS NEARLY HERE

GET READY FOR

TRIBUTE ACTS • INFLATABLE THEME PARK • STUNT SHOW
 ZORB BALLS • NERF WARS • FACE PAINTING • CHARACTERS
 FOAM PARTY • KIDS YOGA • 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.