



St Joseph's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026

Weekly Prayer

On 11th July, the Church celebrates St Benedict, the Patron Saint of Europe. St Benedict taught people to live lives centred on prayer, learning and hard work. His simple motto of "*pray and work*" reminds us that we can serve God in everything we do, whether we are learning, helping others or showing kindness each day.

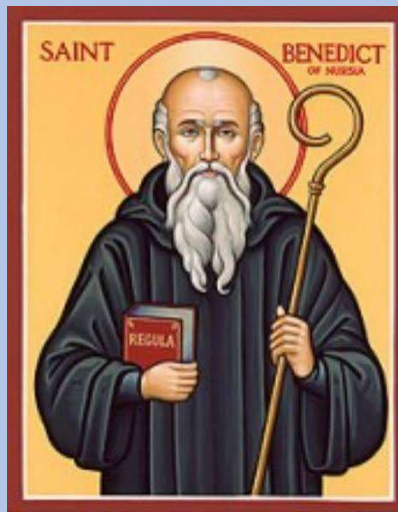
Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the example of St Benedict. Help us to pray, work and care for others with joyful hearts.

May we bring Your peace wherever we go.

Amen.



Dear Families,

What a truly wonderful week it has been at St Joseph's! As we approach the end of another successful school year, I could not be prouder of our incredible children and staff. Our Sports Day was a tremendous success and perfectly reflected the values we strive to nurture every day. It was heart-warming to see such outstanding sportsmanship, resilience, encouragement and teamwork on display. The children celebrated one another's successes, showed determination in every event and represented our school with pride. Thank you to all the families who came along to support and cheer them on—it made the afternoon even more special.

Our Year 5 and 6 children have also enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Yenworthy in Devon.

What an incredible opportunity for them to build independence, confidence and friendships whilst making memories that will last a lifetime. Thankfully, the warm weather has been made much more enjoyable with plenty of opportunities to cool off in the sea! Be sure to take a look at the wonderful photographs below.

Meanwhile, our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children embarked on their own magical adventure to

Puzzlewood in the Forest of Dean. Exploring the enchanting woodland, climbing through caves, crossing bridges and letting their imaginations run wild made for a truly memorable day. Experiences like these are so important, helping children to develop curiosity, resilience and a love of the world around them. We are delighted that they had such a fantastic time.

With just one week remaining, we are looking forward to making every moment count. The weather is set to remain very warm, so please be assured that we will continue to do everything we can to keep the children safe, cool and comfortable whilst enjoying our final days together.

A reminder that our whole-school End of Year Mass will take place at 9.30am on Wednesday at St Joseph's Church. This is always a very special celebration of thanksgiving, particularly as we say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children, and we would be delighted to welcome as many families as possible to join us.

Finally, please remember that the last day of term finishes at 1.15pm.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a joyful and memorable final week together.

Mrs Carder



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Lourdes

Miss Hartland

We have had a magical week this week, especially with our trip to Puzzlewood! We explored dragon caves, crossed troll bridges, and took shelter from the sun under fairy trees! I was so proud of Lourdes' resilience in climbing up & down the stone steps, and how beautifully behaved they were alongside the rest of the school!

We enjoyed some savoury smores in forest school with Knock class, and I am pleased to see how confident Lourdes are becoming for their upcoming transition into reception! Next week we will be finishing our fairytale topic by creating our own fairytales, and enjoying our final week together before the Summer!

Maths champion: Jaythraah

Writing champion: Lance

PRAISE award: Eleanor

Gospel Values award: Beatrix

Knock

Miss Buckingham

Knock Class have enjoyed a truly magical week, with the highlight undoubtedly being our wonderful trip to Puzzlewood! The children immersed themselves in the enchanting surroundings as they explored dragon caves, crossed troll bridges and sought shade beneath the fairy trees. It was a joy to see their imaginations come alive as they embraced every adventure with such excitement and curiosity.

We were incredibly proud of all the children for the resilience they showed throughout the day. They tackled the many stone steps and woodland paths with determination and perseverance, encouraging one another along the way. Their impeccable behaviour was commented on throughout the visit, and they represented our school with kindness, respect and enthusiasm. Back at school, the magic continued as we joined Lourdes Class for Forest School, where the children enjoyed making and tasting delicious savoury s'mores around the campfire.

Miss Buckingham

Fatima

Miss Chatfield

What a busy and fun-filled week we have had!

We started the week with our exciting trip to Puzzlewood, which inspired our literacy learning as the children wrote fantastic personal recounts of their day. In DT, the children completed their instructions and then followed them carefully to make their very own Magic Baked Bean Cakes, which they thoroughly enjoyed tasting afterwards!

In maths, we have been exploring different types of measurement, including non-standard units, using a variety of resources from around the classroom. In science, we continued our learning about materials and put our knowledge to the test by investigating which materials would be best to protect Humpty Dumpty from a fall.

Our geography lessons took us to Tromsø, Norway, where we explored the human features of the city and compared them with those found in Carterton. We have also been busy sorting and organising our classroom as we prepare to move to the other side of the school.

To finish our busy week of learning, we enjoyed ice lollies on Friday as a well-deserved treat in the sunshine!

Have an amazing weekend in the sun, and we look forward to seeing everyone for Transition Day on Monday!

Maths champion: Zhaleh and Pips

Medjugorje

Mrs Hamilton

What an unforgettable week it has been for Medjugorje Class! Our Year 5 and 6 children have had the most incredible time on residential at Yenworthy in Devon, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm, courage and huge smiles.

From scrambling through caves and scaling rock faces to canoeing, sea swimming and the exhilarating experience of coasteering, the children have challenged themselves in so many ways. They have shown outstanding resilience, determination and teamwork, encouraging one another every step of the way and celebrating each other's achievements.

Beyond the adventures, it has been wonderful to watch friendships flourish as the children have laughed together, supported one another and created memories that will stay with them for many years to come.

It has been a genuine privilege to spend this special time alongside such an incredible group of young people. Their kindness, resilience, impeccable behaviour and willingness to step outside their comfort zones have made us immensely proud. They have been exceptional ambassadors for St Joseph's, and we couldn't have asked for a better group to share this wonderful experience with.



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Writing champion: Tommy, Charlie and Matilda PRAISE award: Stefan and Pennie Gospel Values award: Sibongile and Emilia	
Walsingham <i>Mr Dillon</i> We have enjoyed another busy week in Walsingham Class, with the hot weather continuing to brighten our days! This week in English, we have been learning all about bees, discovering why they are so important and exploring ways we can help to conserve them and encourage more bee activity around our school. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of perimeter by measuring and calculating the distance around shapes. On Wednesday, we attended Mass, where the children participated reverently and respectfully. We have also enjoyed welcoming the Year 5 children into our classroom for some shared learning activities. It has been a fun-filled week, and we wish everyone a wonderful weekend. Maths - Poppy English - Faith PRAISE - Nancy Values - Mollie	Guadalupe <i>Mrs Cameron</i> Another hot week for everyone! Children in Guadalupe have been coping well with the heat, managing to stay relaxed and complete their tasks.. Some children went on the school trip to Puzzle Wood, which was amazing. The scenery around us was fantastic, which our children really appreciated. They used descriptive words to describe their surroundings and used their imaginations to describe creatures that could be living there. A great day was had by all. Other children have been learning about the importance of bees. How they are needed to pollinate flowers and crops and that one third of the food we consume is reliant on pollinators like bees. It's a good job our sunflowers have started to flower and are now attracting bees. Have a lovely weekend Maths.....Charlie-John English....Nico PRAISE....Poppy-Jo Values.....Charlie-John



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Attendance

Lourdes: 100%

Knock: 88.3%

Fatima: 94.5%

Walsingham: 91.8%

Medjugorje: 89.9%

WHOLE SCHOOL
End of the Year
MASS
15TH JULY
9.30AM
Whole School Mass
at
St Joseph's Catholic Church
We warmly invite
ALL FAMILIES
to join us!

Let us come together to give thanks,
celebrate our year and pray as one community.

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!

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S ARRANGEMENTS
WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY
LEAVER'S MASS
AT CHURCH
9.30AM
We are all an active part of the Mass – families are warmly invited.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS celebration
AT THE POTTERY PLACE
IN WITNEY
4-6PM
Here, we will be **PRIZE GIVING** and **SHARING OUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL MEMORIES!**
IT'S ALL ABOUT US, OUR MEMORIES & OUR FUTURE!
THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY!



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Important Dates:

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

16th July- iRock Concert
- Colour Run

17th July – End of Term 1.15pm

Headlice

We have recently identified a small number of cases of head lice in school. We would be grateful if all families could check their child's hair carefully over the coming days and continue to do so regularly.

If head lice or eggs (nits) are found, please begin treatment promptly using a high-quality treatment or by following the recommended wet-combing method. Treating cases quickly helps to prevent further spread within the school community.

To help minimise the risk of transmission, we kindly ask that all children with long hair wear it tied back while at school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us keep our school community healthy.

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.

15th July – Whole School Mass

Yenworthy Photos!





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Puzzlewood Pictures





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AND GETTING COVERED IN COLOUR
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REACH OUR
GOAL** **SUPPORT
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CHALLENGE** **CHEER US
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**KIDS UNDER 5
GO FREE**

**FAM
FEST
LIVE**

**CHELTEMPHAM,
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**

WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE | 10AM-5PM | FREE ENTRY | 18+ ONLY

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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FOOTY KIDS

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SUMMER HOLIDAYS! FOR AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US

Dates: Weds 22nd - Fri 24th Jul, Mon 27th - Thu 30th Jul

Tue 4th - Fri 7th Aug, Mon 10th - Thu 13th Aug,

Tue 18th - Fri 21st Aug, Mon 24th - Thu 27th Aug

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm (drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

Cost: £20/day 15% discount for bookings made 1 week prior start date

Daily Tournaments • Fun Games • Themed Days
Plenty of Fun • Lots of Smiles

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones, instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces. Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!



To register your child, please go to www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids



www.footykids.org



tomspeers@footykids.org



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or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082



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READ to the **BEAT**

Carterton Library: Summer Events Calendar

Fun with Fossils with the Oxford University Museum
of Natural History

Friday 31st July at 11am to 12pm

Travels with the Sweet Zombie Horse

Monday 3rd August at 2pm to 3pm

Abingdon & District Model Railway Display

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th

Francesca Gibbons Author Visit

Monday 10th August at 11am to 12pm*

Read to the Beat: Creative Writing Workshop with
Juli Frances Taylor

Thursday 13th August at 10:30am to 11:30am*

Witney Model & Collectors Club

Saturday 22nd August at 9:30am to 12pm

Lego Robots with RAF STEM Ambassadors

Tuesday 25th August at 10am to 12pm*

***Please note these sessions require booking. Call
01865 815125 or pop in to book.**

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